



COMMITTEE TITLE: Finance, Assets, Investment and Recovery Committee

DATE: 7th February 2024

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update to Members in relation to the areas covered under the Terms of Reference of the Finance, Assets, Investment and Recovery Committee.

Multi Storey Car Park Update

Works are progressing behind the scenes with the Council's appointed contractor. Engineers have carried out their scoping meeting on site and construction of back-office software and the on-site hardware [payment terminals] is taking place off site. Although a specific go live date is not available, yet completion of installation is still expected in the first quarter of 2024.

Overnight Resident Permit

The scheme went live on Monday 29th January and is now available for residents to utilise. The permit is valid from 7pm to 7am and can be applied for by emailing parking@brentwood.gov.uk. If a resident wishes to establish if their address is included within the scheme's coverage area then, again, they need to email Parking services at parking@brentwood.gov.uk. The two sites currently identified for overnight permit parking are Chatham Way car park and William Hunter Way Car Park.

EV Charging Update

Civil works are now complete on both Chatham Way and King George's Playing Field's. Unfortunately, due to issues with the main grid connection this has been delayed and Officers are currently working with the provider to establish a new connection date as soon as possible. This should be before the end of February at which point the chargers will be made live and will be available for the public to use.

William Hunter Way Update

Works to improve the condition and layout of William Hunter Way Car Park are progressing. A tender exercise was carried out in January and completed on the 2nd February. The submissions are currently being reviewed with the tender due to be awarded on the 16th February. Officers will then review the commencement date of

works against a go live date of the new system at Coptfold Road Car Park to ensure there is no conflict.

Brentwood Football Club – lease proposal

The council are having ongoing discussions with Brentwood Town with regards to negotiating the appropriate lease payment. This is linked to discussions with the club around their ambition to develop the pitch and stadium further.

Speed Networking event

The Brentwood Speed Networking event held on 24 January at Old Brentwoods Club had 40 participants from 33 businesses. The event was co-hosted by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Over the course of 2 hours, businesses had the opportunity to network with every attendee through a series of fast-paced engagement sessions. Based on feedback from attendees, a follow up event may be held later this year. Thanks go to Nishat Amin and Rebecca Coston for their admin support for the event.

South Essex Business Expo

The South Essex Business Expo will be held on 14 March at The Brentwood Centre. Over 150 exhibitors from across the county are booked in. Brentwood Borough Council will have a stand at the event to promote its business support offer. All of the members of South Essex Councils are sponsoring the expo, which should attract an estimated 1,000 visitors. Brentwood-based law firm, Tees, is the headline sponsor.

TFL Meeting with Members

A meeting continues to be arranged with TFL officers and with Members. An agenda has been proposed which will consider issues around access to Brentwood Station and bus links. TFL are confirming the appropriate officers who will be in attendance. It is envisaged that the meeting will be set in the next few weeks.

BASILDON AND BRENTWOOD NHS ALLIANCE

Officers have arranged a meeting with the Basildon & Brentwood NHS Alliance on the 6th February 2024 to discuss NHS funding and section 106 agreements to meet the health needs of our Local Development Plan. Further information will come back to a future committee.