

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE -****1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2019****UPDATE AND INFORMATION****Section 106 and sports funding update**

Lee Rider and the Town Clerk continue to meet with the clubs, particularly Ivybridge Town football club and the Tennis Centre to explore opportunities for developing the Erme Playing Fields into a sports hub, using some 106 and football funding (under the Local Playing Pitch Fund). Jon Parkinson from South Hams District Council is being kept informed and Cllr David May has Executive lead responsibility for Assets so has been asked to support the transfer of the football pitch/playing field area to this Council as a freehold asset transfer.

**Butterpark**

Work was undertaken by NPS to analyse the figures presented by LiveWest SW to deliver the housing project but ultimately after a review of the costs the final build cost has remained unchanged so the solicitors are now engaged to start the legal process. In the meantime a meeting is being held to scope out the timeframe and planning application with the intention of holding a public consultation at the time the application is submitted. Clearly this early stage work is at risk because we have not signed anything but it is hoped that the details can be resolved as soon as possible. Much of the legal framework was undertaken at the time of the original tender process.

An appeal to the Valuation office was made for the office element of Butterpark without success. Until the planning is agreed and work to demolish commences then the business rates is still going to be paid, along with the security and routine maintenance of the site.

**Annual Town Meeting**

Further progress on the two key issues of health and town centre should be developed in July.

1. On 5<sup>th</sup> July Sir Gary Streeter will chair a meeting with South Hams DC who are attending the Town Hall to advise on their progress in relation to building a supermarket on the Leonards Road car park. Regrettably as they seem to be briefing District Councillors on their intention to pursue this plan, despite many questions about the impact on Ivybridge – in particular the volume of traffic, car parking availability and management, loss of trade for the Co-op (and potentially other traders like Gribbles and Lawsons), failure to invest in