

MID SUFFOLK COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

From: Councillor Julie Flatman, Cabinet Member for Communities	Report Number: CMU26
To: Mid Suffolk Council	Date of meeting: 25 October 2018

TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES

1. Overview of Portfolio

- 1.1 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)

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 Fressingfield on 17th July.
- 3.2 The Town and Parish Liaison Meeting was held on 9th 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.
- 3.3 Women on Wheels (a mass participation ride for women and girls with a strong focus on fun, friends and cycling) events were delivered on 22nd September.
- 3.4 A range of activities including Yoga and health walks were delivered as part of Workplace Health Week, held between 10 – 14 September.
- 3.5 Capital Grants have been offered to a range of projects. So far this year £41,000 has been provided to projects with an overall value of £204,000.
- 3.6 Section 106 monies to the value of almost 180,000 have been granted to a range of community projects since the beginning of the year including fencing for Claydon Football Club, improvements at Woolpit Village Hall and Fressingfield Social Club and new seating for Stowmarket Swimming Club (which was officially opened on 29th September).

4. Key Activities Planned for the next 3 months

- 4.1 Continuing to deliver a range of health and wellbeing projects including a parental mental health project, an arts programme for young parents and families and 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 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.
- 4.5 City of London Sinfonia, one of the country's leading professional chamber orchestras, will be performing two Lullaby Concerts at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket on Friday 26 October 2018.
- 4.6 Locality Awards 2018/19 - deadline for community groups/award recipients to submit the form to the Ward Member - 31 December 2018. Deadline for Ward Members to submit the fully completed form and any supporting information to the Communities team - 31 January 2019

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