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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: **Priority 1:** Improving quality of Life for Local People

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) – Thursday 5th September 2024

Executive Portfolio: Cllr Ben Pitt, Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure

Report by: Oliver Morley, Corporate Director (People)

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

In 2023, the District Council published their 5-year Corporate Plan. Priority 1 within the plan is to 'Improve the quality of life for local people' with a focus on 'Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents', 'Keeping people out of crisis' and 'Helping people in crisis'.

The purpose of this report is to provide Overview & Scrutiny with a regular update on the progress of activities that have been implemented to tackle Priority 1. The information contained within the report relates to Quarter 1 – April – June 2024 and details projects and initiatives that have been implemented using core resource as well as external funding secured to target identified issues such as cardiovascular disease and frailty prevention.

Progress against the activities to tackle Priority 1 has been incredibly positive with a significant uptake in health courses as well as earlier identification and an increase in incoming referrals relating to residents in need of help and support. Over £12,000 has been awarded to community groups to implement projects and initiatives that help improve the wellbeing of our residents as well as 113 interventions implemented to enable Ukrainian guests residing in Huntingdonshire to be self-sufficient.

Recommendation(s):

The Committee is requested to note the progress that has been made on Priority 1 during the first quarter and comment on the activities that are taking place

including requesting any further information or specific information that they would like to see in future reports.

RECOMMENDED

That the Committee continues to receive updates in relation to the activities taking place and utilises the opportunity to observe, participate or contribute to the commissioned projects and initiatives.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Overview & Scrutiny with a regular update on the progress of activities that have been implemented to tackle Priority 1: Improving quality of life for local people.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY

- 2.1 The District Council has a 5-year Corporate Plan that runs from 2023 – 28. The plan is made up of three key priorities, one of them being to 'Improve quality of life for local people'. This report provides an update on progress made against this priority. It is imperative that we monitor performance against this priority and identify where things are going well and not so well and detail how we intend to tackle areas of concern.

3. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 This report relates to the Corporate Plan and Priority 1: Improving quality of life for local people
- Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents
 - Keeping people out of crisis
 - Helping people in crisis

4. HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Several of the activities commissioned under this priority relate to health and more specifically tackling cardiovascular disease, frailty and health inequality. The report identifies the number of residents benefitting from targeted activities and the positive impact that it is having on their wellbeing.

5. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to comment on the progress that is being made against Priority 1 to ensure that we are delivering what we set out to within our Corporate Plan.

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