

## LEISURE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor I L Tyler, Chair

Councillors: M Brown  
S J Carr(Substitute)  
S Dannheimer  
S Easom  
T Hallam(Substitute)  
E Kerry (Substitute)  
H G Khaled MBE  
H Land  
R D MacRae  
J P T Parker  
J C Patrick (Substitute)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bagshaw, S A Bagshaw, M J Crow, T A Cullen and S Kerry.

### 10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors S Easom R D MacRae and T Hallam declared a non –pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as they were Town Councillors minute number 15 refers, Councillor R D MacRae declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as he supported and worked with the Stapleford food project, minute number 18 refers. Councillor S Easom declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was a Director of Liberty Leisure item number 12 refers, minute number 20 refers.

### 11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 12 PRESENTATION FROM CAHMS

The Committee welcomed a presentation from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Councillors requested the slides if possible to be emailed to them and expressed an interest in a training course to learn about Mental Health First Aid.

### 13 UPDATED ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT ACTION PLAN 2021/23

Members were updated with progress for the new Armed Forces Community Covenant Action Plan.

The Covenant sets out a framework for how the veterans Community can expect to be treated. The Armed Forces Community includes regular personnel, reservists, veterans and families and the immediate family of service personnel who had died.

Construction had started on the veteran's accommodation that would be completed later this year. The Authorities recruitment policy had also been amended to ensure veterans that meet the essential criteria would be guaranteed an interview. This scheme was being promoted through veteran's networks.

**RESOLVED that the new Armed Forces Community Covenant Action Plan 2021/23 be approved. Progress was noted.**

#### 14 VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMPACT

The Committee was advised on the development of a compact between Public Sector Bodies and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Nottinghamshire.

The Compact provided the framework for improved partnership working and recognised and supported the contributions that all partners make. Shared values and principles would be used to guide and underpin the long term development of the working relationships across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

Members formally adopted the Compact to implement the Compact effectively. This ensured that the Compact principles were incorporated within the organisations work and ensure that the Compact would support the development and longer-term sustainability of the Voluntary and Community Organisations.

**RESOLVED that the adoption of the Compact on behalf of the Council be approved.**

#### 15 THE POLICY, SUPPLY AND PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Committee was provided with information on the policy, supply and provision of Christmas decorations.

The current arrangements for Christmas decorations were for them to be provided in the four town centres of Beeston, Eastwood, Kimberley and Stapleford and, in 2020, a small number were provided at Gilthill adjacent to some businesses.

Discussions ensued around the costs to install and replace the decorations and explore options of handing responsibility for Christmas decorations to the Town Councils and recharge those in Beeston to the Special Expenses Fund. Another issue was that in 2020 the County Council clarified that a 5KN load test must be undertaken for all over carriageway fixings. It was reported that within the Borough, some anchorages failed a 4KN test and therefore no over carriageway decorations were provided in any location in 2020.

It had not been possible to prioritise replacement options during 2021 as this would had to involve negotiations and legal agreements with private building owners, probable structural works and additional expenditure beyond the available budget.

Some Councillors felt the additional expenditure for Christmas decorations didn't meet the priorities of the Council currently.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1. Continue with the previous arrangements for 2021**
- 2. Consult with Parish Councils on their views for future provision of Christmas Lights.**
- 3. Arrange a Task and Finish group to discuss options for future years.**

16 PREVENTION CONCORDAT FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL

The Committee were advised of the submission of an application to sign up to the Public Health England's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health for all.

The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health for All is Public Health England's prevention and promotion framework for better mental health designed for local systems. It was launched in 2017 and had been reviewed and relaunched.

Pre-COVID-19, mental health problems were responsible for over a fifth of the 'burden of disease' in England costing over £105 billion. This burden had increased due to the impact of COVID-19 and was expected to increase still with the long term impacts of financial insecurity, widening inequalities, poverty, loneliness and deterioration in mental health problems due to reductions in service provision and working conditions.

Committee had previously approved the concordat commitment that required a 12-month mental health and prevention and promotion action plan.

**RESOLVED that the application submission be approved.**

17 MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Members noted the progress on the current Mental Health Action Plan. COVID-19 had prevented some of the actions to take place. However, they would be resumed later in 2021 and early 2022.

18 FOOD CLUBS UPDATE

Committee were advised on the progress of the development of the three food clubs in the Borough. Eastwood Food Club had opened 22 July and Beeston was due to open in September. The aim was to give regular access to a sustainable supply of food to people at risk of food insecurity, encourage families to access local support services, increase disposable income for local families and reduce the amount of food being sent to landfill in the UK.

19 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT -REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS-HEALTH

Committee noted the performance and progress made in achieving the actions in the Health Business Plan 2021-2024, linked to the Corporate Plan priorities and objectives and provided an update to the latest key performance indicators.

20 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT -REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS-LIBERTY LEISURE LIMITED

The Committee noted the progress against outcome targets identified in the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan, linked to the Corporate Plan priorities and objectives, and were provided with an update to the latest key performance indicators.

21 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the items for inclusion and agreed to add Christmas Lights to the work programme.

**RESOLVED that the work programme, with the additional item of Christmas Lights be approved.**