

Community Development Report

North Area Panel 11

Committee: North Area Panel

Agenda Item

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Title: Community Development Report

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Item for
decision

Summary

- 1 To advise the Panel of related community development activities and schemes with which officers have been involved since the previous Panel meeting.
- 2 To bring to the Panel's attention important community based activities that will be taking place during the next few months.

Recommendations

- 3 That the Panel endorses the actions taken by officers to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the community.

Background Papers

None.

Situation

Area Panels Support

- 4 I am pleased to report that the new Community Development Officer (Youth & Arts), John Starr has now commenced working for the Council and will be undertaking the duties of North Area Champion.

Saffron Walden Skate Park

- 5 Previously, it was reported that the development would commence on 1 July 2006 but due to a delay in progressing this scheme it is now unlikely that there will be a start on site until after Christmas.

Essex Youth Games 2006

- 6 Uttlesford took part alongside the Braintree district in competing in the Essex Youth Games held on Saturday 17 June 2006. This saw 97 young people aged between 10 to 15 years old representing the district, 69 from Uttlesford with 27 from the North area. After a closely fought competition Uttlesford and Braintree were pipped to the title by Southend. The young people who took part competed extremely well and the highlight of the day was their victory in the Athletics. Overall 11 teams competed in one of the following sports:- Athletics, Disability Athletics, Girls Football, Pan Disability Football, Tennis, Mixed Hockey, Girls Cricket, Badminton and Tag Rugby.

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Summer Holiday Programme

- 6 A summer holiday programme was organised for the young people district and approximately 227 young people attended activities such as cricket, netball, mini olympics and cycling safety courses, based in the North Area.

Staffing Update

- 7 The Community Development Officer (Drugs & Alcohol), Jennifer Shilling has now commenced working for the Council.