

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters - Wellbeing

North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership

This multi-agency partnership which is facilitated and led by NNDC as part of the new Integrated Care System is reaching the end of its first year of operation. The partnership has funded eight projects whose aim is to reduce the impact of Covid, support vulnerable residents and build resilience within communities.

At its last meeting in March the partnership approved a three year Health and Wellbeing Partnership strategy and action plan. Working groups will be established which will include a range of statutory and voluntary organisations to work collaboratively to develop and implement for the action plan.

Community Connectors

The Community Connectors have led in the production of an interactive map which is located on the NNDC web site. It provides information on a range of voluntary and community groups in North Norfolk.

The Community Connectors continue to support a range of local voluntary and community groups in North Norfolk as well as work in partnership with other organisations to improve delivery and use of services such as the Wellness on Wheels (WOW bus) in North Norfolk.

An increasing presence at markets and supermarkets offers individuals who don't access community groups the opportunity to speak to a Community Connector for signposting information.

Carers

NNDC is committed to supporting carers. It is currently working to achieve the standards required to gain the Carer Friendly Tick Award for Employers. Following the successful achievement of this, work will commence on achieving the Carer Friendly Tick Award for Communities. Connections have already been made with local Carer support organisations and charities, and a meeting set with the Carer champion for Norfolk County Council to ensure collaborative working.

Social Prescribing

In January and February one hundred and twenty seven new Social Prescribing referrals were received requesting support with two hundred and sixty four issues. Benefits, financial and mental health support remain the most frequent reason for referral.

External funding for one year has been secured for NNDC to take part in a Social Prescribing in secondary care pilot. Social Prescribing referrals from departments at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital including from Accident & Emergency will be managed by a dedicated officer employed by NNDC. The aim of the pilot is to address the wider social issues that could contribute towards a person accessing the acute trust and reduce regular and repeat attendance particularly at Accident & Emergency.

Arts & Culture Fund

A meeting of Arts & Culture Fund Panel was held on 20th March. Seven applications were received. Conditional grants totalling £TBC were awarded to a range of projects whose aim is to encourage active participation and use the medium of arts and culture to improve health and wellbeing.

North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund. (NNSCF)

The aim of the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund which has environmental and community sustainability at its heart, is to help build strong and sustainable communities and ensure the long term future and wellbeing of our communities in North Norfolk. The NNSCF Panel met in March. Four environmental and three Quality of Life focussed project applications were considered. Conditional grant awards totalling £80,775 were recommended in respect of all projects.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Preparations are being made for the second year of the North Norfolk Health and Wellbeing Partnership. There will be more engagement in respect of the action plan.

3 Meetings attended

In addition to NNDC's regularly scheduled meetings and briefings, I have attended the following meetings:

NNHWP Strategy Meeting – 21/02/23

Integrated Care System District Councils -23/02/03

Integrated Care Partnership/Health and Well Being Board -08/03/23

NNHWP Partnership meeting – 14/03/23

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