

**Appendix A: Council Achievements List 2017-18 (Quarter 4, January - March 2018)**

**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>January 2018</b>		
Holocaust Day was remembered at a poignant ceremony in Hatfield, led by the Deputy Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield.	Press Release (U)	One
16 Welwyn Hatfield Youth Councillors visited Parliament to meet local MP Grant Shapps for a question and answer session covering a wide range of topics.	Press Release (U)	Five
Tree officers arranged planting of 316 street trees in the winter season.	Business Plan	Two
43 public and school performances were successfully completed to deliver the 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime production in 2017. An overall surplus of approximately £20k was made for the first time since the pantomime returned to in-house production in 2014. 'Aladdin' has been commissioned for 2018.	Business Plan	One
Work started on 16 brand new one bedroom council flats on Northdown Road in Hatfield. The sixteen new flats will be council-owned and rented to tenants on the housing needs register.	Press release (U)	Three

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<b>February 2018</b>		
Campus West car park benefitted from a £200k refurbishment which saw the car park fully resurfaced, drainage improved, and additional disabled spaces created. New lighting was also installed, the entrance made clearer and easier to use, and pedestrian routes remarked.	Press Release (U)	Two
Mill Green secured a £2,000 grant from Tesco's Bag of Help scheme. The money is available to schools in the borough to help pay for their transport costs to visit the museum during science week.	Press Release (U)	One
Around 5,000 Welwyn Hatfield school pupils were delivered hard-hitting messages by a former drug addict and ex-gang member as part of a bid to tackle youth anti-social behaviour. The council invited Paul Hanniford to tell his story of adversity in assemblies at five local secondary schools.	Press Release (U)	One
The council's 2018-19 budget was approved with frontline services continuing to be protected.	Press Release (U)	Five
A planning application for the £1.2m transformation of White Lion Square in Hatfield was submitted. Aiming to create a more welcoming environment and drive footfall to local shops and businesses, work is scheduled to begin this autumn.	Press Release (U)	Four
An area at The Hub in Hatfield was made available to Hatfield community groups, organisations and businesses which can all now hire space for free at the White Lion House location.	Press Release (U)	Four
<b>March 2018</b>		
The alcohol licence of a Hatfield wine store was suspended after its previous owner was found to be selling illicit tobacco. A council committee heard evidence given by the police that the premises had a reputation for selling cheap, untaxed tobacco, with no health warnings on the packaging.	Press Release (U)	One

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A £26,000 Community Safety Grant was awarded to continue the drive to reduce anti-social behaviour in the borough. The grant will fund a new officer to focus on early intervention with young people, including working with their families to signpost them to the right support.	Press Release (U)	One
The first council-built and owned homes in over twenty years were unveiled in Hatfield. The seven two bedroom properties are part of the council's Affordable Housing Programme, which has so far delivered over 130 new homes for local people.	Press Release (N)	Three
<p>The council celebrated the 10 year milestone of its largest partnering contract with Mears, valued at over £12m per year. The contract delivers all the responsive repair and planned works needed to maintain and improve the borough's housing stock.</p> <p>Over the course of the decade, 4,500 new kitchens and 4,000 bathrooms have been fitted, new roofs have been installed on 2,000 properties, and 7,000 houses and flats have benefited from new windows. A total of £70m has also been invested on major refurbishment work to ensure council homes continue to meet the needs of tenants across the borough.</p>	Press Release (U)	Three
The Dragon's Apprentice project was successfully completed with local secondary schools raising over £7,000 for local charities. A judgment day style event was held at the Barclays HQ in Canary Wharf, London, where all the teams involved were tasked with preparing a one minute story involving items that were displayed on the stage. Students from Monks Walk School were declared the overall winners of the challenge.	Press Release (U)	Five
A share of a £516k government funding pot was secured by the council to support Polish and Romanian residents. The grant will provide funding for an Engagement Officer to work in communities who have recently migrated to the UK, aiming to enhance their verbal and written skills through language courses.	Press Release (U)	Five
Following the success of the 'Eat Out Eat Well' healthy eating project, Hertfordshire County Council announced that it wishes to adopt the initiative across all of Hertfordshire; Welwyn Hatfield have been asked to pilot the scheme.	Business Plan	One