

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Key Decision Required: | No | In the Forward Plan: | No |
|------------------------|----|----------------------|----|

CABINET

18 MAY 2018

REPORT OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO HOLDER

A.3 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS

(Report prepared by Rebecca Morton, Anastasia Simpson, John Fox and Cassie Barrett and Karen Neath and Leanne Thornton)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on community projects relating to education, health and wellbeing and community safety, and to ask Cabinet to endorse these projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 puts Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do across the Council and within this context a number of projects are being undertaken to support the education, health and wellbeing, and Community Safety agendas across the District.
- The Council has a track record of assisting and working with partners and has already supported improvements in the areas of education, health and wellbeing and community safety.
- Current specific projects in relation to **education** are formed around the following:-
 - Tendring Children and Young People Strategy 2017- 2020 & Delivery Plan 2017/18
 - Gt Bentley Primary School – Wellbeing Hub
 - North East Essex Teacher Training (NEETT)
 - TeachFirst
 - IntoUniversity
 - Tendring Scouting & Youth Services
 - TDC Education Newsletter
 - School Places
 - Benefits Leaflet
 - Junior Warden Project
- Current specific projects in relation to **health and wellbeing** are formed around the following:-
 - Sport England Local Delivery Pilot (LDP)
 - Tendring Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - Housing and Health
 - Junior parkrun
 - Livewell
 - Parkeston Welfare Park – New community site for development
- Current specific projects in relation to **community safety** are formed around the following:-
 - Tendring Hub – Stay Safe for Summer Event
 - Tendring Community Safety Partnership – Street Action Days
 - Task & Finish Groups
 - Daily Hub Tasking Conference Call

- Tendring Problem Solving Group
- Operation Valour
- Project Mercury
- Crucial Crew
- Gangsline

- The projects identified above will continue to form the subject of regular updates to the Portfolio Holder and at Member Briefing sessions.
- Engagement in these areas is supplemented by the work of the Community Leadership Committee which provides overview and scrutiny of these sectors as part of its work programme.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that:-

- a) Cabinet endorses the listed projects as those which will continue to be delivered in 2018 in support of the Corporate Plan priorities;
- b) the currently identified projects are monitored through the Council's Performance Plan together with future projects agreed with the Portfolio Holder.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 puts Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do, and within that has a focus on education, health and community safety through the following priorities:-

- Facilitate improved qualification and skills attainment
- Enable better job prospects
- Promote healthier lifestyles and wellbeing
- Support improved community health

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

The majority of the projects identified rely on the input of officer time to make them work. Some projects are subject to external funding or partners financial support.

Community Safety projects are funded predominantly by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. The projects also rely on the partners within the Community Safety Partnership to come together to deliver the projects.

Risk

There is a limited risk that projects may fail. However, robust project management and good partnership working help to mitigate this.

LEGAL

It is recognised that Tendring District Council does not have specific powers in relation to education, health and wellbeing but through its Community Leadership role it does engage with partners in supporting and influencing improvements in relation to both these areas.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following

and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

The above will be considered as part of the formulation of individual projects.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 puts Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do and within this context a number of projects are being undertaken to support the education, health and community safety agendas across the District.

Education

One priority has been to ensure that partnership working continues to be effective and that the Council continues to provide support, encouragement and commitment to working collaboratively with schools to improve school attainment levels and raise aspirations and opportunities for children and young people across the District.

The work being done to support the Education agenda also supports both the Essex and Tendring Children & Young People's Strategy 2016 and Tendring's Delivery Plan 2017/18. Tendring's priorities include ensuring children are emotionally healthy, have positive futures and have access to good quality education, training and work opportunities.

As of March 2018, 96% of primary schools and 100% of secondary schools are good or outstanding.

Health

Health and Wellbeing became a statutory responsibility for upper tier and unitary authorities in local government from April 2013. However, District Councils play a vital role in the Health and Wellbeing agenda and in Tendring it was agreed that a local Health and Wellbeing Board would be beneficial in bringing together stakeholders in an attempt to share knowledge and join up healthcare provision for the benefit of our residents. The Board has established the priorities for the Tendring District which are improving mental health and wellbeing, better support for people living with long term conditions and tackling obesity, improving diet and increasing physical activity. The Tendring Health and Wellbeing Board has representation from the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Police, Essex County Council Public Health and Community Voluntary Services (CVS) Tendring just to list a few. Closer working with Colchester Borough Council resulted in a shared recruitment of Public Health Improvement Co-ordinators and attendance at our Tendring Health and Wellbeing Board, which has led to further collaboration with a North East Essex approach in mind on projects such as the Sport England Local Delivery Pilot and the livewell Housing and Health video.

Community Safety

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour prevention is not the sole responsibility of any one public service but of all agencies and communities. The success of dealing with the complex challenges faced in Tendring, ranging from gangs, drugs, people trafficking and anti-social behaviour needed innovative solutions. In order to find a different way of working, all partners came together to identify how we could maximise the different skills and powers of partners to address the myriad of problems. Essex Police and Tendring District Council worked together to develop a Hub approach where partners could be co-located to share formal and informal information. The Community Safety Partnership Strategic priorities for 2018/19 are:-

Tackling Anti-social behaviour and Acquisitive Crime
Protecting Vulnerable People from Hidden Harms
Reducing Violence & Knife Crime

PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

The following sets out details of specific projects which are being undertaken, in partnership, to support the education, health and community safety agendas within the District.

Tendring Children & Young People Strategy 2016 – 2020 and Delivery Plan 2017/18

After consultation with partners and officers across the Council a new Tendring & Young People Strategy 2017 – 2020 and Delivery Plan 2017/18 was developed and agreed by Cabinet in November 2017. This identified our priorities for the children and young people of Tendring as follows:-

| PRIORITIES | |
|------------|---|
| 1. | Start Well – to continue to support schools in improving and maintaining attainment levels, promoting school readiness, and a positive experience and opportunities through school to allow each child to achieve their full potential |
| 2. | Stay Safe – children and young people feeling safe in their community |
| 3. | Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing – enjoying good mental health and wellbeing |
| 4. | Positive Futures - working together with partners to enable families to lift themselves out of poverty, enhance aspirations and provide opportunities for life long wellbeing |

The Children and Young People Delivery Plan for 2017/18 identifies a number of projects and initiatives which support these priorities a number of which are detailed below.

EDUCATION

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

“Mental health influences how we think and feel about ourselves and others and how we interpret events. It affects our capacity to learn, to communicate and to form, sustain and end relationships. It also influences our ability to cope with change, transition and life events.”

(MHFA-Dr Lynne Fiedli, 2004)

○ **Wellbeing Hub, Gt Bentley Primary School**

Within Tendring one of the Cluster Lead Head teachers at Gt Bentley Primary school set up a pilot Wellbeing Hub within the school which launched in April 2017, and operates as an after school facility. The sessions for the children are arranged in groups around the themes of play, art, construction, and science. As well as the sessions for children the Hub offers information sessions for parents and carers on subjects such as sleep, nutrition and behaviour management.

The Wellbeing Hub aims to build the children's resilience and self-esteem, encouraging them to recognise their own emotions and learn tools and techniques to deal with these. Also, developing a culture where the children accept feelings such as anxiety will happen and learn how to identify that in themselves and others, gaining a “rucksack of skills” to take them forward into secondary school and beyond.

Evaluation of the pilot was completed in October 2017 with support in the planning and development stage from EWMHS (the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services for

children and young people in Southend, Essex and Thurrock) on both the monitoring and evaluation.

Findings from the evaluation were presented by the Executive Head teacher and Deputy Head teacher of Gt Bentley Primary School at the Health & Wellbeing Board on 9th November 2017. The outcomes showed very positive early signs of improvements in the children, who were more able to express their feelings, help one another and generally feel better about themselves. Feedback from the Board was extremely positive and Healthwatch Essex offered to support the filming of a video to promote the work of the Hub. Filming took place on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

Gt Bentley School, with TDC presented at the Strategic Transformation Partnership Leaders Event on Friday 20th April 2018.

Both TDC and Gt Bentley School share the aspiration to see the model of the Wellbeing Hub “rolled out” in schools across the District. The Executive Projects Officer continues to work towards achieving this.

Start Well, Raising Aspirations & Positive Futures

Recruitment & Retention

North East Essex Teacher Training (NEETT)

NEETT are a school centered training establishment based at the Tendring Education Centre at Jaywick Lane. The Executive Projects Officer recently met with NEETT to discuss ways in which TDC could support their work. Feedback from NEETT included that their attendance at the TDC Job & Careers Fair in October 2017 had been a very positive day with four teacher training enquiries, and they would be interested in attending again this year. TDC also offered to promote their recruitment campaigns and open days/evenings as & when required through circulation of posters, adding links to our website and use of social media.

Website: www.nett.org.uk

Teach First

Teach First is a national organisation that operates both as a training provider and recruitment agency and the authority has been working with schools and Teach First to encourage them to place teachers and work more closely with schools in the Tendring area.

To date Teach First have placed 11 new teachers in Tendring since Sept 2016. Clacton Coastal academy have 3 trainees, two in English and 1 in history which feedback suggests has been a very positive experience to date.

In 2018, TeachFirst are aiming to maintain their relationship with their current Tendring partner schools and also focus on the primary schools. They are aiming to target 11 primary schools across the District all of which meet their eligibility criteria. A new school partnership lead has been recruited by Teach First in recent months and they will take the lead on this work.

Teach First also gave a very positive contribution to the TDC Education newsletter (Ref Appendix A). Their article provides further information on their success to date in Tendring, the positive impact of their teachers within local schools, and the promotion of their leadership programme.

Website: www.teachfirst.org.uk

IntoUniversity

In 2017, IntoUniversity and Anglia Ruskin University formed a partnership to launch a new Learning Centre in Clacton which opened in October 2017. The joint investment of £1.2 million for the new centre will ensure that the project can run for at least 5 years.

IntoUniversity is an education charity that provides learning centres where young people are inspired to achieve. There are currently 24 centres across England. IntoUniversity offers an “innovative, long term programme” to young people (age seven to eighteen) from disadvantaged

backgrounds to fulfil their potential. To date no centre that has been opened has subsequently closed.

The Clacton learning centre, has four full time members of staff and has a particular focus on STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Since opening its doors in October 2017, the team are now working with two secondary and three primary schools in the District. They have also launched their after-school academic support and currently have 21 secondary aged pupils regularly attending these sessions to receive support with homework, work on their personal development and skills and to think about their futures.

IntoUniversity had their official launch on Wednesday 25th April 2018.

IntoUniversity also kindly contributed to the TDC Education newsletter. (Ref Appendix A).

For further information: www.intouniversity.org

Tendring Jobs and Careers Fair

This annual event, now in it's 6th year, is staged by the Council in partnership with DWP and fully supports both schools and colleges in the district, which helps prepare them for work and the opportunities for training. All schools in the district are notified about the event, which is taking place on **Tuesday October 2nd** this year. However, to further support the schools, last year the Council provided complimentary transport to enable 2 schools (Harwich & Dovercourt School and Marketfields) to experience the event first hand with a dedicated DWP advisor. A total of 34 pupils attended. This initiative will be repeated in 2018, and invitations have already gone out to Harwich & Dovercourt, Clacton Coastal Academy, Clacton County High, Tendering Tech, Colne Academy and Marketfields, offering a bespoke programme which compliments the curriculum and supports preparation for the world of work.

Tendring Scouting & Youth Service

The Executive Projects Officer recently met with District Commissioner Tendring Scouts and the District Youth & Community Commissioner for North East Essex to explore ways in which the youth organisations could work more closely together. Ideas for sharing equipment and possibly buildings were highlighted. TDC/Executive Projects Officer offered to host a further meeting with all local youth organisations across the district to explore this further.

TDC Education Newsletter to Schools, Parents & Carers

With contributions from a number of Officers and external partners, the Executive Projects Officer produced the enclosed Education newsletter, **reference Appendix A**, to highlight TDC's partnership working, projects and initiatives that support schools and education across Tendring. This was distributed to all schools across the District and will be given out to parents/carers attending recent and future E-Safety and Gangsline workshops.

School Places – ECC 10 Year Plan

Essex County Council have recently updated the 10 year plan for school places and will be attended a members briefing on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 to provide further information in respect of Tendring.

Benefits Leaflet

The Executive Projects Officer, working together with the Department of Work and Pensions and the Family Solutions team developed a Benefits flyer. Recognising that many families find themselves in difficulties when they have failed to notify agencies of their change in circumstances. The benefits flyer aims to provide key contact information for people to update their information in respect of current claims/applications. Distribution of the flyers will include local DWP offices, GP surgeries, libraries and to families in contact with the Family Solutions team.

Junior Warden Project

Following a successful bid to Essex Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner Safety development fund TDC are pleased to be able to extend the junior warden project to an additional 10 schools in the district in 2018. This project will be co-ordinated by the Jaywick Sands Neighbourhood Team Manager.

HEALTH

Health and Wellbeing Projects in this report:

- Sport England Local Delivery Pilot (LDP)
- Tendring Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Housing and Health
- Junior parkrun
- Livewell
- Parkeston Welfare Park – New community site for development

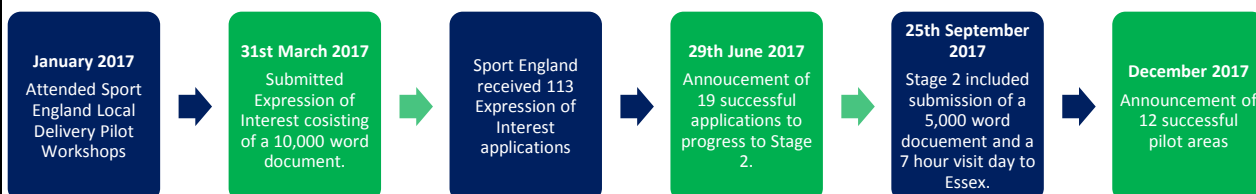
Sport England Local Delivery Pilot (LDP)

Background

In January 2017, the Public Health, Wellbeing and Environmental Protection Manager and Public Health Improvement Coordinator attended a Sport England workshop to gain an understanding of the Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) funding that will provide £100 million of National Lottery money over a 3 year period to a number of local pilots across the UK. The aim of the LDP's is to take a whole system change approach to tackling physical inactivity in underrepresented groups such as the elderly, low income families with dependent children and people with poor mental health.

After attending the January workshop, there were numerous discussions with partners which led to the formation of a Project Group consisting of members from Active Essex, Essex County Council, Tendring District Council, Colchester Borough Council, Basildon Borough Council, Essex University and Intelligent Health. The Project Group then worked together on an Expression of Interest application that was submitted by the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board with Tendring, Colchester and Basildon being the 3 test areas for the pilot. These 3 districts were chosen as together they account for 1/3 of the physical inactivity across the whole of Essex.

LDP Bidding Process:



Progress since December 2017

In December 2017, Sport England announced their chosen 12 pilot areas across the UK with Essex being successfully selected. Since finding out that Essex will be involved in this fantastic opportunity, there have been several Project Group meetings to discuss next steps. In February, the Project Group had the opportunity to meet directly with Sport England, which gave clarity of expectations, as Sport England want to be a partner, rather than just a funder of the 12 pilots. As a result of this, Sport England restructured their organisation to allocate a member of staff to each pilot as the *Local Pilot Manager*. The Essex LDP Manager from Sport England is Marie Hartley.

Although it is early days and there are still a lot of unknowns as to how the pilots will work, what we do know is that in order to create real impact requires *whole system change* – that is the need for strong vision and leadership at the highest level and the collaboration of all stakeholders at all levels. The pilot will not follow a ‘one size fits all approach’, but instead investigate the individual needs and requirements of local communities in Tendring, Colchester and Basildon.

For more information please see **Appendix B – Sport England – Map of Local Pilots** and, visit <https://www.sportengland.org/localpilots/> or watch the LDP video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPJW358im9I>.

Tendring Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Background

Essex County Council Public Health Team are currently working to renew the Essex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), which is a statutory document that sets out the priorities that partners in Essex will deliver together, working through the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board and supported and informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It is 'not about taking action on everything at once, but about setting a small number of key strategic priorities for action that will make a real impact translating JSNA findings into clear outcomes and leading to locally led initiatives'.

To coincide with the Essex JHWS, all districts in Essex have been asked to produce a local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Tendring Health and Wellbeing Strategy going forwards

The Public Health, Wellbeing and Environmental Protection Manager and Public Health Improvement Coordinator created a draft Tendring Health and Wellbeing Strategy that focuses on the following priorities;

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Tackling obesity, improving diet and increasing physical activity
- Better support for people living with long term conditions.

The above priorities were established by utilising evidence and data from the Public Health England Tendring Health Profile and the Local Authority Portrait for Tendring 2016, which forms part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Essex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

The strategy is currently in a draft format and to date has been internally sited by the Public Health Officer's group (PHOG) and also the Tendring Health and Wellbeing Board.

Housing and Health

Background

The aim of the project was to increase awareness of housing hazards and strengthen the referral pathway between TDC Housing Team and local commissioned provider services including Anglian Community Enterprise (ACE) as well as Essex County Council (ECC) Adult Social Care.

Progress to date

After liaising with both ACE and ECC, it was decided that in order to raise awareness between both staff and residents, the most efficient way of communication would be to develop the *livewell Housing and Health* video.

Since developing the video, the Public Health Improvement Coordinator has promoted the video to ACE, ECC and other external partners such as Community Voluntary Services (CVS) Tendring by attending and presenting the video at the Partners Network meeting in February 2018. The video is live on the Tendring District Council website and can be viewed by clicking on the following link <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/housing/livewell-housing-and-health-video>.

Junior parkrun

Background

Tendring currently has two parkrun's in Harwich and Clacton that are free, weekly, 5km timed runs on Saturday morning's at 9am. The parkrun's are open to everyone and are safe and easy to take part in and are considered to be an inclusive initiative as you can walk the course instead of run, are allowed to participate with your dog and can also participate with a push chair.

The Harwich parkrun has completed 144 events to date and averages 90 runners per week and the Clacton Seafront parkrun has completed 72 events with an average of 110 runners per week. Based on the success from launching the Harwich and Clacton parkrun's, the community

expressed interest is setting up a junior parkrun in both Harwich and Clacton. Junior parkrun is a 2km run on Sunday mornings at 9am for children aged 4 to 14 years old and are free events held in areas of open space around the UK.

Clacton Junior parkrun

The Public Health Improvement Coordinator collaborated with the Clacton Seafront parkrun to establish a Core Volunteer Team to take forwards the organisation of the Clacton Junior parkrun. The Junior Core Team consists of 6 individuals who have been DBS checked and the Event Director has undertaken appropriate safeguarding training. A 2km route (see map below) has been established and approved by both parkrun UK and Tendring District Council using the upper and lower paths on the seafront, with the starting and finishing points being located near the Beach Diner. The route is 2 laps of the promenade.

The launch date for the parkrun was **Sunday 15th April 2018 at 9am** on Clacton Seafront.

Harwich Junior parkrun

The Public Health Improvement Coordinator liaised with Harwich parkrun, Harwich Town Council and Community Voluntary Services (CVS) Tendring to promote and recruit the Harwich Junior parkrun Core Volunteer Team. There are currently 4 members of the team who are working together alongside the parkrun UK Ambassador to organise the Harwich Junior parkrun. A 2km route (see map below) has been established and approved by both parkrun UK and Tendring District Council. The route starts in Cliff Park and is an out and back run along the promenade that returns to Cliff Park to the finishing point.

parkrun UK have not yet released a launch date for the Harwich Junior parkrun.

Funding

parkrun UK part-fund all parkrun initiatives, however, they require a £3,000 funding contribution towards all new parkrun's. The funding is used for necessary start up equipment including timers, barcode scanners, laptop with parkrun software etc. and parkrun UK also allocate a parkrun UK Ambassador to each new parkrun to support with the set up process. The funding for both the Clacton and Harwich Junior parkrun's was provided by the Tendring District Council Public Health Grant.

Livewell

Background

The Livewell campaign/branding was originally developed by Braintree District Council with the aim to improve health and wellbeing of residents. The campaign encourages positive health behaviours and is comprised of six themes including; startwell, bewell, eatwell, feelwell, staywell and agewell.

Progress to date

Through the Local Authority Public Health (LAPH) Network, it was agreed that all Essex Local Authorities excluding the Unitary Authorities would top-slice the Public Health grant in order to support the Essex wide development and roll out of Livewell. The grant was used to develop an Essex wide appropriate website that would be managed by the Livewell Communications Officer, both of which are hosted by Braintree District Council.

The website is aimed at being a 'one-stop shop' for signposting to appropriate health and wellbeing related information that fits within the remit of the six Livewell themes. It is not a resource that will host information and therefore avoids any duplication of other websites.

There is an expectation that each district will provide appropriate information of local initiatives and events to support the Livewell Communications Officer with populating the Livewell website. The Livewell Communications officer will then upload and actively promote the information and events via the website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

The website can be viewed on the following link; <https://www.livewellcampaign.co.uk/> and is promoted on the Tendring District Council website here <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/health-and-wellbeing/livewell-tendring>.

Parkeston Welfare Park – New community site for development

Background

During 2017, the Public Health Improvement Coordinator met with the Chairman of the Parkeston Welfare Park on numerous occasions to discuss potential development of a new community site in Parkeston.

Progress to date

The Chairman of the Parkeston Welfare Park secured a new piece of land known as the 'old Bowls Club' from the Harwich Port/Railway Club on a 25 year peppercorn rent. The Chairman has a vision for the site to be redeveloped into a community hub including redeveloping the worn out bowling green into a 5-a-side football pitch that will enable the development of a 5-a-side football league. There is also scope to develop one of the outer existing buildings into a Football Clubhouse. Another of the outer buildings will be used as a Community Hub and the existing Parkeston Dining Club will be relocated to the hub.

In order to make this happen, the Chairman secured £5,000 funding from the Tendring District Council Big Society Fund as well as £5,000 from the Public Health grant.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Safety Projects in this report are:-

- Tendring Hub – Stay Safe for Summer event
- Tendring Community Safety Partnership – Street Action Day
- Task & Finish Groups
- Daily Hub Tasking Conference Call
- Tendring Problem Solving Group
- Operation Valour
- Project Mercury
- Crucial Crew
- Gangsline

Tendring Hub – Stay Safe for Summer Event

On Tuesday 11th July partners from the hub joined up for a “Stay Safe for Summer” event on the Town Square in Clacton. Representatives of many organisations were available on the day to talk to residents and visitors on a variety of topics. These included Essex Police, Active Citizens, NHW, Dog Watch, Catch 22, TDC Community Safety, Licensing and Environmental teams, Open Road, ECC Trading Standards, and Victim Support.

Tendring Community Safety Partnership - Street Action Days

Tendring Community Safety Partnership's held its first “Street Action Day” in Harwich in July 2017, with 6 agencies participating including the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP), Essex Police, One Support, Tendring District Council, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) and Volunteers from the Active Citizen programme.

The Street Action Day (S.A.D.) was the first of its kind in the area. Using 'hot spot' data we were able to identify two streets that were the focus for the day and for partners to carry out the surveys/practical needs assessments. These covered all aspects of vulnerability including housing, health, financial and benefit support as well as crime and local issues. Following the success and positive feedback from both residents and agencies, Street Action Days are now organised monthly informed by hotspot data. We have continued with the S.A.D's each month since, they are having a great impact in the areas where we have delivered the days.

Task & Finish groups

Three Task and Finish groups were successfully held recently (over a two month period), with a number of partners involved to tackle local issues including street drinking, anti-social behaviour and problem premises within the District.

Daily Hub Tasking Conference Call

We are continuing with our Daily Hub Tasking Conference Call and these are starting to gather momentum from partners dialling into the call on a regular basis, enabling a better understanding of any potential hotspots for ASB, and to gain information on current trends or spikes in crime, missing people and other issues. Partner agencies are able to bring their concerns to the call and tasks get allocated to the most appropriate agency. This has been really successful recently in tracking down “wanted” people and on occasion those known as missing.

Tendring Problem Solving Group

A monthly Problem Solving Group (PSG) is a smaller number of ‘active’ partners meeting on a monthly basis to discuss identified ‘problems’ in the community. The ‘problems’ will be identified using the PAT Analysis Triangle and any partner/agency can bring a ‘problem’ to the table for discussion. We held our first PSG at the end of July, the purpose of the meeting is to provide a platform for true partnership/multi-agency working to collaboratively resolve issues.

Meetings have started to gather momentum the August meeting saw updates and completed actions being discussed. 14 people attended this meeting with referrals from other agencies including Housing Associations. 8 very different referrals were brought to the meeting this time, from very low level ASB to high level flytipping and arson.

This PSG has continued into early 2018, and we are starting to see some real success with tackling issues and getting some resolution for the victim or by taking action against the offender. This is very much a multi-agency approach that is starting to embed itself into our every day working practices.

Harwich Community Day

On Wednesday 9th August 2017, Tendring Hub partners engaged in a “Community Day” which was held on one of the larger Council Estates in Harwich. The main focus for the day was anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime prevention. Tendring Council Housing organised the day, and the partners involved included the Safer Communities team, Essex Police, Police Cadets and Active Citizens, together with Neighbourhood Watch, Essex County Fire and Rescue and Crimestoppers. There were a number of activities for young people to get involved on the day including a climbing wall, bouncy castle, and dancing to the resident DJ! The CSP continues to run two community days of action per year.

Operation Valour

Launched in August 2017, Operation Valour is a joint initiative between the Tendring Council and Essex Police, and aims to identify and support those that have been exploited or are at risk of exploitation through ‘Cuckooing’.

Cuckooing is the process of taking over a vulnerable persons home in order to set up a base of operations to sell drugs. This technique is popular with drug gangs from London, Liverpool, and Manchester, who are running County Lines into the district and target the most vulnerable within our community. However it is not just out of area gangs that are using this approach, and we are have recently seen cases where local people have been exploited by members of their own community or ‘mate crime’ as it is sometimes called.

When a vulnerable person has been identified as being cuckooed, or has the potential to be exploited in this way, they will be approached by Essex police in the first instance. A letter will be given to the occupant explaining that they are vulnerable to exploitation and that should they need further support they can contact the Police. This also serves as a ‘shield’ when approached by those looking to exploit. The occupant can show them the letter and explain that the Police are aware that they are a potential victim of exploitation, in the hope that this will act as a deterrent to those looking to occupy the property

As well as targeting individuals, promotional posters will be used in areas of concern, to highlight that we are aware of this type of activity to serve as a deterrent to those looking to exploit. It is also hoped that this will encourage residents to be vigilant and mindful of their neighbours.

Once a potential victim has been identified, an assessment is carried out to establish needs and

the appropriate referral to partner agencies is made. This allows for a holistic approach to supporting those vulnerable to exploitation, with a focus on moving forward, as opposed to returning to previous patterns of behaviour.

Running parallel to work we are doing with individuals that are vulnerable, or are vulnerable to being exploited in this way; we are also rolling out a comprehensive training course for frontline professionals that will enable them to recognise the potential signs and symptoms associated with being exploited in this way.

Cuckooing training

Alongside Operation Valour, in October CST delivered training for professionals regarding Cuckooing and exploitation through 'mate' crime. More than 100 frontline staff were trained over three days.

With the exploitation of vulnerable people becoming more and more prevalent, we wanted to ensure that we are being proactive in supporting those that are vulnerable to this type of crime.

The hope is that with professionals trained to spot the early warning signs and symptoms, we will be able to put in the appropriate support. This training also feeds into Operation Valour and referrals are expected to rise due to the training.

Project Mercury

Project Mercury was a Police led operation aimed at targeting areas identified by analysts as being susceptible to dwelling burglary as the darker nights approached. The CPT, supported by Active Citizen Volunteers, Voluntary Police Cadets and the CSP including Trading Standards, carried out a day of activity across the Tendring area. The main focus of activity was going door to door and engaging with residents, raising awareness of the issue and carrying out Property Vulnerability Assessments to identify areas of weakness and provide solutions where possible. A Crime Prevention display was put up in the focal point of Clacton Town Centre along with Co-op stores in both Manningtree and Frinton. Over 350+ residential properties were visited.

Older Persons Crucial Crew

In October 2017 Tendring Community Partnership held their fourth Older Persons Crucial Crew event at the Princes Theatre. This involves 14 tables with 7 organisations, rotating and every 15 minute delivery talks at each table. 120 people attended this event and there were also exhibition stands around the outside of the room that the attendees had chance to visit to gain more advice and information. Speakers at this event included ECC: Independent Living, and Adult Social Care teams, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Healthwatch, Elder Abuse, Essex Police and Community Voluntary Services Tendring Hill Team. Feedback from the day was extremely positive and a further event is planned for 2018.

Young Persons Crucial Crew

This year we piloted a new 3 session Crucial Crew format, with each session lasting 30 minutes. The sessions were delivered over 8 days (every Tuesday for 8 weeks) instead of every day for a fortnight. Working with partners the following sessions were delivered; Gangs, Healthy Relationships and Grooming & Internet Safety.

35 Primary Schools across Tendring participated, with more than 1300 pupils in attendance. The feedback received has been really positive from both teachers and pupils. In November, we were pleased to have a visit from the High Sheriff at one of our sessions. This will run again in Oct/Nov 2018.

Gangline

A large part of the Safer Communities Officer's role this year has been the co-ordination and implementation of Gangline into the District. Delivered through a three tier approach as follows:

- **Training professionals:** Providing gang awareness training to frontline professionals from a range of agencies, in order to educate on the signs and symptoms of gang activity. Gangline have trained 120 frontline staff, with another 4 sessions to be held throughout next year. As well as training for frontline staff, we have also trained half of the CPT at the Police station with a view to training the rest of the team next year. The feedback from these sessions has been very positive, and with a better understanding of gangs, gang

culture and activity, professionals are armed with the tools needed to make quality decisions based on the information they are presented with

- **Schools Workshops:** The second tier of work being carried out by Gangsline in the District is gang awareness workshops for schools. By being proactive and educating young people on the dangers of gang life, recruitment techniques, and the punishment of perceived wrong doing against the gang, we are arming our young people with the skills needed to make quality decisions based in fact and not fiction. The feedback from the schools and pupils has again been excellent, with one school having a young person disclose that they have been holding a gun on behalf of their boyfriend.
- **Mentoring:** The third tier of work being provide by Gangsline, is mentoring of young people that are involved in gang activity. Young people are targeted for many reasons and in many different ways by gangs that operate in this area. Gangsline work with the individual to get them to make decisions that have a positive effect on their lives. They will work in a way that ensures the young person has the support they need.

Conclusion

This report provides an overview of the projects, which have been identified in accordance with the role of the Council, as a Community Leader. The Council is not the lead provider for education, health and wellbeing, and community safety. However, through influence, bringing stakeholders and partners together to share and improve practices there are a number of areas where the Council can offer support to education, health and community safety providers and ultimately the pupils, learners, patients and residents across the District.

The projects identified above will continue to form the subject of regular updates to the Portfolio Holder and health, education and community safety will continue to be subject external overview and scrutiny through the work of the Community Leadership Committee.

One of the recommendations from the LGA Peer Review was that housing be added as a strand to our community leadership work. This is being taken forward as part of the action plan from the Peer Review and we will consider incorporating a housing update in the next report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Education Newsletter

Appendix B - Sport England – Map of Pilot Sites