



COMMITTEE TITLE: Housing, Health and Community Committee

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REPORT TITLE:	Chairs Update
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update to Members in relation to the areas covered under the Terms of Reference of the Housing, Health and Community Committee.

Housing

I am pleased to welcome our new Director of Housing, Lauren Stretch who has joined us today and look forward to working with her.

Two estates; Pilgrims Hatch and Hutton, have been selected as part of an estate management pilot project where officers across the different service areas responsible for maintaining our estates together with ward members complete an estate walk to identify the issues and agree a standard for our estates.

The first meeting (walk of the estates) was completed in May. An action plan has been produced for officers to work on and a further meeting with ward members scheduled for July to review progress.

Health

Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board update

Essex Wellbeing Service and weight management offers require more volunteers for weight management sessions at Merrymeade House which take place every Monday morning from 9.30 – 11.30am

Junior Parkrun, a weekly 2k event for juniors has started at Hutton Recreation every Sunday from 9am.

To promote Dementia Action week a Singing for the Brain concert took place at Merrymeade House on 17 May and a Dementia Concert took place at St Thomas Church on 19 May.

Brentwood and Basildon Alliance

Under the Brentwood and Basildon Alliance (which replace the Clinical Commissioning Group) there are six workstreams or domains:

- Start Well – Children and young people have the best start in life
- Feel Well – People experience good mental health and wellbeing
- Be Well – People are empowered to make health lifestyle choice
- Stay Well – Adults with health or care concerns are supported to maintain healthy, productive and fulfilling lives
- Age Well – People live safely and independently as they grow older
- Die Well – Individuals nearing end of life have choices around care

Each domain is working on an Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) framework to ensure that partners utilise the same methodology and utilise the data provided to deliver the outcomes set out. A presentation by Brentwood and Basildon Alliance will come before Members at the September Committee.

Active Brentwood

Active Brentwood are launching a Hardship fund that individuals can apply for up to £200 to support with their sport and up to £1500 for clubs to apply for to support club development.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

Essex County Council and their consultants WSP consultants plan to have a map of the to be ready for public consultation which officers are having a final say on this week for both walking and cycling route improvements. This concentrated on Brentwood and Shenfield areas only. Public consultation scheduled to launch at the end of June.

And will be between 4 weeks or 6 weeks consultation period. After this period the public comments will be taken into consideration for the final map with the priority routes.

In addition, Essex County Council are looking ECC are looking a County wide map to pick up the rural locations which is due to be completed this year.

Community

Cost of Living event

On 19 April, at the Nightingale Centre, the Council along with partners held a Cost-of-Living event. The Morning session was with partners to look at the challenges and opportunities for partnership working and the afternoon was open to the public to attend to get more information. The Council is looking at delivering another event later in the year at a different location.

Coronation Festival at King George's Plying Fields 8 May 2023

The event was a huge success despite the weather forecast. Luckily the rain stayed away until after the event. It captured the spirit of the coronation with a particular

focus on volunteering and celebrating our volunteers that support the local community.

The Council secured £10,000 from the National Lottery to support the delivery of the event. It is estimated that over 7,000 people attended the event. There were over 20 community groups, 13 different sports clubs encouraging people to volunteer and to raise awareness of their local clubs.

Live music was provided throughout the event by the Imperial Youth Band, the mass choir of St Thomas' Church and Brentwood School Big Band with a final parade led by the Imperial Youth Band and representatives of the voluntary sector organisations attending the event.

Family Fun Days

The Council supports low-cost summer activity programme over the summer holidays. With the Family Fun Days. Discounted wristbands are given out to those in receipt of Free School Meals. The Council works with a number of partners to provide

They will be at the following locations and from 10.30am – 3.30pm

- Friday 4 August – Warley Playing Fields
- Friday 11 August – Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall
- Friday 18 August – The Brentwood Centre
- Friday 25 August – Hutton Recreational Ground

UKSPF

Our share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has enabled the delivery of some fantastic community projects so far. These include contribution to the successful Coronation Festival on Monday 8 May, where we were able to offer funding to event infrastructure and a number of sports organisations to join the event and host 'come and try' sessions in a bid to boost participation. Additionally, artist Becky Vincer was commissioned to create some fabric banners with local communities as a legacy artwork for the coronation. The 4 banners are based on the 4 national flowers and contain promises for the future, such as 'plant more seeds' or 'be kind to others'. Participating groups included single mothers at the YMCA, the Endeavour Youth Group, local artists and members of the public at the Coronation Festival. The completed banners are currently on display at the Baytree Centre as part of the Brentwood Art Trail, which this year has 74 artists displaying at 65 venues and hosting 23 events until 25 June.

The Art trail successful launched on Saturday 3rd June attracted 40+ people to a Guided Tour in Brentwood (including Cllr Gareth Barrett, Mayor of Brentwood), children's chalk painting in Crown Street, and a Ceramics Workshop. Sky Arts' Landscape Artist of the Year contestant **Lucia Hardy** is exhibiting on the Trail and

hosting four events for us.

Our Artful Baking workshop with **Aljona Rumme** (Malina Patisserie – new venue) and **James Hillery** (Brentwood resident and Great British Bake Off contestant) sold out in 48 hours.

Part of 2023/2024's UKSPF funding was allocated in a grant scheme, which saw over £48,000 awarded to local arts, culture, heritage and sports projects. Applicants were invited to apply for between £5,000 and £10,000 for projects that improve access to high quality and inclusive arts and sporting activities, provide opportunities for skills development, employment and growth, and increase local volunteering. Amongst the awardees were Brennan and Burch, who will be using the funding to support and develop 20 young creatives, and the Afghan and Central Asian Association, who will be providing weekly football sessions and tournaments to support local Afghan and Ukrainian girls.

Full list of awardees:

- Brennan and Burch Ltd – to work with the Essex County Council Youth Service to support future creatives by offering mentoring and support with portfolios, qualifications, shadowing and training, whilst offering business training, social and wellbeing support.
- Minus Cloud Nine – to support the development of a creative, therapeutic hub at King George's Playing Fields.
- Hutton and Shenfield Choral Society – to support a Christmas concert which brings together professional musicians with choirs, schools, and dancers.
- Volunteer It Yourself – to work with young people at risk, or not in employment, education or training, to develop vocational trade skills whilst volunteering to renovate a youth centre.
- Afghan and Central Asian Association – to hold weekly football sessions and tournaments for Afghan and Ukrainian girls.
- Tri Sport Essex – to host an introductory event to the triathlon this summer.
- Brentwood Eels Rugby League Football Club – to create and run a Wheelchair Rugby League.
- Brentwood Bowling Club – to improve disabled toilet facilities at the club.

Community Trailer dates

The Community Connect trailer dates and location

- Wednesday 12 July – Hutton Community Centre
- Wednesday 19 July – Brentwood High Street
- Friday 4 August – Warley Playing Fields as part of Family Fun Days
- Friday 11 August – Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall – as part of Family Fun Days
- Friday 18 August – The Brentwood Centre – as part of Family Fun Days
- Friday 25 August – Hutton Recreational Ground – as part of Family Fun Days
- Thursday 7 September – St Peters Church, Cloughton Way, Hutton
- Wednesday 27 September – Brentwood Community Hospital

The trailer is normally there between the hours of 10am – 1.30pm.

Cost of Living

There is a separate report providing an update on the Cost of Living before Members tonight.

Community Support Hubs

The Community Support Hub network continues to meet virtually and provide updates on events going on in their communities or through their organisations. Brentwood Borough Council is supporting another Can in the Van initiative which took place outside of Sainsbury's on 9 June to collect food items. All donations were split between Brentwood Foodbank and Daily Bread Café.

A charity Football Tournament will take place at the at the Brentwood Centre on Saturday 15 July organised by Bennetts Funeral Directors. For more information contact jane@bennettsfunerals.co.uk

Try & Tri - 2nd July event see raising money for Snap. Sign up page is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tse-try-a-tri-tickets-600704893507>

Next Free Dementia concert -28th October St Thomas Church, Jo Cory will send out more info, please save the date.

Football Hub Development

Work continues to progress on the Football Hub development at the Brentwood Centre. Further updates will be presented to the next Committee.

Brentwood Centre

The following is the event programme at the Brentwood Centre. A presentation by Everyone Active will come to the September Committee.

June

- 25th – Gymrox Showcase

July

- 1st – Charity Boxing
- 2nd – Ballroom Dancing
- 6th – Public Consultation
- 9th – Judo
- 22nd – Made In Tennessee
- 29th – Toy & Train Collectors Fair

August

- 4th – Show Me Love
- 5th – Show Me Soul
- 6th – Show Me Family Fun Day
- 8th – Essex County Council – Net Zero Conference
- 11th – Elton John Tribute
- 27th & 28th – Antiques Fair

September

- 2nd – Professional Boxing
- 9th – Dog Show
- 16th – Semi Pro Boxing
- 23rd & 24th – Judo
- 28th – 9th October – Snooker

Homes for the Ukraine

The Community Services Team, along with Housing and Environmental Health officers continues to support Ukrainian refugees in Brentwood. There are currently 264 Ukrainian guests staying with 95 sponsors, with 1 or 2 new guests as individuals or families arriving each week. Ongoing challenges remain in supporting guests to find suitable, alternative private accommodation. Guests are well supported within the community and there is a good network of help available from organisations such as Brentwood Cathedral, who continue to update the Council on community activity and liaise with us for advice and seek help where needed.