

Committee:	North Area Panel	Agenda Item
Date:	16 January 2007	8
Title:	Community Development Report	
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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 Panel's attention to 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 Panel Support

- 4 A North Area Panel Forum is available online at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/consultation/surveys.htm>

- 5 The North Area Panel mailing list can be joined at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/area+panels/north/default.htm>

Uttlesford Futures Assembly – Thursday 7 December 2006

- 6 Uttlesford Futures held its annual meeting on Thursday 7 December. Approximately 80 people attended. Presentations were given on the current status of Uttlesford Futures, a draft state of the district well-being report, the

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Local Development Framework and updates were provided on the work that has been undertaken by various sub-groups.

- 7 The afternoon sessions provided participants with an opportunity to influence the future work of Futures in the areas of Safer and Stronger Communities, Children and young People, Healthier Communities and Older People, Economic Development and the Environment.
- 8 The workshops resulted in two new sub-groups being established – Economic Development and The Environment. These groups will be tackling a range of issues from green travel plans, improving bus services to access to services and educational opportunities.
- 9 The annual meeting concluded with the new constitution being ratified by participants and a general networking session for those who attended.
- 10 Further information can be obtained from Alex Stewart – Strategic Partnerships Manager (astewart@uttlesford.gov.uk) or Jane Elsom – Funding and Strategic Partnerships Officer (jelsom@uttlesford.gov.uk).

Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre

- 11 Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre was presented recently with the Top Performer award for customer satisfaction by the National Benchmarking Service. Certificates were awarded at an Improvement Conference held at the K2 Leisure Centre at Pease Pottage, Crawley. Those receiving awards were then invited to host workshops for other service providers, sharing their recipes for success. The National Benchmarking Service undertakes surveys of local authority leisure centre users to assess how well the centres are performing and uses this information to encourage high standards across the leisure industry.

Next Meeting

- 12 The next meeting of North Area Panel will be held on 6 March 2007. Venue to be confirmed.