

Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 7 March 2022

1 Introduction

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs.

The meeting agendas and papers can be viewed [HERE](#)

The meeting was held face to face and therefore there was not a recording of the meeting.

2. Focus on Community Partnerships

The Board received a short presentation from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages Community Partnership [HERE](#) and Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsular Community Partnership [HERE](#)

3. Update from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group

The Board received a report [HERE](#) from the Task and Finish Group, led by Christine Abraham who Chaired the Task and Finish Group meeting. Accompanying the report was an outcome proposal for funding to support the work identified through the group to address identified gaps in support for young people and families, adults and whole population in relation to Emotional Wellbeing [HERE](#)

The Board agreed:

- The allocation of £75,923 from the 2021/22 budget and £46,447 from the 2022/23 budget – total funding of £122,400
- To receive a report on progress at the meeting to be held in June 2022.

5. Tackling Inequalities

The Board received a presentation from Nick Khan which included two case studies highlighting the impact of the cost of living increases on the local population, and some key facts from Citizens Advice:

- More than 2 million people nationally estimated to have tipped into the red by the £20 UC payment reduction [40% of UC claimants are in work]
- More than 8.5 million people (more than 16%) nationally said that they could not cover the energy cap rise
- This rises to 27% of disabled people and 36% of people on Universal Credit
- Almost 1 in 10 people are in energy arrears even before the rise
- Citizens Advice have identified a significant increase in views to their Universal Credit, debt and money advice pages
- Over a quarter of those helped by CA with fuel debt have other debts, including council tax arrears
- 30% more referrals to food banks from Citizens Advice now than Summer 2020

The Board then undertook an interactive problem-solving exercise to identify the root causes and main effects of the cost-of-living crisis.

The second part of the activity was to identify potential solutions. The outcomes will be fed into the new Community Partnership Board Tackling Inequalities Task and Finish Group which includes representatives from Norfolk and Waveney CCG, Suffolk Community Foundation, Britten Pears Arts, Community Action Suffolk and East Suffolk Council.

The Board will receive a report from the Task and Finish Group at its meeting in June 2022.

6. Update from Transport and Travel Task and Finish Group

The Board received a short update on progress from Norman Brooks and Alexander Nicoll on the following:

- Demand Responsive Transport T&FG (BACT, CATS, Katch extension)
- Demand Responsive Transport Digital Application T&FG
- Community Transport Feasibility & Business Planning T&FG
- Active Travel Scoping Group

The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#)

7. Presentation from the Greenprint Forum

The Board received a presentation from Susan Harvey and Daniel Wareing on the priorities and work of the Greenprint Forum. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#)

8. Update on Community Partnership Forum on 25 March 2022

The theme of the Forum at Trinity Park on 25 March is 'East Suffolk: Bringing Ideas to Life'. The event is fully booked (220 delegates). There are 12 workshop / seminar sessions hosted by total of 15 partner organisations, a breakfast session for businesses on "Social Value and Climate Change" sponsored by SCC, a market place with 30 stalls and the keynote speaker is Jonathan Owen (CEO NALC) on "Partnerships and Parishes". The full programme can be viewed [HERE](#)

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