

Committee:	North Area Panel	Agenda Item
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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 the 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

- 4 None.

Situation

Leisure & Cultural Grants Scheme

- 5 The Leisure and Cultural Grant is open to talented individuals, non-profit making organisations and local charities for the purpose of assisting the arts, sports and cultural projects/initiatives e.g. equipment, training or coaches. This scheme will not fund capital expenditure or maintenance costs towards premises or playing fields. The maximum grant is £500 and applicants must have raised 50% of the total project costs. Decisions are made by the 1st of every month providing the application reaches the council by 16th of the proceeding month. For further information contact Jane Elsom, Funding and Strategic Partnerships Officer, 01799 510559.

Motorwise

- 6 The seventh Motorwise Event was held during September at the ATC Site on Carver Barracks, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Motorwise is a driving and car awareness course developed as an instructional, educational and crime prevention scheme for pre and young drivers aged 16/17 years old. The event is delivered in partnership comprising UDC Community Safety, Community Development, ECC Road Safety, Essex Traffic Police, Essex Police School Liaison, Essex Fire and Rescue and Essex Youth Service and FedEx.

This year approximately 800 students attended the event.

Summer Holiday Programme

- 7 Uttlesford District Council, as usual, delivered a Summer Holiday sports, arts and museum programme of activities for young people aged 4 – 19 years old which was attended by approximately 650 young people.

October Half Term Holiday Programme

- 8 The October half-term week programme commences on 22 October 2007 and comprises: Harlow Outdoor Adventure Day, Multi-Sports Games Day, Secrets from the Tomb of Tutankhamen, Cycle Safety Course, Golf Coaching Camp – Elsenham Golf Centre, Pottery, Racket Sports and Archery.

Bookings will be taken week commencing 15 October 2007. To book or check availability on any courses please call 01799 5103490 or 01799 510485.

For further information on any of the course listed above please contact John Starr, Community Development Officer (Youth and Arts) on 01799 510384.

Uttlesford Futures – Sustainable Community Strategy - Consultation

- 9 Uttlesford Futures is developing a Sustainable Community Strategy to provide the community with a vision of how the district will be developed over a five to 10 year period. It will integrate all of the other existing statutory strategies, for example the Local Development Framework and West Essex Health Strategy along with the Council's priorities for Uttlesford.

A number of themes are coming together ranging from access to transport and services, children and young people, healthy and safe communities, diversity, the environment and the local economy.

The community will be consulted with to see if it shares and agrees with the proposed way forward. Community consultation events are being held on Saturdays between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on 3 November at Saffron Walden Council Offices; 17 November at Dunmow Council Offices and on 23 November at Stansted Day Centre.

Anyone who would like to put forward their ideas at any of these events can call Jane Elsom on 01799 510559.

A final document with detailed action plans covering all of the themes will be available by the end of March 2008.

Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre

- 10 The Lord Butler Fitness & Leisure Centre has undergone a national standard quality assessment called QUEST and achieved a high score of 81%, Highly Commended, which means that the Centre is amongst the top 10% of best performing leisure centres out of the 550 in the Country.

Uttlesford Youth Forum

- 11 Members of the Uttlesford Youth Forum considered bids from projects in the district for Youth Opportunity Fund monies. After much deliberation the following projects were awarded a total of £39,682.

Saffron Walden One Minet Skate park

Saffron Walden Explorer Scouts

The Venu – Saffron Walden

Dunmow Skate park

Thaxted Youth Club

Dunmow Youth Action Committee

Dunmow Youth Centre

Funky Fitness - Newport

Tumblebees - International Cheerleading Competition - Takeley