Clerk's Report
Monday 14 November 2016

Consultation under Regulations 12 & 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Chichester District and Havant Borough Councils have prepared a Joint draft Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for public consultation. The Joint draft SPD expands on the vision, objectives and policies of the Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 and Havant Borough Council Core Strategy March 2011. This document will provide guidance for development proposals in the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), within Chichester District and Havant Borough.

The information contained within the SPD will provide useful advice to those preparing planning applications and support the implementation of local planning policy and ensure a consistency of approach towards planning matters across the AONB.

The consultation period runs from **9.00am Thursday 10th November 2016** until **Thursday 22nd December 2016**.

CDC - Grants scheme will provide a boost to small businesses

Small businesses across Chichester District will soon benefit from a new grants scheme which starts on 1 December. More than £83,000 will be available to Chichester District thanks to a partnership between district and borough councils in West Sussex which has secured a £500,000 grants pot for small businesses across the county. The district's new Enabling Grants Scheme was approved by Chichester District Council's Cabinet and will run until September 2017 or before if the funding is used up.

The scheme will enable small businesses to apply for funding for capital projects or to help with apprenticeship training. The scheme will offer a simple way for businesses to access match funding of up to £2,000 for capital projects or up to £1,500 for apprenticeship training. Examples of capital projects could include an extractor system for a pub kitchen, developing a new website or providing equipment for a new member of staff.

The grant fund will start on 1 December, full application details will be placed on the council's website later this month. In the meantime, small businesses can find out more by calling 01243 534669, emailing business.support@chichester.gov.uk or visiting www.chichester.gov.uk/economy

Any other important matters that arise will be reported verbally at the meeting.