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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Cabinet Feedback: Lifelong Health Task and Finish Group – Part One Final Report

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) – 7th November 2019

Executive Portfolio: Councillor J M Palmer, Executive Councillor for Partnerships and Well-Being

Report by: Cabinet

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

To provide feedback to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) on the outcome of Cabinet's deliberations on the Lifelong Health Task and Finish Group – Part One Final Report.

Recommendation:

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) is

RECOMMENDED

to note the contents of this report.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Cabinet considered the Lifelong Health Task and Finish Group's – Part One Final Report at its meeting on 24th October 2019. This report provides feedback on the Cabinet's deliberations.

2. COMMENTS OF CABINET

- 2.1 Councillor Mrs S Smith addressed the Cabinet on the initial findings of the Task and Finish Group. She drew attention to the aims of the review and the outcome of site visits undertaken at Little Paxton and Yaxley Parish Councils. The Task and Finish Group wish to continue their investigations and plan to investigate the fear of benefit claimants at losing income if they were to adopt healthier and active lifestyles.
- 2.2 The proposed timetable of activities for the Task and Finish Group's future work was discussed. The Cabinet is supportive of the continuation of the Task and Finish Group but has stated that the scope of further work should be reviewed and refined at their next meeting.
- 2.3 Whilst the Cabinet has recognised the work undertaken at Little Paxton Parish Council, there are some reservations around the success of initiatives in other areas as it will be reliant on the dedication and enthusiasm of driven volunteers.
- 2.4 The wording of the third recommendation was also discussed. With the agreement of Councillor Mrs S Smith, it was agreed to amend the wording of the recommendation so that it reflects the Leisure and Health Service's continued liaison with Parish Councils and Community Groups.
- 2.5 The Cabinet thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their report and endorsed the following recommendations:
- (a) to produce and distribute an electronic guide for Parish Councils in order to encourage them to install their own health and sport facilities;
 - (b) to include on the agenda of the next Parish Conference a section which highlights the experiences of Little Paxton and Yaxley;
 - (c) that the Leisure and Health Service should continue to regularly liaise with Parish Councils and Community Groups, in order to establish what events are taking place and attend them to promote the Council's health and well-being offer; and
 - (d) to support the continuation of the Task and Finish Group and note the timetable contained in paragraph 6.3 of the report now submitted on the understanding that the scope of further work is reviewed and refined at its next meeting.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 3.1 There is a constitutional requirement for the relevant Executive Councillor to provide a written response to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel's recommendations.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Lifelong Health Task and Finish Group – Part One Final Report - Cabinet, 24th October 2019.](#)

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