

5th March 2019

Community, Health & Housing Committee

Chair's update report

Report of: *Zoey Foakes – Governance and Member Support Officer*

Wards Affected: *All Wards*

This report is: *Public*

Members to note updates from Officers set out below.

King George's Playing Fields

At the 4 December Community Health and Housing Committee it was recommended that the King George's Playing Fields report was referred to the Policy, Projects and Resources Committee to agree the budget allocation and the operating model. The budget would be considered as part of the budget setting process which was ratified at Ordinary Council on 27 February. Whilst the budget allocation has been approved, no monies will be drawn down until Members agree the full business case which will come to Policy, Projects and Resources Committee in June 2019 (committee dates are yet to be set).

Two pre-app planning meetings have taken place and a public consultation event will take place on 14 March in King George's. It is expected that a planning application will be submitted for consideration by the July Planning Committee.

Meetings have also taken place with contractors around the design of the outdoor adventure play and the new splash pad facility.

Officers have also met with Short Breaks to look at the inclusive provision within King George's Playing Fields as part of the improvement works.

Play Area Strategy

At the 4 December Community Health and Housing Committee it was recommended that the King George's Playing Fields report was referred to the Policy, Projects and Resources Committee to agree the budget allocation. The budget would be considered as part of the budget setting process which was ratified at Ordinary Council on 27 February. The budget allocation has been approved and officers are looking at a procurement exercise that will include one procurement exercise for the three phases of King George's Playing Fields (Toddler [2019-20], Junior [2020-21], and Senior [2021-22]). The outdoor gym in Warley Playing Fields Ward is currently being installed and it is likely to be opened just before Easter this year. Other works planned for 2018/9 include

the Toddler Play Area in Courage's Playing Fields, New Slide in Bishops Hall Park and refurbishment of the whole play area in River Road.

Football feasibility

A report is going to the 19 March Policy Projects and Resources Committee to agree to the funding of a football feasibility study for the Brentwood Centre site. This will inform the location, footprint and facility mix for the development of a football hub on the Brentwood Centre site and form part of the overall business plan which will come back to committee for their consideration.

Community Halls

It was agreed at the 20 November 2018 Policy, Projects and Resources Committee that Members agreed for officers to prepare documents and commence a compliant procurement exercise for the management of the Community Halls and Ward Members be consulted on those halls within their ward; and that at the conclusion of that exercise that delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of Policy, Projects and Resources Committee to negotiate and subject to viability agree new leases for the management of the Community Halls. It should be noted that a change of operator will have a financial impact on the Brentwood Leisure Trust. Officers will circulate the documents to the relevant ward members in respect of the halls in their wards as set out below.

Bishops Hall – Pilgrims Hatch ward members Barry Aspinall, Vicky Davies and David Kendall

Merrymeade House – Brentwood North, ward members Alison Fulcher, Phil Mynott and Melissa Slade

Hutton Poplars Hall, Hutton Poplars Lodge – Hutton North, ward members Louise McKinlay and William Trump

Nightingale Centre - Warley, ward members Paul Barrell, Nigel Clarke, Mark Haigh

Willowbrook Hall – Hutton Central, ward members John Kerslake and Charles Nolan

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board had relaunch event on 25 January at Brentwood Community Hospital. The Friendship Café has been set up at Merrymeade House, meeting on the first Monday of the month between 10-12noon. 39 businesses have been signed up to the TuckIN project which aims to reduce salt, fat and sugar and calories through portion sizes. The project is up for an award in the Public Health Category of the LGC Awards.

Mental Health Small Grants Scheme

The Mental Health Small Grants scheme is currently open with an allocated pot of £8,000 available for projects and initiatives that support Mental Health initiatives in the

borough. Applicants can apply for up to £1,200 and the fund is due to close on 21 March 2019.

Active Brentwood

A joint annual networking meeting took place at Orsett Hall on 1 March which will involve Active Brentwood, Active Basildon and Active Thurrock which had a focus on Mental Health. It was attended by over 60 people.

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