



FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 27 July 2022

Subject	Cabinet Members' Report and Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council
Report by	Councillor Steve Gallant Leader of the Council

Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable.
Wards Affected:	All Wards
Purpose of Report: To receive the Cabinet Members' Report and the Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council, for information.	
Options: Not applicable.	

Cabinet Members' Reports to Council

Cabinet Member:	Councillor Craig Rivett – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development
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An Economic Development update is attached as Appendix A to this report.

Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
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This report is slightly different from normal as I have been to two different venues and seen what other activities help mental health in all ages.

I was invited to the Special Olympics National Summer Series of Sport Waveney Open Gymnastics Competition 2022. This was held at Waveney Gymnastics Club in Lowestoft. This event was a special version of four elements adapted for people with intellectual disabilities to help maintain healthy lives. The biggest emphasis of which is supporting the mental wellbeing of the athletes and help prepare them to return to sport and activity once it is safe to do so.

Together with two other Councillors and a third joined us later we were able to see what all these young people were able to do on all the equipment which was available to them. These were not just local people but came from all over the country, some from Jersey. I have to say they did extremely well in what they were able to do on the floor exercises, bars, rings etc. Fortunately for me I was not asked to join in! After they had all been judged, it was time for the medal ceremony. Every competitor who had won a medal was so happy and I am surprised some of them could walk afterward as they had so many medals around their necks. I know they appreciated their families watching them and cheering them on.

It was a very good day to see what a difference the day made to them all and they all left very happy people.

A couple of days after this I visited a centre for older people and as with my other visit the difference it made to these people was very noticeable. In the morning there were exercises for them all sitting on chairs, everyone joined in with everything asked of them. When I spoke to them, they all agreed it was really great for them to see other people and have a chat as lockdown had left several of them very lonely. Many of them stayed for lunch, some left and others arrived for an afternoon session which was singing. It was quite unbelievable how they all seem to come to life when they were singing, fortunately for them I had to leave before I could be asked to join in as apparently, I cannot sing in tune!

These couple of days I spent with all age ranges really made a difference to them all and sometimes it is quite small things which make a huge difference.

Cabinet Member:	Councillor Letitia Smith, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism
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Communities Update

I am delighted that each of our eight Community Partnerships is now meeting face to face and using interactive workshop sessions to revise their priorities for the current year, based on partly updated data packs and local insight (including about the impacts of the Cost of Living crisis). In response to the recommendations from the Peer Challenge last year, these priorities will be more specific and measurable to enable us to further demonstrate the impact of the partnerships across the District. I am particularly pleased with the level of engagement from Town and Parish Councils in these sessions and hope that this continues.

Our new Community Partnerships newsletter provides a really good overview of the work of the Board and partnerships for each Councillor to use in their ward, and this is part of a broader push to raise the profile of the Community Partnerships, for example, the local Community Partnership is now being promoted in parish newsletters in Beccles and Bungay and also enjoys a monthly column in the Beccles and Bungay Journal.

There is growing collaboration between the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) and the Community Partnerships in the south of the District, which is fantastic to see as it helps avoid duplication. They are currently working together on a dental project, providing dental hygiene packs and advice to thousands of local children in schools. To make collaboration and identifying best practice much easier, we have created a central project register for all projects delivered by the Community Partnerships.

I'm always encouraged by the breadth and depth of the support our Community Partnerships deliver. Our Men's Sheds, Slipper Swaps and Virtual Walks continue to be popular, as do our Chinwags events, where sometimes over 100 older people get together for coffee and a chat.

In the Kesgrave, Martlesham and Villages Community Partnership, SPOT Wellbeing delivered a course of workshops where 90% of attendees reported improved health and wellbeing – and, during the same period, we delivered nearly 2,000 hi-vis safety vests to local children to keep them safe on their walks to school. In the Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsular Community Partnership area, Melton Parish Council was awarded funding toward new play equipment on their sports field and additional planting to improve biodiversity, and Rendlesham Community Radio was supported to help young performers explore their potential in performing arts and express the challenges they face. The Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership helped fund a wheelchair accessible vehicle for Hour Community which has already completed nearly 200

trips covering 6,000 miles delivered by 10 volunteer drivers. As you can see, there is an incredibly diverse range of projects, both large and small, that make a huge difference to communities.

Community Partnerships have started to consider the suggestions emerging from the new Youth Voice webpage, which includes a simple form for young people to have their say. This will be alongside Youth Voice 'collection boxes' which have previously been placed in a variety of locations and used successfully to develop new ideas. The ideas raised are collated by the Communities Team and fed to the relevant partners and the Community Partnerships for consideration and action to address the issues raised. The form can be found at https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Youth_voice Alongside this engagement with younger people in our District, the Communities Officers are working to expand the membership of their individual partnerships to draw in additional talent to help deliver on the more specific objectives currently being created.

The new single Citizens Advice East Suffolk (CAES) is now in place and Chiara Saunders appointed as Chief Officer. The single organisation replaces the three bureaux that previously covered the District. We will be working closely with CAES as it evolves, particularly around the emerging 'Ease the Squeeze' programme.

To date more than £160,000 have been allocated through the Boost Grants that are part of the Council's Covid Community Recovery Programme. These grants focus on two groups identified as particularly vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic – those with disabilities (and their carers) and people with dementia (and their carers). The other three themes focussed on mental health, keeping fit and active and sustainable food. More than 30 local groups have benefited from grants of up to £5,000. The unspent funding from this programme will be rolled into the Food and Essentials theme of the Cost of Living programme.

Outside Bodies Representatives' Reports

Broads Authority	
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Please find below a link to an article from the National Geographical Magazine, which appeared recently regarding the Broads, for your information.

Norfolk Broads: wildlife-watching on a wetland safari

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2022/05/norfolk-broads-wildlife-watching-on-a-wetland-safari>

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The following documents are attached as Appendices to this report:

- Sizewell Site Stakeholder Group Report January to May 2022 (Appendix B)
- Office for Nuclear Regulation Site Report for Sizewell A (Appendix C)
- Office for Nuclear Regulation Site Report for Sizewell B (Appendix D)

Appendices

Appendices:	
Appendix A	An Economic Development Update from Councillor Rivett
Appendix B	Sizewell Site Stakeholder Group Report
Appendix C	Office for Nuclear Regulation Site Report for Sizewell A
Appendix D	Office for Nuclear Regulation Site Report for Sizewell B

Background reference papers:	
None.	