

Appendix A: Council Achievements List (Quarter 4, January - March 2017)

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

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

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
January 2017		
The Study Room at Mill Green Museum returned to use for school visits, helping to restore some visitor numbers. More activities have also been run at the Roman Bath House in Welwyn over 2016-17 to boost child visitor numbers there.	Business Plan	One
Holocaust Day was remembered at a ceremony at The Reiss Memorial in Welwyn Garden City, led by the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield.	Press release (U)	Five
Cabinet approved a balanced budget for 2017-18 including £1.3 million of savings and increased income. This is in addition to continued investment in regenerating Hatfield town centre, the council's Affordable Housing Programme and a major programme of council housing refurbishment, and other projects identified over the next five years.	Press release (U)	Five
The council's work to prevent homelessness in the borough became the first in Hertfordshire to achieve national Silver Standard. The Housing Needs team prevented 111 people, including families, from becoming homeless in 2015-16, and the award came from the National Practitioner Support Service.	Press release (U)	Three

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February 2017		
All housing and community services provided by the Welwyn Hatfield Community Housing Trust were successfully transferred back to the council. This will help to maintain the future quality of council-owned homes and services delivered in the community while also seeking to reduce costs.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Three
Local businesses currently achieving either a 0 or 1 score on the food hygiene rating system attended a food business seminar to help them improve their ratings. This was the first event of its kind held by the council.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Four
A range of half-term activities took place in the Jim McDonald Centre, Ludwick Family Centre and the Pomegranate Café, giving children local access to supervised games, and arts and crafts. The same was repeated at Mill Green Museum over this period.	Press release (N)	One
Employees drawn from Hatfield businesses participated in a lunch time pancake race, attended by The Mayor, under The Arcade in the latest Hatfield town centre event aimed at increasing footfall in the retail area.	Press release (U)	Four
The third Landlord Forum for 2016-17 was held and the annual Letting Agents Seminar attracted over 20 local property agents. PAL Scheme Partner Agents also attended a two day training event on the Housing Health and Safety Rating System assessment, helping them to qualify as accreditors.	Business Plan	Three

March 2017		
<p>The Dragon's Apprentice project was successfully completed with six local secondary schools plus a team from Oaklands College raising over £18,000 for local charities. A judgment day style event was held at the Barclays HQ in Canary Wharf, London, where teams were tasked with preparing a 15 minute question and answer session with the Super Dragons. This was the first year the council partnered with Barclays and it is hoped that this new relationship can develop further in 2017-18.</p>	<p>Business Plan Press release (U)</p>	<p>Five</p>
<p>Planning permission was granted to redevelop the former Shredded Wheat factory site on Broadwater Road in Welwyn Garden City to develop up to 850 new homes. The council's Development Management Committee approved the planning application which also featured provision for office, leisure and retail space, which will be subject to a Section 106 Agreement and related conditions.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>Three</p>
<p>The multi-agency 'Crucial Crew' life skills event available to all Year Nine students in the borough took place in Hatfield, with nearly 300 young people engaging and participating with over 35 different local partners.</p>	<p>Business Plan Press release (U)</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>The Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield raised the Commonwealth flag at the council offices to mark Commonwealth Day 2017. The Commonwealth Affirmation was read and a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, was delivered.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>Five</p>
<p>The Community Safety Partnership held a Community Information Day in Welwyn. A team of council officers, police officers and other CSP partners were in attendance to provide local residents with advice and listen to their concerns regarding personal and property safety, crime and behaviour trends in the community.</p>	<p>Press release (N)</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>A Welwyn Garden City takeaway business was ordered to pay fines and costs of over £14,000 by St Albans Crown Court for serious food hygiene breaches.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>One</p>