

Committee: Council

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Title: Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Partnerships

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Summary

1. This report summarises key activity in the Communities and Partnerships portfolio.

Recommendations

2. None, this report is to note only

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. None

Situation

Health and Wellbeing

5. The Active Uttlesford Board (a subsidiary group of Uttlesford Health & Wellbeing Board) has been established. The aims of the board have been identified and they are populating their delivery plan for this year in consultation with local clubs and sports providers in the district. Funding for the district has been agreed. The aim is to have 1,984 inactive residents in the district active by 2021, with a target of 496 this year. Active Uttlesford funding has been used to introduce a number of netball activities hosted at the leisure centres - walking netball, back to netball, inclusion netball and children's netball.
6. A meeting was held in Great Dunmow to develop the Food Partnership; ideas were shared and positive steps identified. It is hoped local schools will also become engaged and an event is being planned for February 2019.
7. The Time to Change project is running. This encourages local business employers to sign an Employer Pledge to demonstrate commitment to change how they think and act about mental health in the workplace and make sure that employees who are facing these problems feel supported. UDC will be signing up to the pledge and looking to produce a Mental Health Policy.
8. A Healthy New Communities officer group is being set up. The role of the group is to provide a method of engagement to ensure that health and wellbeing, in its holistic sense, is considered within the master planning of

future new developments within Uttlesford district. The first task that has been proposed is to collectively review our Health & Wellbeing Strategy with a view to add information to support healthy new communities. This will add value to the Strategy and, hopefully, strengthen the evidence that will support the Local Plan.

9. Input has been given to the Essex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) draft by the Uttlesford Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure local focus is included and that any objectives set for the districts can be met.

Community Safety

10. A successful funding application has been made to the Office of the Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner for Automatic Number Plate Recognition capability to be added to the CCTV in Stansted with the aim of helping combat rural crime.
11. Two successful Summer Spectacular days for 11 to 16 year olds were held in August. The council and partners engaged with more than 200 young people, finding out what they thought of living in the district. This was an opportunity to promote the Youth Council and also have our partners there as volunteers for the day.
12. Crucial Crew has taken place and workshops have been delivered to more than 800 Year Six pupils. Gangsline has been included this year in response to the 'Hidden Harm' agenda and the ever emerging threat of drug gangs coming into the district. This workshop will also be delivered to district councillors.

Engagement

13. The Youth Council is moving forward and is supported by district councillors. Training days have been held on the Local Plan and the importance of the young voice being heard. Electoral services spoke at the last meeting, making the young people aware of the importance of the vote. They are looking to 'tour' schools with this information in the future.
14. More widely, the Public Engagement Working Group has been considering the council's engagement methods and a separate report is on this agenda.

Partnerships

15. The LSP's children and families group has incorporated the Families Hub (formerly the children's centres) Advisory Board into their meeting. The first hour of the meeting is dedicated to the Advisory Board agenda. Joining the two meetings together allows for better collaboration between agencies working in the children and family arena.

Saffron Walden Museum

16. The Heritage Lottery Fund has provided feedback on an initial enquiry to its Resilient Heritage scheme. Further discussion is required with HLF representatives before the service moves forward with a grant bid later in the year. This bid forms the first phase of the museum's development plan and will

provide funding for essential work, such as audience development studies and a feasibility and options appraisal.

17. The museum's successful Worlds Under Glass: Adventures in Taxidermy exhibition has now finished and the museum team are preparing to launch the next exhibition Collections: Re-Crafted on 6 October. This exhibition will feature 40 textile art works by 30 artists, inspired by Saffron Walden and museum's outstanding collections.
18. Work is continuing to promote full learning and outreach service to local schools. Since the Learning and Outreach Officer post was re-established the museum has seen a steady increase in school engagement and officers are focusing their efforts on taking the museum's varied collections out to schools as well as continuing to welcome schools to the museum itself.
19. In June, a special event was held to celebrate the invaluable work of the museum's team of volunteers. It was attended by representatives from Saffron Walden Museum Society and the council and coincided with the UK-wide Volunteering Week. The museum has more than 65 volunteers, without whom it would not be possible to run the service.

Looking Forward

20. The LSP annual assembly will be held on the 1st November 2018. It will be titled 21st Century 'Visions of Living' and linked to the development of new Garden Communities. The aim is to get the views of those working in the voluntary sector and communities, to get the conversation going from the ground up.