

BABERGH COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

From: Councillor Margaret Maybury Cabinet Member for Communities	Report Number: CMU21
To: Babergh Council	Date of meeting: 23 October 2018

TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES

1. Overview of Portfolio

- 1.1 The Communities Portfolio includes: Safe Communities (including community safety, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding and the Community Safety Partnership)
- 1.2 Strong Communities (including grants, external funding, community development, community rights)
- 1.3 Healthy Communities and Policy (including health and wellbeing, Health and Wellbeing Board, health interventions and preventative activity) and Public Realm (including grounds maintenance, street cleansing, arboriculture, public conveniences)

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council notes the report.

3. Key Activities/Issues Over the Past Three Months

- 3.1 The Active Wellbeing programme, which is a bespoke approach to help those who are physically inactive into more active lifestyles and is being delivered in association with Suffolk Sport, was successfully launched in Long Melford on 16th July.
- 3.2 A new Dementia Action Alliance was launched in Lavenham on 18th July. The launch event built upon the Golden Age Fair event held earlier in the year and is being supported by the Parish Council and the local Co-Op.
- 3.3 The Town and Parish Liaison Meeting was held on 11th October 2018. This provided updates on the work of the Council's Economic Development team; the distribution of monies collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy, forthcoming elections and an early conversation on the development of the Councils' Community Strategy.
- 3.4 Women on Wheels (a mass participation ride for women and girls with a strong focus on fun, friends and cycling) events were delivered on 16th September. The Women on Wheels event left from Acton but attendees did not ride into Sudbury, they rode into the Babergh countryside, either riding 5 miles, 20 miles or 50 miles, with the 50 mile ride taking them into Mid Suffolk and back round through Babergh to Acton again.
- 3.5 A range of activities including Yoga and health walks were delivered as part of Workplace Health Week, held between 10 – 14 September.

- 3.6 A Capital Grant to the value of £25,000 has been offered to the Stephenson Centre in Great Cornard. The overall project has a value in excess of £430,000 but the specific phase of the works that Babergh's contribution went towards has a value of £89,000.
- 3.7 Section 106 money to the value of £16,000 has been provided to a range of projects including the purchase of new open space in Cockfield, new play equipment in Lawshall and new fencing at Layham. In addition to s106 monies, the first CIL spending round has now finished. Three different 'community' bids were approved in Cockfield which will see the provision of recreation land and a shelter together with improvements to the Village Hall (including a refurbished kitchen and a dedicated electric supply) with one further bid being approved for an electric charging point at Lindsey Village Hall.

4. Key Activities Planned for the next 3 months

- 4.1 Continuing to deliver a range of health and wellbeing projects including supporting the work of the new Dementia Alliance.
- 4.2 Continuing to address anti-social behaviour and other community safety issues.
- 4.3 Working with groups seeking to nominate Assets of Community Value.
- 4.4 Supporting community groups and projects to access the Councils grant aid and to secure funding from external sources (such as the National Lottery, etc).
- 4.5 Work on the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Belle Vue Park, Sudbury is underway. Work on the new Skate/BMX park is due to start during the week commencing 29th October and is expected to finish in December.
- 4.6 Continuing to support the inaugural 'Stars of Babergh & Mid Suffolk' Community and Business Awards preparations, nominations and event – to be held at St.Mary's Church, Hadleigh on Thursday 18th October 2018.

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