

<b>Committee(s):</b> Community and Health Committee	<b>Date:</b> 6 January 2020
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## Summary

This report sets out the updates from officers as set out below.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to:

- That Members note the updates from officers below

#### **1. Larkins Playing Fields**

The agreement with Brentwood Youth Football Association has been agreed. Plans for the car park are currently being worked up and a planning application is due to be submitted in April 2020.

#### **2. Warley Playing Fields**

Plans for the proposed new car park are being worked up and a planning application is due to be submitted in April 2020

#### **3. Play Area Strategy**

HAGs have been appointed as the successful tenderer for the installation of the Council's Play areas as part of the delivery of the Play Area Strategy. The Council has also worked with Short Breaks at Essex County Council as part of the evaluation of the concepts presented for both King George's Playing Fields and River Road Play areas to ensure that they are fully inclusive as much as possible. Works are expected to start in the New Year and due to be completed by Spring 2020. Concept designs for Hutton Recreation will also be developed in the New Year.

#### **4. Football Hub Development**

4Global has been appointed as the successful tenderer for the Football Feasibility works for the Brentwood Centre site. Initial meetings have been had with the consultants, the Council, Essex Football Association and the Football Foundation.

Consultation will also take in the next couple of months with a number of Brentwood football clubs to identify their desired usage of the facility. A meeting with the new owners of Brentwood Town Football Club Limited has also taken place to ascertain their future ambition and plans for the Club and how the Football Hub can help to facilitate these. A report is due to come back to the March Community and Health Committee identifying the preferred options for the hub.

#### **5. King George's Playing Fields**

The planning application for the new proposals for the King George's Playing Fields facilities are due to be considered at the 15 January 2020 Planning Committee.

#### **6. Brentwood Sports Awards**

The Annual Brentwood Sports Awards took place in November and any winners were also shortlisted for the Active Essex Sports Awards which took place on 4 December in Chelmsford. The Inclusive Communities Award was awarded to Chat 1<sup>st</sup> Youth which are based at the Brentwood Centre.

#### **7. Health and Wellbeing Board**

Kimberley White has been appointed as the new Corporate Wellbeing Officer while Jo Cory is on maternity leave.

#### **8. Dance and Dine Project**

This new partnership project is targeted at the Council's sheltered accommodation to provide some free dancing and an optional Fish and Chip lunch. Currently residents of Victoria Court, Chichester House and Juniper House attended the sessions and the numbers (currently around 15) are steadily growing. It also provides an opportunity for more community engagement between the sheltered schemes.

#### **9. New Community engagement trailer**

A community engagement programme utilising the trailer is currently being developed with internal and external partners for a full rollout in 2020.

#### **10. Lighting Up Brentwood**

This year's event took place on Saturday 30 November and despite the cold was great success. The event was supported by a number of community and voluntary organisations, and also provided a platform for local schools and individuals to provide live entertainment throughout the day. Despite his best efforts, the Grinch couldn't stop the Mayor who was ably assisted by the winners of the Mayors Christmas Card and Poem Competition to switch on the festive lights.

The Rotary also utilised a vacant unit in the Baytree Centre for this year's Santa's Grotto which was open beyond the Lighting Up Brentwood event.

## 11. Shenfield Christmas Fayre

This year's event took place on Sunday 8 December which is fully supported by Brentwood Business Partnership. This year a Gaming Bus provided entertainment for the teenagers and Barclay Bank provided the venue for this year's Santa's Grotto. Local food and drink were provided throughout the day and there were a number of local schools providing live music to local residents.

## 12. Curtis Mill Deer Survey

A survey of the deer population in the Curtis Mill Green area was agreed at the 17 September Community and Health Committee, due to an increase in road traffic accidents, poaching and crop damage, as a result of the perceived increase in deer population.

The survey to be undertaken will be contracted out to a specialist organisation. The final report will detail the optimal numbers that the area can hold with regard to the population health and biodiversity of the area. It will also determine the necessary control of the population.

The Council are currently following the procurement process for appointing a suitable specialist organisation. Initially the response to our specification has been limited and the Council are now in the process of seeking quotations from alternative organisations. The appointment of the contractor will be through delegated authority to the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. The information received will be reported back to a future committee on the optimal numbers that the area can hold with regard to the population health and the biodiversity of the area