

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Chiltern District Council Community and Wellbeing Plan</i>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the positive work undertaken through the Chiltern Community and Wellbeing Plan during 2017/18 is recognised and noted by Members.

## 2. Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council's asset based approach to community development has a proven track record of improving both local services and community resilience. The Community and Wellbeing Plan annual review details how the Council in partnership with a range of agencies (Thames Valley Police, Chiltern CCG, Housing Associations, Bucks County Council, CAB & Buckinghamshire County Sports Partnership and local voluntary groups) has supported local communities during 2017/18.
- 2.2 The projects captured in the annual review are important because they provide good evidence as to how work undertaken by the Healthy Communities Department strengthens the local community sector infrastructure. This approach supports the Council achieve its key strategic objectives in relation to improving health and wellbeing, reducing health inequalities, helping enable a vibrant local economy, protecting the local environment and improving community safety.

## 3. Content of Report

- 3.1 In May 2017 Cabinet formally adopted Chiltern's District Council's first Community and Wellbeing Plan. (Appendix 1) The Plan provides a co-ordinated approach as to how the Council in partnership with a range of organisations supports local community groups improve local services and facilities. The Plan is broken down into the six key aims detailed below.
- To facilitate community participation, engagement and action, through established and new community networks, to develop sustainable communities
  - To support services that improve opportunities for older people to live fuller, safer, more active and ultimately more fulfilling life styles and become more integrated into local communities
  - To improve the health and well-being of the population and reducing health inequalities
  - To provide an environment for young people to enjoy, stay safe, be healthy, active, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being
  - To help stimulate and support a vibrant local economy whilst protecting the environment

- To encourage collective working to promote and support the rich and diverse wealth of cultural heritage in Chiltern

#### **4. Key Outcomes**

4.1 A diverse and exciting range of projects have been delivered in the first year of the Community and Wellbeing Plan impacting positively across different communities. Appendix 2 outlines these projects with several key highlights detailed below:

- Awarded £32,500 in grant awards to 44 community groups, helping support a diverse range of community projects and also lever in extensive external funding
- Launched the Chiltern and South Bucks lottery supporting over 25 organisations from across the district.
- Celebrated and recognised local volunteers by hosting the Community Awards
- CAB service extended new outreach services in Prestwood, providing free, confidential and in-depth advice including disability and carers benefits and pension credit
- 96% of all licensed drivers within Chiltern & South Bucks completed the two hour safeguarding sessions to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation
- Established several new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- The successful roll out of older people's service guides in Amersham, Chalfont, Prestwood/Great Missenden and Chesham
- Supported 66 home adaptations to vulnerable disabled residents
- Supported the Affordable Warmth Network to provide free advice on reducing energy bills and make referrals to grant schemes for heating and insulation improvements
- Invested in the council's leisure centre facilities including a new functional fitness exercise studio at Chalfont leisure centre and new wet-side shower facilities at Chiltern Pools
- 920,000 customer visits to Chiltern Pools, Chesham and Chalfont leisure centres
- GLL Community Engagement plan attracted over 5,000 participant visits in a range of activities for older and younger people including walking football, ballet fit, gentler exercise, stretch and flex, knit and natter and yoga
- Supported local youth clubs deliver diversionary activities in Amersham and Chesham throughout the summer holiday period
- 16,584 walks undertaken by residents of Chiltern & South Bucks through the Simply Walks scheme
- Worked with Bucks County Council and the Willow project to offer modern slavery awareness training to all front line staff within the District Councils and with key partner agencies
- Managed 90 applications for homelessness assistance and directly secured long term accommodation for 60 of these households
- The Council provided funding to Chiltern CAB and Connection Housing Interaction Trust to deliver homelessness advice and prevention to Chiltern residents
- 203 referrals attracted into the Health-wise GP referral programme covering Chiltern offering accredited courses in exercise rehabilitation, weight management and falls prevention programmes
- 29 primary schools across both Chiltern and South Bucks took part in the Community Card Scheme encouraging physical wellbeing, community integration, cyber safety and money management.

- Managed 97 applications for homelessness assistance and directly secured long term accommodation for 70 of these households
- A total of 58 new build affordable homes (for rent or shared ownership) were delivered in Chiltern by registered providers

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 The Community and wellbeing Plan was developed following extensive consultation with a range of partners including:

- Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership
- Chiltern Parish and Town Councils
- Community and voluntary sector groups including local youth groups, business, resident, and community associations.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

6.1 Financial - There are no financial implications in developing the plan. Any emerging projects will be met from within the existing leisure and community budgets and match funding from partners.

6.2 Environmental - The Communities Team supports various community projects either through advice, signposting or direct funding. Some of these projects will have an environmental impact such as gardening projects, shrub and litter clearance, nature parks and woodlands.

6.3 Equalities -The Community and Wellbeing Plan will support a diverse range of community groups including vulnerable elderly residents, young people and BME groups.

## **7. Links to Council Objectives**

7.1 Work towards safer and healthier local communities:

Improve Community Safety

- Work with our key partners to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults and prevent them becoming victims of crime.
- Work with partners to reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.

Promote Healthier Communities

- Address the needs of elderly and those who are vulnerable.
- Work with communities affected by the closure of services to deliver them in alternative ways.

Promote Local Communities

- Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering.
- Engage with Parish and Town Councils and local neighbourhoods.
- Work with the local MP, voluntary and community groups through the Cohesion and Inequalities Forum.
- Work to support the economy through enabling development of more affordable homes and the introduction of an economic plan.

## **8. Next Steps**

8.1 Following the success of the first year of the Community and Wellbeing Plan it is proposed that a similar report is presented to members covering the 2018/19. It is also proposed that the key outcomes captured in Appendix 2 are promoted on the Council's social media outlets and website.