

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 February 2023

### **COUNCILLOR GAY - CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, WELLBEING AND CULTURE.**

For the period December 2022 to February 2023

#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters - Leisure**

##### **Leisure Centres**

In December 28695 visits were achieved. Memberships remain strong across the 3 leisure centres with 3629 individual members currently signed up.

Energy costs and their effects on the industry are being closely monitored but as things stand no action is to be taken by Everyone Active (EA). The proposed Levelling Up project for Fakenham Sports and Fitness Centre was rejected, which was extremely disappointing

##### **Countryside**

The team held an Eco Elf Father Christmas Trail over two days in December, teaching children how to be more eco-friendly. This was attended by 381 people. Practical management works have continued throughout December and January following each site's management plans, including the planting of further trees at HCP. All three Green Flag applications have now been submitted and the annual reviews of these sites will be uploaded to the NNDC website.

##### **Beaches**

Water quality at three of the District's Blue Flag Beaches was downgraded from Excellent to Good meaning that we were unable to apply for Blue Flags at these beaches in 2023. They have been put forward for Seaside Awards instead. These beaches were East Runton, Mundesley and Sea Palling. North Norfolk District Council held a meeting to discuss the water quality issue with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water but no obvious reason can be identified for this sudden change in quality.

##### **Health and Wellbeing/Sports Development**

It looks likely that the 3G project for NWTFC will not proceed as planned just yet, but we are going to investigate a possible clubhouse project with the Football Foundation instead.

A capital bid has been submitted for a 3G project at Cromer.

##### **Localities Update**

##### **Opening School Funds**

This is a fund which assists schools in opening their sporting facilities for young people in the evening and at weekends. Our Localities Officer, Sean Pasque, has

met with The Duke of Lancaster School as part of a targeted approach and will work with them to develop their application. Fakenham and Stalham Academy have also been invited to be included within the targeted pot. The open pot information has gone out to all schools and our Localities Officer will work with any school which expresses an interest in the scheme.

#### Active NoW

All of the Service Level Agreements for the Active NoW projects have been received. NNDC will work with the agreed providers to assure the process and to establish priorities for year two.

#### **Funding associated with Active NoW in North Norfolk**

Active Now	
Organisation	Funding
Everyone Active	£5,046.16
Sheringham Shed	£1,500.00
NNDC	£1,200.00
Cromer Tennis Club	£1,856.00
Suffield Bowls Club	£800.00
Anita Lusher (Walking)	£2,064.00

£12,466.16

#### Big Norfolk Holiday Fund (BNHF)

This is a fund intended to create holiday activities for children. We are working with a series of prospective providers. There is a need for provision in Wells and we are in discussion with Wells Community Hospital and Wells Sea Cadets. We are also considering a photography project at Holt Country Park and a project with Glide Surf Main at Cromer and Mundesley. Cromer Tennis Club is another possible provider.

#### **Funding associated with BNHF in North Norfolk**

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun	
Active Education	£29,000
EP Youth	£10,144
Everyone Active Cromer	£3,400
Everyone Active N.W	£6,400
Everyone Active Stalham	£6,700
Everyone Active Fakenham	£9,450
Everyone Active The Reef	£6,200
Everyone Active Victory	£1,950
Holt Youth Project	£6,730
JW Sports and Fitness	£3,000
Camp Beaumont	£30,375

<b>Winter</b>	
JW Sports & Fitness	£1,602.50
Everyone Active Stalham	£2,064.00
Everyone Active N.W	£2,064.00
Everyone Active Fakenham	£2,064.00
EP Youth	£2,798.40
Active Education	£1,442.18
	£125,384

Together Fund

We have secured grants from this fund which will enable work by the following organisations.

#### **Funding from the Together Fund Achieved for North Norfolk**

Together Fund

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Yendell's	£1,200
Stalham Swans	£2,503
Everyone Active	£5,000
Playing for Cake	£2,965.00
NWHS	£1,465.00
About with Friends	£1,940.00
SLM carers	£1,499.00
Thornage Hall	£2,336.00
Wonky Wheels	£3,266.00
All to Play For	£2,913.00

£25,087

More work to secure funding is ongoing with the Poppy Café in Holt, the DECAN group, Stalham Netball and Cromer Library (for seated exercise classes).

#### **Pier Pavilion**

Works to the bar area and toilets are on track to be completed on time.

The Christmas Show saw 12641 tickets sold, which is around 3000 less than 2019 but approx.. 2000 more than 2021. It is hoped this growth and recovery will continue in 2023.

#### **Markets**

We will shortly be seeking to recruit one full time and one seasonal Markets and Foreshore Inspector. Annual reminders have been sent to all traders for them to renew.

<b>2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.</b>
Openwide have announced the return of their Vintage Day, which will take place on Saturday June 10 <sup>th</sup> .  There will be a Localities Action Plan emerging soon.
<b>3      Meetings attended</b>
In addition to regularly scheduled meetings and briefings I have attended these meetings.  Thwaite Common Discussion -10/01/23  Meeting with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water – 11/01/23  Overview and Scrutiny, Reef Project Review – 25/01/23  Meeting to discuss Locality Action Plan – 08/02/23  Everyone Active Quarterly Briefing – 09/02/23