

Appendix A: Council Achievements List Quarter 2 (2016-17)

Corporate Priorities:

- One – Maintain a safe and healthy community
- Two – Protect and enhance the environment
- Three – Meet the borough’s housing needs
- Four – Help build a strong local economy
- Five – Engage with our communities and provide value for money

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
July 2016		
A successful Classic Car and Vintage Day was held at Mill Green Museum with classic cars, live music, refreshments and retail stalls. Around 800 visitors attended on a sunny Sunday.	Press release (U)	Five
'Thrift Week', which provides money saving ideas to local residents, was promoted through social media and on the council's website.	Business Plan	One
The council became part of a Hertfordshire partnership looking at fly tipping best practice, coordinating enforcement and using other useful data. Information leaflets were delivered to emphasise the negatives of fly tipping across the borough and officers reviewed the interviews under caution of potential offenders.	Business Plan	Two
The Community Safety Partnership hosted an afternoon of advice and information as part of its 'Safer Together' initiative at the Howard Centre, WGC. A separate Community Information Day also took place in White Lion Square, Hatfield.	Press release (U)	One
The Mayor formally opened 'Vertigo Adventures', the high and low ropes course in Stanborough Park. The course offers over 20 different activities for people to try out. It is being operated by a specialist external company under a ten year agreement with the council.	Press release (U)	One

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
August 2016		
An eight week consultation period began on the Draft Local Plan. Allocating sites for just over 12,000 new homes, the Plan also considers business land and premises, open spaces and community facilities, as well as the supporting infrastructure such as schools and roads.	Business Plan, Press release (U)	Three
Nearly 8,000 people visited Stanborough Park to enjoy the national day for play. Playday 2016, an event to celebrate children's right to play, offered up a host of activities for children including sports, dance, and music. In total, 46 different organisations were represented and more than £900.00 was raised for Keech Hospice Care, the chosen charity for this year.	Press release (U)	One, Five
Mill Green Museum staged its annual Teddy Bear Fun Day for families which attracted around 400 children and parents or carers to a day of bear-related activities.	Press release (U)	Five
Hatfield Swim Centre celebrated its 50 th anniversary with an 'open weekend'. All activities were charged at 50 pence over a Saturday and Sunday, with almost £300.00 donated to the Mayor's chosen charity, Hertfordshire Action on Disability.	Press release (U)	One
For the third year running, the council successfully retained its Green Flag award for the Welwyn Hatfield Lawn Cemetery. Green Flags were also retained by Finesse Leisure for Stanborough Park and for the King George V Playing Fields in Welwyn Garden City.	Business Plan, Press release (U)	Two
September 2016		
Following a consultation exercise about changes to the local council tax support scheme, the results of the consultation were presented to Cabinet. The agreed changes will be implemented in April 2017.	Business Plan	Five
Promotion of good waste management practices and recycling in the community was completed with the delivery of recycling leaflets to each home in the borough for the second time this year.	Business Plan	Two

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
<p>Figures revealed that Welwyn Hatfield has some of the best rent arrear figures in the country at 1.03% of the total rent due - the lowest it has been since the Housing Trust was formed six years ago. End of year results which analysed figures from all housing bodies across the country, placed the Welwyn Hatfield Community Housing Trust fifteenth out of over 300 organisations who manage social housing.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>Three</p>
<p>The refurbishment of 27 flats in Woodhall House, Cole Green Lane including a new roof, plus windows and doors, was completed.</p>	<p>Business Plan</p>	<p>Three</p>
<p>For the third year running White Lion Square in Hatfield played host to 'HealthFest', an event to promote healthy living. Visitors were able to try out different sports, receive advice on health and wellbeing, enjoy live music and dancing and much more. The event was free and more than 25 organisations were represented in the town centre on the day.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>One, Four</p>
<p>The Welwyn Hatfield 'This Girl Can' initiative was successfully launched. The 10 day programme was packed with activities ranging from diving and snorkelling to foot golf, netball and running. Each provider organised female-friendly taster sessions, especially tailored for first-timers, or anyone rediscovering a former sport or hobby from their earlier years.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>Under 5's were encouraged into healthier eating habits thanks to new training provided to Children Centre staff. The council organised a two day course, providing the most up-to-date information and thinking about nutrition, for children. The training also enabled Children Centre staff to run 'Cook in the Box' sessions with parents to improve their confidence when choosing and cooking healthy family meals.</p>	<p>Press release (N)</p>	<p>One</p>

* **Press releases:** U: Used by local media, N: Not used by local media, x: not yet published.