

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 2022

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1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Business as usual activity

Arts & Culture

<p>NNDC continues to support the Sheringham Little Theatre and the Pier Pavilion Theatre. It supports community arts and culture through its grant funding programme and these are reported elsewhere. Cromer Artspace has taken a lease on the Art Deco Building where the opening exhibition will soon take place.</p>
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<p>The cultural consortium of the North Walsham HAZ programme is progressing with a series of events. Orchestras Live has been running workshops in schools and care homes and we hope to tell you more about this at a later date.</p>

<p>We have secured another mammoth as part of the GogoDiscover project. We shall have a total of seven in the District. At West Runton and Cart Gap there are two which have been funded by the NNDC. There are two others on NNDC land at Cromer Pier and Holt Country Park (new) and then there are to be three on private land at Pensthorpe, Holkham and Holt</p>

Grants

<p>Arts & Culture Fund – In the last financial year ten grant applications have been awarded funding totalling £18,841.50. Budget for the next financial year is £33,260. Panel recently agreed to increase maximum grant to £3,500.</p>
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<p>Closing date for applications to next grant round 24th June</p>

<p>Community Transport Fund – In the last financial year four grant applications have been awarded funding totalling 43,238. Budget for the next financial year is £50,000.</p>

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<p>North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund (NNSCF) – In the last financial year grant funding of £186,361.97 has been awarded to thirty four organisations. Annual report to be presented to Cabinet in June 2022.</p>

Social Prescribing

<p>From 1.4.2021 – 31.3.2022 there were 934 referrals to the service. This compares to 603 for the same period the previous year 1.4.2020 – 31.3.2021. People can now self refer to the Social Prescribing service via the Duty Line or email. The referral</p>

process for external organisations to make a Social Prescribing referral changed on 1.4.2022. Organisations now discuss a potential Social Prescribing referral at the multi agency North Norfolk Help Hub. A Social Prescribing referral is subsequently be made if required. The change in process will reduce duplication and inappropriate referrals as well as offer a more collaborative and cohesive service to customers and referring organisations.

Information, Advice & Guidance

Total core budget for IAA is £66,710. A grant of £55,000 will be awarded to Norfolk CA towards for the provision of generic IAA services in North Norfolk for the period 1.4.2022 – 31.03.2023. There is improved communication with Norfolk CA and a greater desire to work collaboratively with NNDC.

A proposal has been received from the Mancroft Advice Project (MAP) to provide a dedicated IAA support for young people in North Norfolk. The proposal was discussed and supported by young people who attend the North Norfolk Youth Advisory Board it has been agreed to proceed with the service which will start in April 2022.

North Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Pledge

Following signature and adoption of the North Norfolk District Council Pledge at Full Council a Bronze Award has been submitted to the Defense Employer Recognition Scheme.

Carer Friendly Tick Award for Employers

This is being progressed by the newly appointed Service Development Officer and will include a review of NNDC policies in relation to support for carers.

Support for Ukrainian Nationals

Accommodation checks led by Environmental Health. Welfare checks led by Early Help and Prevention. Recruitment for Ukrainian / Russian speaking Community Development Officer progressing. Ukrainian Welcome meetings will be held bi weekly at NNDC starting Thursday 21st April.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

North Norfolk Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Inaugural meeting of Shadow partnership to be held on Monday 25th April.

3 Meetings attended

HAZ Historical Research Group -09/03/22
Arts and Culture Funding Panel - 25/03/22
Norfolk Records Committee - 1/4/22
Norfolk Museums Committee - 1/4/22