

# Minutes

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## Community & Health Committee Monday, 13th September, 2021

### Attendance

Cllr Poppy (Chair)	Cllr Mrs Hones
Cllr Tierney (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Laplain
Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Reed
Cllr Mrs Davies	Cllr White
Cllr Gelderbloem	

### Apologies

### Substitute Present

### Also Present

Cllr Barber  
Cllr Mrs Pound

### Officers Present

Kim Anderson	-	Partnership, Leisure and Funding Manager
Stuart Anderson	-	Facilities Manager
Claire Mayhew	-	Corporate Manager (Democratic Services)
Greg Campbell	-	Corporate Director (Environment & Communities)

### LIVE BROADCAST

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### 97. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

**98. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Community & Health Committee held on 28th June 2021 were agreed as a true record.

**99. Chair's Update**

Members noted the Chair's update and thanks the Chair and Officer accordingly.

**100. Leisure Presentation**

Mrs Anderson presented a Leisure update to the Members of the Committee.

**101. Voluntary, Faith and Communities Sector Support Strategy 2021-2026**

There has been an active and admirable response to the COVID-19 pandemic by voluntary organisations. The response offered the opportunity to consider and review the current partnership and support arrangements the Council holds with the voluntary, faith and communities sector, as agreed at a previous committee.

The draft Voluntary, Faith and Communities Sector Support Strategy (2021-2026) has been created following a full review of the current landscape of the sector. It outlines its vital role in supporting local communities and the economy, the role the Council currently plays in supporting sector development, and identifies ways in which it will continue to support the growth of a strong and sustainable sector.

After a brief discussion. A motion was **MOVED** by Cllr Poppy and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Tierney the recommendation in the report.

A vote was taken, it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**R1: Agree the implementation of the draft Voluntary, Faith and Communities Sector Support Strategy (2021-2026), and agree for officers to create a 5-year accompanying action plan; and**

**R2: For officers to update Members at the relevant committee on the progress of the implementation of the strategy with the annual action plan.**

**102. Elite Athlete Support Programme**

The Free Access for National Sports People (FANS) scheme was established as a national sports development initiative providing support to the Country's leading talented and elite athletes. The scheme aims to provide national level and above, sportspeople with free access to leisure and sports facilities for personal training and development. The Council is keen to support this

scheme which is managed in Essex by Active Essex and currently there are 10 local authorities across Essex that support this scheme.

Members asked Mrs Anderson for clarification on the number of Elite Athlete we have within the Borough for Active Essex.

A motion was **MOVED** by Cllr Poppy and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Tierney the recommendation in the report.

A vote was taken, it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**R1. Agree that Brentwood Borough Council joins the Free Access for National Sports People (FANS) scheme and works with the Leisure operator at the Brentwood Centre to provide free access to the leisure and sports facilities for elite athletes.**

### **103. Community Halls**

The Council's community halls went out to tender on 2 August and the responses have been received. Due to the limited response the Council is looking at the future options available to them and ask members to agree the recommendations.

Mrs Anderson summarised the report.

Members expressed their desire to ensure residents were able to continue to use Community Halls in the Borough and for officers to consider the pricing structure moving forward.

A motion was **MOVED** by Cllr Poppy and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Tierney the recommendation in the report.

A vote was taken, it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**R1. Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Community to liaise with the Leisure Strategy Working Group and the Chair of Community and Health Committee to review options for the Community Halls and agree the next steps.**

**R2. To identify the costs to manage the Halls directly as an interim Arrangement**

**R3. To bring a report back to a future Community and Health Committee with recommendations for consideration.**

### **104. Health and Wellbeing Board Update**

Brentwood Borough Council is a key partner organisation that oversees the coordination of the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board. Part of the governance arrangements for the Board is that a regular update is provided to

the Council's Community and Health Committee (or relevant committee) on the progress of the Board in reducing health inequalities in the borough. The board receives a grant each year from Essex County Council to fund projects and part-fund the Public Health Officer.

In light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board refreshed its Strategy and its subgroups which deliver on behalf of the Board. It is a growing strategic health partnership which includes the following main partners.

Cllr Mrs Davies update the committee on the content of the report.

This report was to update an update to Members and for information only.

#### **105. Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting concluded at 19.56

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