



## Council 23 September 2014

### CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

#### **Report by Cllr Sara Mildmay-White Deputy Leader**

##### **Portfolio includes:**

- Community Centre Transfer
- Neighbourhood working and locality budgets
- Youth Development
- Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership
- Health and Wellbeing

#### **1. Health and Wellbeing**

- 1.1 The annual rotation of representation on the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board takes place on 10<sup>th</sup> September and I will be taking the seat for West Suffolk, replacing Cllr Warwick Hirst, FHDC for the coming year. I would like to thank Cllr Hirst for the work he has done.
- 1.2 St Edmundsbury continues to support the Otago project in partnership with Age UK Suffolk, Suffolk Community Healthcare and West Suffolk CCG. The Wickhambrook class will start in September and is being supported by Abbeycroft Leisure, who will be providing an instructor.
- 1.3 The Live Well Suffolk Oscars this year had a number of entries from Schools and Young People's Groups in the St Edmundsbury area. Nominated films came from; Ixworth Scouts, Priory School and Kingsfield Alternative School. All were congratulated and rewarded for their nominations.
- 1.4 We welcomed the West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group who has now relocated to West Suffolk House. We look forward to joining them to consult and engage on all aspects of health and wellbeing.
- 1.5 At the last meeting of the Forest Heath Health and Wellbeing Forum, it was agreed that the Forum would move towards becoming a West Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Forum. The first meeting in this form will be in November.

#### **2. Community Centre Transfer**

- 2.1 Westbury Community Centre has now had its' independent survey completed and the transfer is moving forward with the ambition to transfer by April 2015.

### **3. Youth Development**

- 3.1 Bury Skate Park - The new facility has continued to be very popular all through the summer with as many as 250 young people using it in a day. This was celebrated with a community event at the end of August with live music, DJ's and workshops. We are continuing to work with the user group and Bury Skate Experience to reduce the quantity of litter left at this popular facility.
- 3.2 Haverhill Football Jam - Over 300 young people enjoyed a fantastic day of football and music at Haverhill in early August. The feedback from the day has been fantastic.
- 3.3 On the Spot Summer Programme Haverhill - The 'On the Spot' Youth Project based in Haverhill, has enjoyed a very busy summer with sessions every week offer young people a wide range of activities including Archery and Fire building.

### **4. Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP)**

- 4.1 The Partnership continues to move forward with redefining the way it connects with and supports local communities by putting them at the centre of our approach. The partnership role will be a supportive one; listening to concerns, shaping community projects, bringing expertise and helping to find funding, if required, to support the delivery.
- 4.2 The WSCSP wants to hear directly from the community about the community safety issues which concern them and are prepared to help to address. Elected members will be central to this new way of working; as community leaders you are in an excellent position to hear exactly what the community safety concerns are in your areas and how the community can assist in resolving them.
- 4.3 Over the summer period Bury St Edmunds town centre has again been targeted by organised crime gangs who prey on older members of the public, stealing purses. This matter was made a priority for the Safer Neighbourhood team in Bury town centre and following a targeted partnership approach which included covert and overt policing tactics and an educational approach, a female from the London area has been arrested and charged. Although she was not acting alone, the message seems to have been understood that this distressing crime will not be tolerated in our town and the offences have ceased for the time being. St Edmundsbury Borough Council provided funding to purchase a number of purse alarms and bells and took part in staffing the town centre information pods with police colleagues to raise awareness of this crime.
- 4.4 You may have seen in the press the annual personal safety event for year 6 children in St Edmundsbury which took place in July at West Suffolk College. Organised by the Families and Communities Officer with community safety specialism, 1100 children visited the event over the two-week period. The children visited 8 different 'tricky situations' with the Police, Fire, Environmental Health, Abbeycroft Leisure – Water Safety, Police Cadets and Road Safety and learned how to keep safe if they ever find themselves in that position in real life. A range of partner agencies run the scenarios. A new addition this year was the East Anglian Dogs Trust who spoke to the children about how to keep safe around dogs. Feedback from schools and partner agencies continues to be very positive. Media coverage also supported the event this year with articles and photographs in the East Anglian Daily Times, The Mercury and the Bury Free Press.

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