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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 7th November 2024

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

Report by: Claudia Deeth, Community Services Manager

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 2 – July - September 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 have continued to be positive with uptake of the health courses growing with community groups delivering 168 sessions that were attended by 207 residents. The Resident Advice and Information Team have spoken with and helped over 1,700 residents who are experiencing or who are at risk of crisis as well as 16,300 meals distributed to families by Food4Nought.

At the meeting, Members will hear in more detail about the work of the Resident Advice and Information Team including some examples of customer journeys from reason for contact through to how the team have helped. We will share progress to date on the WorkWell Programme and the GP practices that we are working with.

Recommendation(s):

The Committee is requested to note the progress that has been made on Priority 1 during the second 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.