

**Appendix A: Council Achievements List 2017-18 (Quarter 1, April - June 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
<b>April 2017</b>		
The borough's Draft Local Plan was approved at a meeting of Full Council. Allocating sites throughout Welwyn Hatfield to deliver approximately 12,000 homes over the next 15 years, the Plan also sets aside space to create up to 16,900 jobs and provide new infrastructure, schools, green open spaces and community facilities.	Press release (U)	Three
A Hatfield landlord was ordered to pay more than £17,000 in fines and costs after pleading guilty to 18 charges relating to a house in multiple occupation (HMO). The charges included a failure to licence a qualifying HMO, failure to maintain adequate fire safety precautions, failure to provide safety documents on request and a failure to keep the property in a good state of repair.	Press release (U)	Three
A new green garden waste subscription service in the borough was successfully introduced with nearly 19,000 households signed up to receive it by the end of April.	Business Plan	Two
A large planning application from Spen Hill Developments Ltd for up to 850 new homes on the former Shredded Wheat factory site in Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City was approved.	Press release (U)	Three

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The council partnered with Hertfordshire County Council and Watford Football Club's Community Sports and Education Trust to provide a free 12 week weight management course aimed at men aged 18-65 who had a BMI of 28 or higher.	Press release (U)	One
Following continued investment in the town centre, popular local business Bebo announced plans for a new deli-café in the heart of Hatfield. Scheduled for an autumn opening, the shop will be located at 17c Town Centre – a unit facing White Lion Square.	Press release (U)	Four
More than one hundred people from small and medium-sized businesses visited Oaklands College for an exhibition organised by the council. Titled the ' <i>Welwyn Hatfield Means Business Expo</i> ', this all-day event featured networking sessions and business seminars.	Press release (U) / Business Plan	Four
<b>May 2017</b>		
The annual ' <i>Compost Giveaway</i> ' was very well attended by residents who collected around 10 tonnes of compost from the north side of Stanborough Park over a Saturday morning. Agrivert, who provided this, are the company that processes the garden waste collected from brown bins in Welwyn Hatfield.	Press release (U)	Two
Hundreds of residents enjoyed Welwyn Garden City's third ' <i>Healthfest</i> ' in the town centre promoting healthy living. There were sports and games for all ages to enjoy, and health advice given by the council and partner health organisations.	Press release (U) / Business Plan	One
Extra noise patrols and an extended reporting hotline were put in place for ' <i>Operation Balsam</i> ', now in its ninth year. This partnership between the council, police and the University of Hertfordshire puts additional noise patrols in place for the whole borough, prioritising reports from or about students.	Press release (U)	One
A contract worth nearly £2.2 million was awarded to Taylor French Developments Ltd for the demolition of empty bedsits to make way for the construction of sixteen high quality new homes for affordable renting in Hatfield.	Press release (U)	Three

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
Four new <i>Civic Awards</i> were presented at the Annual Council Meeting held in the Hawthorne Theatre at CW Entertainment. The awards celebrated a range of local achievements including service to the community, courage, environmental work and education.	Press release (U)	Five
The local government elections at County Council level, and one Borough Council by-election, were successfully delivered in Welwyn Hatfield.	Business Plan	Five
<b>June 2017</b>		
The general election leading to the election of a Member of Parliament for the constituency of Welwyn Hatfield was successfully delivered, along with by-elections at Borough and Parish level.	Business Plan	Five
The council successfully retained its Green Flag status for the Hatfield Lawn Cemetery.	Business Plan	Two
The Mayor attended a poignant local service commemorating the anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.	Press release (U)	Five
<i>Hatfield World Culture Day</i> attracted hundreds to the town centre with food traders, stalls and stage performers filling White Lion Square to celebrate different cultures from across the globe.	Press release (U)	Five
<i>The Armed Forces Day</i> flag was raised outside the council offices to honour the commitment and sacrifice made by serving members and veterans of the armed forces.	Press release (U)	Five
Visitors enjoyed <i>Roman Day</i> at the Welwyn Roman Baths, which forms part of the annual Welwyn Festival. They had an opportunity to meet local archaeologist Tony Rook, who gave talks about the excavation of the bath house ruins in the 1960's and the significance of the site, and participate in activities arranged by the council's Museum Service and the Welwyn Archaeological Society.	Press release (U)	Five

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<p>The <i>Crucial Crew</i> programme, designed to educate more than 1,300 youngsters on a range of life skills, returned to Welwyn Hatfield. There were sessions on anti-social behaviour, railway safety, fire safety, electrical safety, mindfulness, e-safety, emergency handling, and the threat posed by strangers. Coordinated by the council and delivered by the Community Safety Partnership with funding from the University of Hertfordshire, it seeks to teach all Year 6 students crucial life skills and prepare them for their transition to secondary school.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>Two electric cars located in the Cherry Tree Car Park were made available to council staff and to Welwyn Hatfield residents to use. The council worked with E-Car Club to provide the cars which offer an alternative and more sustainable way of travelling by car that will help to reduce carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Press release (N)</p>	<p>One</p>