

# **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**January 2022**

**COUNCILLOR VIRGINIA GAY - PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE,  
WELLBEING & CULTURE**

## **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

### **Business as usual activity**

#### **Grants**

Arts & Culture Fund – Financial year 2021 / 2022. As of 31<sup>st</sup> January, eight grant applications have been awarded funding totalling £14,313.64.

Closing date for applications to next grant round 25<sup>th</sup> February

Community Transport Fund –Financial year 2021 / 2022. As of 31<sup>st</sup> January, four grant applications have been awarded funding totalling 42,750.

Closing date for applications to next grant round 25<sup>th</sup> February

North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund (NNSCF) – Financial year 2021 / 2022. As of 31<sup>st</sup> January Grant funding of £135,576.72 awarded to twenty five organisations. Closing date for applications to final grant round of this financial year 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Social Prescribing**

In January 2022 there were 116 referrals to the service which is the highest monthly referral figure since the service started. To increase capacity an additional Social Prescriber has been recruited on a temporary basis using some of NNDC's Control Outbreak Management Fund allocation.

#### **Information, Advice & Guidance**

Total core budget for IAA is £66,710. A grant of £55,000 has been awarded to Norfolk CA towards for the provision of generic IAA services in North Norfolk for the period 1.4.2021 – 31.03.2022. Fakenham has recently opened at face to face service at Fakenham Community Centre initially for one day a week. The Holt service is open one day a week for two hours and the North Walsham service five hours, five days a week. For the three month period between July & September 369 clients were supported, of those 129 were seen in person.

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**

The National Armed Forces Covenant represents a promise by the nation that those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly.

North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) signed the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant at an official ceremony on 7 March 2012.

To further demonstrate North Norfolk District Council's commitment to the Armed Forces

Covenant and to ensure compliance with forthcoming legislation, a report to Cabinet proposing that NNDC publishes and signs its own Armed Forces Covenant Pledge was agreed on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

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

### **Health and Social Care Training**

**I emailed NCC again and have been advised that the data should be available next week. Will send it through as soon as I get it.**

Below is the link to the training scheme NNDC are funding. A report on this may be given by Cllr Kershaw. I have asked for the number of people who attended the two January courses It is relatively low but there is a further course taking place next week

[Home | New year, new career! Get into social care \(north-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Carer Friendly Tick Award for Employers**

An initial discussion has been held with a representative from this organisation. This will be progressed early 2022 with the aim of NNDC achieving the Carer Friendly Tick Award for Employers. This further demonstrates NNDCs commitment and support to employees that are carers. – **One of the tasks for the new Service Development Officer who starts on 1.3.2022 to progress**

### **Household Support Fund**

Currently NNDC has awarded funding to 216 vulnerable households from the £115,920 budget (Allowed to take 10% of £128,800 in administration fee). In total £30,346 has been awarded to 94 households with children and £45,412 has been awarded to 122 households without children. The funding has predominantly been awarded to help people in arrears with utilities, water, and other bills including Council Tax. The HSF must all be spent by March 2022. The outstanding applications awaiting processing and applications where additional evidence is required but where funding has been allocated will utilise all of the remaining budget.

[Home | Household Support Fund \(north-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Loneliness & Transport**

Government funding has been allocated for projects that utilize transport as a way of reducing loneliness particularly amongst people such as those that are older, carers, people with disabilities and young people who have been identified as more likely to experience loneliness. NNDC has submitted an Expression of Interest for funding of £300,000 for a range of projects. including a walking and cycling project, expansion of Community Car Schemes, Wheelchair Accessible Car for NNCT and a Wheelchair Accessible Minibus to support NNDC health / environmental group volunteering opportunities. If successful project delivery will be from 1.4.2022 until 31.3.2023.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

The Health & Wellbeing Alliances and Partnerships

## **3 Meetings attended**

2.12.2021