

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan 2021/22 – Quarter 3 2021/22 CPDP Update

Vision: Making Uttlesford the best place to live, work and play

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We Will:	Activities	Outputs/Milestones	Resources	Lead CM/ Officer
<i>1. Masterplan our new communities for and with residents</i>				
<p><i>a. Use Locally Led Development Corporations to deliver sustainable new settlements</i></p> <p><i>b. Provide the greatest level of influence and protection for communities adjacent to new settlements</i></p>	<p>Continue work on a new Local Plan.</p> <p>Ensure appropriate evidence is in place to support the Local Plan.</p>	<p>Achieve milestones for 21/22 in Local Development Scheme (LDS)</p>	<p>Within resources currently allocated. Further resources to be considered and possibly allocated – subsequent to review by and advice from EELGA</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan</p> <p>Interim Director of Planning</p>
<p>Comment: Work continues to progress well with the intention of the Council submitting the local plan for Examination in 2023 in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which was adopted by the Council last year. The Council will update the LDS in the early 2022 to reflect progress and a minor change to the publication date of the Regulation 18 Local Plan. This will show the regulation 18 consultation commencing in May 2022 instead of March 2022 and allows for members to better consider the emerging evidence. Seventeen consultant studies are progressing, and this work will form the evidence base that will support the local plan. Recent reports to members have included the Sustainability Appraisal, Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Water Cycle, Employment, Renewable Energy, Employment, Landscape Sensitivity, Strategic Flood Risk, Heritage Sensitivity, Transport and Retail Studies.</p> <p>With regard to locally-led Development Corporations, the Interim Director of Planning wrote to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in December asking to open a dialogue regarding the possibility of a Development Corporation for the strategic allocations within the Local Plan. The council awaits a response.</p>				
<i>2. Support our towns and villages to plan their neighbourhoods</i>				

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<p><i>a. Deliver an outstanding planning and place-making capability with the right capacity to create quality outcomes with and for all our communities</i></p>	<p>External reviews of pre-application processes, potential of planning obligations and engagement of town and parish councils and wider organisational review of the planning function</p>	<p>Final report conclusions by 30 April 2021 Improvement plan to be approved by 31 July 2021</p>	<p>£240k ongoing allocated. Further ongoing resources may be requested – subsequent to review by and advice from EELGA but this will need to be considered in light of the overall MTFS.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning</p>
<p>Comment: A peer review of Planning was completed by consultants appointed by the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA). The review makes recommendations and contains all key actions. All recommendations were considered by Scrutiny Committee and approved by Cabinet in October 2021. Scrutiny received a short report about the approach to implementation and some early progress the following month. A progress update is due to go to Scrutiny and Cabinet in February 2022. The update contains progress on a significant number of actions on each pathway for improvement. Highlights include establishment of a Planning Committee Member Working Group, a focus on recruitment and filling all vacant posts, a successful growth bid to support key actions to bring forward greater transparency and consistency with s106, publication of the first Infrastructure Funding Statement and staff training so they have the tools to do the job. Other measures include a renewed emphasis on performance, launching a weekly bulletin for district councillors and parish and town councils and the launch of a six week pilot appointment system for residents to discuss schemes with a professional officer.</p> <p>In addition there was a successful pilot of Design Surgeries, which were topic-based design discussions facilitated by the council’s Urban Design Officer. These were very successful and are now running throughout 2022, at least monthly. They are now called Design Lunch Drop-in Sessions. Invitations are sent to officers and councillors to attend. The January session was focused on transport, walking and cycling.</p>				
<p><i>b. Facilitate Neighbourhood Planning across the district through strong engagement with and support of all town and parish councils</i></p>	<p>Officers to work pro-actively with Parishes to encourage more Neighbourhood Plans to be instigated and subsequently “made” to help communities shape their own areas.</p>	<p>Support for 8 neighbourhood plans already underway. Neighbourhood plans in 4 other areas already “made”. Facilitate workshop(s) for areas not yet commenced. Other NHP groups to promote benefits</p>	<p>Within existing resources Neighbourhood planning groups are encouraged to use resources of RCCE, LOCALITY</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning</p>

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<p>Comment: The Council continues to support Town and Parish Councils that want to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This year one additional Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' for Newport, Quendon and Rickling. Furthermore, the Council is supporting a number of different groups at various stages of the process, for example Saffron Walden and Stebbing, which are both at examination; and the following parish councils which are at various stages: Ashdon, Flitch Green, Hatfield Heath, Broxted and Cherry Green, Great Easton & Tilty and Little Dunmow. Development Management remains committed to the engagement of town and parish councils at the earliest stage of pre-application discussions. Including pre-submission presentations to Planning Committee including Ward Members and Towns/parish Councils.</p>				
<p><i>c. Implement policies which create better homes and neighbourhoods that meet or exceed national standards</i></p>	<p>Policies to be developed through the Local Plan process</p>	<p>Timescales incorporated in the Local Development Scheme</p>	<p>Within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning</p>
<p>Comment: In addition to the work on the Local Plan, summarised above in 'Masterplan our new communities for and with residents', the Council has also this year adopted Building for Healthy Life. The Uttlesford-specific version of a national document, was made by Design for Homes, a local social enterprise which operates nationally to improve the design quality of new housing development, and was created to showcase examples of best practice within the district, to help reinforce the council's commitment to good design. The guidance seeks to address the concerns of local communities by setting standards which developers must meet in order to achieve planning approval. It includes a scoring system which will be used to assess the performance of a scheme against considerations such as natural connections, making the most of what's there, walking, cycling, public transport, healthy streets, green and blue infrastructure, parking, and character.</p>				
<p><i>d. Work with partners and stakeholders to deliver new sports, play and community facilities</i></p>	<p>Policies to be developed through the Local Plan process</p>	<p>Timescales incorporated in the Local Development Scheme</p>	<p>Within existing Resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning</p>
<p>Comment: Appropriate commentary provided above in 'Masterplan our new communities for and with residents'.</p>				
<p>3. Secure greater benefits for our community from new development</p>				
<p><i>a. Implement the Community Infrastructure Levy along with s106 to deliver strategic community projects and</i></p>				<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning</p>

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<i>greater local benefit from development</i>				
<p>Comment: This work will be picked up again when the Local Plan is at a stage to identify the necessary infrastructure to support development. Following the adoption of the Local Plan, council officers will be able to commence work on the Community Infrastructure levy, which will take approximately two years.</p>				
<p><i>b. Increase the transparency of the Section-106 Agreement process and councillor engagement</i></p>	<p>Implement the Cabinet adoption of the Scrutiny recommendations regarding Section Obligations reported in May 2021.</p>	<p>Creation of an Uttlesford Developers Contribution Document by end March 2022 for consultation and adoption by June 2022</p> <p>Adopt formal procedural approach for town and parish councils in S106s, Include reflection process with partners, before end March 2022.</p> <p>As part of the review of Planning Committee Reports to include consistent reporting of S106s of Major Planning Applications by December 2021</p> <p>Priority Populating of EXACOM database by end of March 2022 and subject to audit/GDPR launch public interface</p>	<p>Some additional resources may be required specifically on the EXACOM data base matters.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan</p> <p>Interim Director of Planning</p>

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Comment: In line with the S106 Pathway in the Planning Service Improvement Plan, we have secured funding for the ongoing population of the EXACOM database, which captures and manages the agreements and finance in relation to S106. Work has commenced on the Developer's Contribution Policy (which will include protocol for town/parish council engagement). The Council's legal team have now been appropriately resourced and are progressing standard clauses and templates for S106s. Formal procedures are being developed to secure early instructions on S106s, and standard reporting of matters to Planning Committee.

The Uttlesford Developers Contribution Document is being developed in line with the agreed timeframe.

Reporting of S106s of Major Planning Applications in committee reports has been implemented.

<i>c. Ensure that strong Planning Enforcement holds developers to account</i>	Implementation of Enforcement Work Stream as recommended with the EEGLA review	Improved use of IDOX Enforcement Module for complainant, third tier updates, and generation of notices before March 2022 Reporting of enforcement matters (including narratives of interventions) to Planning Committee before end December 2021	Work will continue in accordance with enforcement policy	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning
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Comment: Capacity to implement actions from the peer review has been created within the team following a period of significant challenge relating to staffing issues. One vacant post has been filled and a further post has been created for a 12 month period. That officer is due to commence in post in February. There is a priority identified by the peer review to have an Enforcement Development Plan in place. This is best practice and is in first draft. This will be reported to Planning Committee and a consultation will be launched. Resources have been focused on this plan as it needs to be in place before any further work is undertaken on changes to reporting. This is programmed for March 2022. Idox training has been implemented and further bespoke training on use of templates is due to take place in spring. To improve efficiency and ensure knowledge across the directorate training has been offered to key officers in environmental health. A significant piece of data cleanse work is underway and nearing completion.

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<i>d. Require developers to be considerate of the communities in which they build</i>	Implementation of Enforcement Works Stream as recommended with the EEGLA review	Production and Relaunch of Guidance around Development Sites and better use of Construction Management Plans.	Standard conditions are applied and monitored within existing resources; further recommendations may arise from the planning transformation action plan	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning

Comment: Construction Management Conditions are being used to require developers to be considerate. Other measures to achieve this include the Parish/Town Council Liaison Forums, case officer overview, and engagement from the s106 & Enforcement Officer.

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4. Work with the airport on issues of concern to communities

<i>a. Seek a reduction in night flights</i>	Respond to the Government's night flights consultation (by 1 st October) and take part in the promised future evaluation by the Government of the costs and benefits of night flights.	A decrease in the number of permitted and actual night flights over time.	Respond to proposed changes within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning
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Comment: The council responded to the Government's night flights consultation, setting out its position in full. The response was prepared by the Stansted Airport Advisory Panel and ratified by Cabinet in September 2021. We await information on the promised future evaluation.

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<i>b. Implement programmes to reduce airport related village fly-parking</i>	Receive the recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group into fly parking. Continue to work as part of the Stansted Area Transport Forum to use S106 funding to evaluate, publicise and implement appropriate schemes to prevent or reduce fly parking where it is detrimental to local amenity.	Final report of the T&F Group has been delayed. Cabinet will respond when the work is complete and further reviewed in light of the impact on travel of the Covid19 pandemic and continuing emphasis on sustainable transport in light of the climate crisis.	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning
<p>Comment: A full car parking review is planned (this was delayed due to impact of Covid 19 on parking and resources) and the procurement is in progress, it is expected that an award will be made for this work in late January. This review will cover all aspects of parking and any issues including fly parking, a full report to be available in late spring/early summer. At the beginning of 21/22 the Scrutiny Committee decided not to proceed any further with the fly parking workstream and therefore disbanded the task and finish group.</p>				
<i>c. Work to secure investment in sustainable transport to and from airport, including for local workers</i>	Continue to work as part of the Stansted Area Transport Forum to use S106 funding to start up appropriate services and to fund enhancements to existing services.	An increase in the percentage of airport passengers and staff travelling to and from the airport by sustainable transport as measured by CAA travel data.	Participation in Stansted Area Transport forum work will continue within existing resources.	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Interim Director of Planning
<p>Comment: The council continues to work as part of the Stansted Area Transport Forum (SATF). The SATF will be producing a new surface access strategy under a 43 million passengers per annum planning obligation, but at the moment the mode of transport share is skewed towards use of the private car because of Covid fears. Rail patronage has held up quite well, but bus use has really suffered. Therefore the first aim is to recover the services and then plan for growth.</p>				

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5. Nurture employment and retail areas to create jobs and retain businesses				
<p><i>a. Protect and grow our town centres as economic hubs</i></p> <p><i>b. Increase tourist spend</i></p> <p><i>c. Support the creation of amenities that stimulate and facilitates local businesses, such as enterprise zones, business parks, office blocks, industrial areas, and start-up hubs</i></p> <p><i>d. Support the expansion and promotion of key relevant employment sectors for the district</i></p> <p><i>e. Work with partners to promote the economic opportunities of the London - Cambridge Innovation Corridor, Stansted Airport and our main transport corridors</i></p> <p><i>f. Work with the airport to increase local airport-based employment opportunities</i></p>	<p>An Economic Development Recovery Plan 2020-2023 was approved by Council in Dec 2020. The elements of the main themes of the plan will be delivered according to this plan in 2021/22. The main themes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Engagement and Support 2. Information, Advice and Guidance 3. Skills and Training 4. Creating Jobs / Inward Investment 5. Create a Greener Economy 		<p>Within existing resources, including £355,000 allocated to the Business Recovery Fund for 2021/22</p> <p>Project management to be jointly procured through the North Essex Economic Board</p> <p>Inward investment work jointly commissioned through the Innovation Corridor Core group</p>	<p>Portfolio holder for the Economy, Investment and Corporate Strategy</p> <p>Assistant Director of Resources</p>

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Comment: The Covid 19 pandemic has had a serious impact on every aspect of economic development work and required a complete reassessment of all priorities. The council's work in this area has by necessity been dominated by creating, and enacting, an Economic Development Recovery Plan in order to support the district's business community rather than by the priorities originally set out in the Corporate Plan. An update of the actions for the recovery plan were presented to the Scrutiny Committee in November 2021. Due to the ongoing impact of Covid 19 the work of the team has been dominated by the delivery of support grants to local businesses. The Economic Development Team continues to provide support to businesses hardest hit by the Covid 19 pandemic and promoting opportunities to local businesses and residents including business start-up support, training, and skills opportunities. This includes working closely with South Essex Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) and the best growth hub. North Essex Economic Board (NEEB) have continued to support the key activities across the north of the county and businesses can now self-refer for advice on Start Up, digital support and finance and debt management support. Three programmes are currently in place providing certified courses in IT, apprenticeships, and workplace training. These began in the New Year and will offer over 500 residents in North Essex the opportunity to become more digitally included, with job specific training and opportunities. NEEB have a contract out to tender for a specialist Low Carbon contractor to provide support and help to businesses to become carbon neutral and reduce their impact on the environment.

6. Enforce good business standards in our district

a. Make sure that businesses and trades in our district meet the national standards and licensing required of them			Regulatory standards are applied, and enforced where necessary, in accordance with the enforcement policy, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Council and Public Services Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities
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Comment: Regulatory standards are applied, and enforced where necessary, in accordance with the enforcement policy, and with regard to national recovery plans where published. Staffing resource remains challenging and is being closely monitored to ensure it remains sufficient to deliver statutory function. The council continues to foster good working relationships with businesses and as a result there is a high degree of compliance in the district.

7. Deliver more affordable homes and protect those in need in our district

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<p><i>a. Increase the number of affordable homes delivered and different tenure options including social renting</i></p>	<p>Develop a new Housing Strategy and supporting policies that details how the Council will develop, acquire and enable the supply of affordable housing</p> <p>Develop a new Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan that confirms the capacity of borrowing through the HRA for the delivery of new council housing (including use of commuted sums, Right to Buy (RTB) receipts, loans and innovative funding models)</p> <p>Regularly engage with local registered providers on their affordable housing delivery and identify barriers to further development, Ensure appropriate schemes deliver the required 40% affordable homes</p> <p>Incentivise community-led housing programmes to increase the number of Community Land Trusts</p>	<p>New Housing Strategy adopted by 31 December 2021 (due to limitations on consultation events)</p> <p>New HRA Business Plan adopted by 30 Sept 2021 Delivery of 43 new homes in 21/22. Progress 63 new homes to planning permission stage in 21/22 Continue to identify opportunities for further provision. This forms part of the business as usual of the Housing and Planning Services</p> <p>Actions to be included in the Housing Strategy (31 Dec 21)</p> <p>HE Grants applied for as applicable to qualifying schemes</p>	<p>Within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health</p> <p>Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>

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	<p>(CLTs) across the District, particularly within rural communities</p> <p>Explore Homes England (HE) grant opportunities as they become available</p>			

Comment: A new Housing Strategy was approved by Cabinet in December 2021 after consultation with the public and other stakeholders and consideration by the council's Housing Board. Key actions in the Housing Strategy include regularly engaging with local registered providers on their affordable housing delivery and identifying and overcoming barriers to further development, and ensuring appropriate schemes deliver the required 40 percent affordable homes and in the correct mix of housing to meet the identified housing need within the district. A detailed action plan accompanies the strategy and this will be regularly reviewed by the Housing Board.

An update to the HRA Business Plan is still in development; the delay has been caused by needing to wait for the government to make a decision on the relaxation of rules around Right to Buy receipts. That decision has now been made and therefore work can continue on the business plan update, which is expected to be completed in the Spring.

The Council aimed to deliver of 43 new homes in 21/22. A fully disabled adapted bungalow was completed in November 2021 at Gold Close in Elsenham. In addition 16 new homes were completed in January 2022 at The Moors in Little Dunmow. A further 27 properties are in the process of being constructed, 13 properties at Bartholomew Close in Great Chesterford and 14 properties at Thaxted Road in Saffron Walden. There have been small delays in the delivery of these sites due to Covid affecting supply chains and workforce availability. These are now expected to be completed in the Spring/Summer 2022.

Planning permission on various sites is being progressed. Detailed planning for a site in Saffron Walden has been submitted and is due to be determined by Planning Committee by Spring 2022. If approved the site will deliver 16 properties. Plans have been drawn up for the redevelopment of two redundant sheltered schemes, one in Saffron Walden and one in Great Dunmow. Pre-applications have been completed and it is anticipated that full planning applications will be submitted by Spring 2022. If approved these sites will potentially deliver 48 new properties. Outline planning permission has been approved for a house in Wimbish and a fully disabled bungalow in Thaxted. Planning permission has also been approved for the re-development of Walden Place in Saffron Walden. The plans include the construction of two new extensions to the modern sheltered scheme and the removal of the link to Grade II listed Georgian house. The proposed extensions will add an additional sheltered flat plus provide a new communal lounge, plant room, manager's office, and lift.

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<p>We are working with Thaxted CLT, as the first CLT set up in the district, to identify housing delivery opportunities. This work is at an early stage; the council's role is that of a facilitator and advisor. It is for the CLT to progress its work at the pace it chooses.</p>				
<p>The council continues to take advantage of Homes England grant funding as appropriate; eight out of 16 properties at the Moors in Little Dunmow were delivered with a Homes England grant of £450,000, which enabled them to be delivered at social rent. The council is currently looking at two further development opportunities where it may be appropriate to approach Homes England for social housing grant funding.</p>				
<p><i>b. Refurbish our existing council homes to sustainable standards when required</i></p>	<p>Continue with estate renewal and regeneration programmes whilst reducing the carbon footprint of those homes. Improve home energy efficiency across the Council's housing stock</p>	<p>Completion of stock survey</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
<p>Comment: A survey of all Council housing stock is underway by Uttlesford Norse Ltd. The purpose of the survey is to assess the current efficiency of UDC stock and to quantify the improvements that can be made to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon impact. The survey will not be completed until 2023 without additional resources being deployed through Uttlesford Norse Ltd (this is being explored). The Council is not able to apply for grant funding until this work has been completed.</p>				
<p><i>c. Reduce the number of empty homes</i></p>	<p>Develop an Empty Homes Strategy</p>	<p>New Empty Homes Strategy adopted by 31 March 2022</p>	<p>Within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
<p>Comment: Work on the draft strategy is ongoing and is planned to go to the Housing Board (anticipated in February 2022) for comment before seeking Cabinet approval. The draft strategy sets out the actions the council will take over the next five years to bring down the number of currently empty homes in the district which will have many benefits to the community including restoring dilapidated properties to a useable state, removing eyesores and providing more housing for the market.</p>				
<p><i>d. Ensure that landlords maintain high quality private sector housing conditions</i></p>	<p>Review assistance available for landlords, including empty property owners</p>	<p>Revision of Housing Renewals Assistance Policy by 31 March 2022</p>	<p>Within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>

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<p>Comment: An online landlord forum is taking place on February 6 2022 and the review of the UDC assistance policy is planned for Quarter 4 of 2021/22. Cabinet approval will be required following that review. This policy sets out what funding is available for homeowners (including landlords) who want to make certain alterations and improvements to their properties but otherwise would be unable to afford to do so. It ensures the council plays a leading role in ensuring living conditions for vulnerable groups are improved. In the meantime the Environmental Health service is looking at ways to promote separate government grant funding that is available to landlords for energy efficiency measures.</p>				
<p><i>e. Ensure that services to protect vulnerable women and men who live in our district are accessible and appropriate</i></p>	<p>Fulfil tier 2 authority duty to cooperate as set out in Domestic Abuse Act 2021</p> <p>Review the Domestic Abuse Policy</p>		<p>Support is delivered and monitored under existing framework, within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health</p> <p>Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
<p>Comment: Legislative changes in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Introduce a statutory duty on tier one local authorities in England to support victims and their children in domestic abuse safe accommodation and a duty on tier two authorities to co-operate with tier one authorities in the fulfilment of their duties. The Council’s Communities Team is working with Essex County Council (ECC) to deliver those changes. Government funding, devolved from ECC, has enabled the Council to continue funding a domestic abuse housing practitioner in partnership with Next Chapter, a commissioned service within Essex. The practitioner works within the Community Safety Hub and links closely with the Housing Department. This arrangement means that one to one support is being offered to victims of domestic abuse to ensure a smooth pathway for victims with advice on how to live safely and independently.</p> <p>Funding will also be used to enhance the Sanctuary Scheme the Council offers where appropriate. This allows the Council to make the homes of victims and survivors of violence and abuse safe and secure so that they and their families can remain in their own homes, alleviating the disruption of relocating and allows them to retain the support of professional services, their family and the community when they are at their most vulnerable.</p> <p>Working in partnership with TIC-BOX Theatre company a theatre experience has been delivered to over 600 year 10 and 11 pupils within the district’s secondary schools addressing healthy relationships and exploring the early warning signs of domestic abuse through The Bruise You Can’t See. The most common age when intimate partner violence is first experienced is age 18-24 and it is important for our young people to know what a healthy relationship looks like.</p> <p>J9 training has been delivered to staff at UDC and to partner agencies, the voluntary sector, businesses and members of the community. The training sessions help to spot the of domestic abuse and support those affected through the domestic abuse initiative. Once trained the J9 logo can be displayed which alerts victims that they can obtain information which can help them access a safe place where they can seek information and use of a telephone.</p> <p>A review of the UDC domestic abuse policy is planned for Quarter 4 of 2021/2022.</p>				

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Work continues with partners at Essex Children’s Safeguarding Board and Essex Adults Safeguarding Board. Reviews are undertaken through both boards where there are concerns of neglect or abuse in children or adults and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively. Learning from this work informs the UDC staff training plan and helps to identify projects that can be delivered by the Communities Team and through the thematic groups of the Local Strategic Partnership.

8. Promote healthy lifestyles in diverse and inclusive communities

<p>a. Work with partners, including the voluntary sector, to improve the general quality of life for residents, including for residents that experience social isolation, poor mental health, obesity, addiction and dementia</p>	<p>Deliver recommendations of the Uttlesford Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>Five Key recommendations of the strategy: Combatting loneliness and Social Isolation Supporting people to age well Enabling people to eat well and be active Alleviating winter pressures and fuel poverty Planning for healthy communities</p>	<p>Identified recommendations of the Uttlesford Health and Wellbeing Strategy implemented</p>	<p>Within existing resources plus Public Health Grant funding</p> <p>Support is provided to the voluntary sector through the extensive grants programme, within existing resources</p> <p>Various parish council-organised civic pride events are supported within the existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Communities, Youth, Public Safety, Emergency Planning and liaison with the Policy and Fire & Rescue Service</p> <p>Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
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Comment: The Community Response Hub, set up to point residents in Uttlesford to the advice and support available to them throughout the pandemic continues to help respond to concerns. Two community responders have been employed to co-ordinate and provide immediate help for those residents who find themselves in a position of crisis. The Response Hub had been the main focus for the Health and Wellbeing Board during Covid, however much of the work undertaken by the hub continued to address the recommendations of the strategy.

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<p>Befriending services were provided for those residents who were experiencing loneliness and feeling isolated from their friends and families, not only through the pandemic but into the recent recovery phase. 'Chatty benches' have been situated to allow people to sit and encourage conversation, the Men's Shed projects across the district are re-opening and a Tec Mates programme has begun in Saffron Walden. This is a programme that supports the use and uptake of digital technology and Technology Enabled Care (TEC) products and services which will help residents from falling into situations where they may require greater support from social care and health services. Through the Board, Active Essex were able to offer funding support to The Walking with friendship dogs at Dunmow Dementia Club.</p> <p>Eleven grants were awarded through the Health and wellbeing Board which included Dunmow Stroke Club for Physical Activity, Touch Point Stansted-Bereavement Café & Support and Mind in West Essex for Suicide awareness friends training.</p> <p>Uttlesford falls prevention programme is delivering face to face classes for residents that may be experiencing balance issues, mobility issues or at the risk of falling. Uttlesford Food Alliance has been set up with the objective to reduce food poverty/insecurity throughout the district. Once more established this group will develop a food alliance strategy to include food growing, community fridges, community cooking programmes and healthy eating initiatives.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board will look to review their strategy in 2022 in line with the County-wide Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the 2022 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which looks at the current and future health care needs of the District.</p>				
<p><i>b. Continue to be an active partner of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, to promote healthy lifestyles</i></p>			<p>The Council will continue to be an active partner of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
<p>Comment: The Health and Wellbeing Board will look to review their strategy in 2022 in line with the County-wide Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the 2022 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which looks at the current and future health care needs of the District. Uttlesford District Council is the lead body for the Health and Wellbeing Board and will continue to work as a partner to focus on preventative healthcare for its residents.</p> <p>Vaccination roll out continues throughout the District and Phase 3 roll out of the vaccination was going ahead at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre, which has been a hugely successful location. Some 1,445 residents received their booster over the session in October/November 2021, with 80% taking up the offer of the flu jab as well, it is the aim to achieve 3,000 vaccinations every Saturday. During the past 6 months between 6,000 and 7,000 residents from other bordering counties had chosen to have their vaccination at the LBLC.</p>				

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<p>Data would be used to locate those residents who were immune suppressed inviting them in for their booster vaccination, currently 65 residents out of a possible 1000 had not taken up the offer, a follow up approach would be made to ensure these residents are not missed.</p> <p>Assurance for the safety of the vaccination for pregnant women was conveyed through newsletters and social media platforms with the option to speak with clinical staff at the vaccinations centre to discuss any concerns or anxieties around the jab.</p>				