

## Appendix A: Council Achievements List Quarter 2, 2018-19 (July - September 2018)

### Corporate Priorities

Our Community; Our Environment; Our Housing; Our Economy; Our Council

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

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
<b>July 2018</b>		
Delivery of the <i>Eat Out Eat Well</i> healthy eating project in targeted food businesses commenced. The project aims to reward businesses who make it easier for customers to make healthy choices when eating out in the borough. CW Entertainment and Mill Green Museum and Mill have been early recipients of this initiative.	Business Plan	Our Community
The council's Statement for Accounts for 2017-18 was signed off by the council's external auditors a month ahead of the statutory deadline, making this council the first local authority in Hertfordshire to have its accounts approved.	Press release (N)	Our Council
22 new council owned flats were unveiled in Lime Tree Court, Hatfield, which completed another phase of the council's multi-million pound Affordable Housing Programme.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Housing
The <i>Hertfordshire Waste Partnership</i> (HWP) won a national recycling award from the <i>Resource Association</i> for the supply of their good quality, kerbside-separate newspapers and magazines. The <i>Resource Association</i> awards celebrate local authorities and other recycling collectors that deliver high quality recyclables for processing.	Press release (N)	Our Environment

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Developer <i>Lovell</i> signed a development agreement with the council to deliver a £45 million regeneration programme which will transform the High View neighbourhood centre in Hatfield. It will be redeveloped with retail and residential units alongside new affordable homes. Pending planning approval, construction work is expected to start in 2019 on the first phase of this scheme.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Housing / Our Economy
A Hatfield HMO landlord was prevented from managing properties in England and Wales for ten years after reaching an out of court settlement. This landlord was charged with eight separate offences after a tenant lodged a formal complaint.	Press release (U)	Our Housing
The Hatfield <i>Public Spaces Protection Order</i> was introduced giving the police additional powers to prevent anti-social behaviour in central areas of Hatfield. Restrictions now apply around certain activities, including street drinking, begging and other anti-social behaviour. Fixed Penalty Notices of up to £75 can be given on the spot and persistent offenders could be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000.	Press release (U)	Our Community
The 2018 <i>Primary School Games</i> took place at the Gosling Sports Park. The council supported the delivery of the games by coordinating the 28 different schools that participated. The Opening Ceremony and VIP lunch was hosted and managed by the council. The Mayor officially opened and welcomed everyone to the Games. There were over 20 different sports and activities taking place throughout the day.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Community

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<b>August 2018</b>		
Welwyn Hatfield's second <i>Big Summer</i> programme saw over 6,000 children take part in various activities across the borough. Running from 1-19 August, this year's Big Summer encompassed over 350 activities at various locations across the borough. Over 35 partners helped to organise these events in partnership with the council.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Community
A <i>SkateFest</i> event took place in Market Square in Hatfield town centre with a host of free activities including an outdoor roller rink. There was also free skate and scooter tuition available in the Hatfield Skate Park just across Queensway in Link Drive.	Press release (U)	Our Community
The council agreed to use part of Queensway House in Hatfield as a temporary night shelter for rough sleepers. <i>Resolve</i> , the abstinence based recovery drug and alcohol day service has leased a ground floor unit and obtained some private funding to help convert the space. The council has agreed to fund 30% of the conversion costs from retained Right to Buy receipts.	Press release (U)	Our Community
<i>Community Safety Week</i> was marked with activities in the Howard Centre. Residents were asked about their views on community safety in the borough, offered free bike marking and tips on how to properly secure bikes, and given advice on the latest scams and fraud activities.	Press release (N)	Our Community
The borough's <i>Green Belt Study</i> was published. Undertaken by independent experts, the study grades areas of green belt land around existing towns and villages by the levels of harm that would be caused by their development. It followed a request from the planning inspector to carry out further work assessing the borough's green belt to help find more land for housing.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Housing
The council launched a consultation in the Woodhall area of Welwyn Garden City regarding the future provision of public seating following a sustained period of anti-social behaviour caused by large groups of young people gathering near the shopping parade.	Press release (U)	Our Community
Mill Green Museum again hosted its annual <i>Teddy Bear Fun Day</i> which attracted young families to Mill Green for a day of teddy bear related activities, with around 300 people visiting in total.	Press release (U)	Our Community

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<b>September 2018</b>		
The Panshanger Community Centre re-opened following a £50k refurbishment over the summer. Local groups and hirers joined council staff and Members to unveil the new look and much improved facility. The centre is open for new bookings and will be managed by the team from CW Entertainment.	Press release (U)	Our Community
At the <i>Anglia In Bloom Awards</i> , the borough was awarded Silver in the city category (for populations between 35,001- 200,000), for its horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community involvement in both Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield. Welwyn's Victorian Fernery also won the Conservation Award.	Press release (U)	Our Environment
The annual <i>Heritage Open Weekend</i> returned to Welwyn Roman Baths and Mill Green Museum. The museum service joined 40,000 other museums, churches and historic houses throughout the country opening for free for the weekend, with additional activities put on such as the ever-popular Murphy Radio day for local enthusiasts.	Press release (U)	Our Community
<i>Hatfield HealthFest</i> was held in Market Place. There were 30 different stall holders, some of whom were new to the event this time. There was support from council teams including Community Development, Community Safety, Public Health and Protection and CW Entertainment.	Business Plan Press release (U)	Our Community
A pilot STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) session was held at Mill Green Museum with a local secondary school. The feedback from teachers and students was very positive, so the programme of outdoor learning is now being fully rolled out. The same will follow on at the Roman Bath House site in Welwyn in 2019.	Business Plan	Our Community