

North East Derbyshire District Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

23rd February 2023

Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership – Review of 2022/23

Report of Cllr. Alan Powell, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communications

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To inform the Communities Scrutiny Committee of progress of the Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership during 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report is noted.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

The Programme Management Team oversees the management of the Healthy Communities Locality Action Plan funding on behalf of the Healthy North East Derbyshire (HNED) Partnership, funded by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Public Health. They ensure that all commissioned projects adhere to the expectations established in the DCC Service Level Agreement. Adherence is maintained to NEDDC's Financial Regulations and Risk Management.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

Adherence is maintained to Service Level Agreements and NEDDC's Legal and Data Protection Policies.

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

Evaluation of workload implications upon the Programme Management Team is undertaken in regular individual, team and Service Planning reviews. Engagement with other departments required to assist in delivery (e.g. Leisure Team to deliver projects) is maintained to ensure targets are achieved.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	All wards across the District
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes Details: Cllr. Alan Powell

Links to Council Plan (NED) priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

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REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 The Healthy North East Derbyshire (HNED) Partnership was established in 2015 and is chaired by the Public Health Localities Lead for North East Derbyshire from DCC. The NEDDC Programme Management Team is responsible for managing the funding and commissioning of projects following the wishes of the HNED Partnership. The Partnership comprises of representation from County and District Council services, Rykneld Homes Ltd, Integrated Care Board, Primary Care Network and the voluntary sector.
- 1.2 The HNED Partnership has been delivering the Public Health Locality Plan since 2015, for which DCC awards an annual allocation, via NEDDC, to commission projects on its behalf to address health priorities. Since 2018/19 the annual funding awarded has been £69,501 with additional ring-fenced funding received for specific activities including small grants to the voluntary sector, which is administered by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. Periodically the HNED Partnership will received additional ring-fenced funding for specific projects Public Health wish to fund, such as £100,000 for the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People's Project, which commenced in July 2022.
- 1.3 It should be noted that funding for 2022/23 financial year has not yet been received at the point this report was written. DCC have spent many months working with all Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across the County to re-draft a new service level agreement and grant specification. This has now been signed by NEDDC, on behalf of the HNED Partnership, and the funds are expected to be received shortly. As a result of the delayed funding, no new activity has been commissioned during 2022/23.
- 1.4 This report provides a summary of the latest progress of the HNED Partnership to improve health and wellbeing at a local level.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The Partnership established the following priorities in the Plan, working together to identify local needs and common issues, and allocated resources proportionate to the extent of the issues:

Overarching priority:

Older People, long-term conditions and independence in the home.

Building Healthy Communities:

- Building Social Capital
- Improving the quality of life for carers
- Reducing the impact of wider determinants (e.g. worklessness, homelessness)

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles:

- Promoting positive mental wellbeing & reducing social isolation

- Supporting emotional health & wellbeing of children and young people
- Increasing physical activity

Supporting Access to Effective Health and Social Care:

- Assisting people with limiting long term conditions
- Supporting the Integrated Care Agenda to reduce hospital admissions
- Reducing hospital stays for self/alcohol related harm

2.2 The following projects have been delivered during 2022/23 and progress achieved during the year to date is reported in the table below. The activity currently underway has been supported through previous grant funding received:

PRIORITY	PROJECT	UPDATE
Starting Well	<p>Raising Aspirations</p> <p><i>Programme of working with year 10 students to reduce number of young people not in education or employment once they leave school.</i></p> <p>Directly funded by DCC Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Managed by Bolsover Partnership on behalf of DCC. • 28 students supported since Sept 21 – Aug 22 through the North East Derbyshire Support Centre (pupils not in mainstream education). • 2022/23 Quarters 3 & 4 – Figures not yet published.
	<p>The Hub Hangout</p> <p><i>Providing a safe space for primary school aged children in year 6 to promote mental health and wellbeing.</i></p> <p>£5,310</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered during 2021/22 academic year (Sept 21 – July 22) 28 children have attended sessions. • Each child attending a 6 week block of sessions. • Support workers use arts and crafts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. • Children have access to a Counsellor in an informal setting. • Project now complete.
	<p>Six Pillars</p> <p>Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People</p> <p><i>To support and build resilience for coping with mental health and improve wellbeing later in life</i></p> <p>Directly funded by DCC Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNED and Boslover Health and Wellbeing Partnerships jointly commissioned (through a tender process) Junction Arts & DEPB to deliver. • Aimed at children and young people aged 11 to 18, plus adults 19 to 25 with special educational needs. • Activity will delivered through targeted community engagement activities, initially in 6 identified geographical locations (3 in NED and 3 in Bolsover). • The young people will co-design their own, community based artistic projects with a view to coming together to showcase their work through performance, film or exhibition. • The emphasis is on encouraging young people to grow in confidence and develop

	<p>£100,000 for North East Derbyshire District</p>	<p>coping mechanisms to aid prevention of future potential mental health issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase one - Research & Consultation July 2022 to March 2023. This element to engage and connect with identified young children, agree the 6 chosen areas (secondary research to map local existing provision to avoid duplication), and develop implementation plans for each community. Phase two – Project Delivery, April 2023 onwards. Implementing community based artistic residencies and activities.
<p>Healthy Living</p>	<p>Health & Wellbeing Grant Scheme</p> <p><i>Improve physical & mental health and build community capacity (social capital)</i></p> <p>£10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year has seen a noted increase in applications with 10 grants awarded to groups across the District totalling £4,404. Beneficiaries include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local adults who have learning and/or physical disability to keep active, gain confidence and reduce isolation. ➤ Support for the elderly community with community transport and activities to promote social interaction. ➤ Local people suffering with Long COVID-19, to improve their mental health, wellbeing and road to recovery. ➤ Young carers and bereaved children providing play therapy to support their emotional wellbeing. ➤ Victims of domestic violence to receive therapy to improve wellbeing and mental health and move forward positively.
	<p>Cost of Living Grant Scheme</p> <p>£10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 grants awarded so far this year to groups across the District totalling £4,220. The main purpose is to ensure groups remain sustainable by supporting increased operational costs as well as helping groups to meet the needs of their beneficiaries. Eligible costs include activity resources as well as practical items such as blankets and slow cookers.
	<p>Employment & Training Initiatives</p> <p><i>Supporting vulnerable people into training and employment.</i></p> <p>Core NEDDC resource/external funds</p>	<p>Working Communities project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting 49 residents this year to date with pre-employment activities. 25 people supported into employment so far this year.
	<p>Walking into Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building on the success of the first two years of the project, HNED funding was used to extend the project to July 2023.

<p><i>Reducing social isolation for all ages using physical activities targeting Clay Cross.</i></p> <p>£20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The officers run a variety of socially engaging sessions, focused on physical activity in Clay Cross. • Working with partners, activities include walking, community book club, parent and child music group, Couch to 5k and Forever Active groups for residents to participate in. • 165 residents currently registered with new people joining each quarter.
<p>Feeling Connected</p> <p><i>Joint project with Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing.</i></p> <p>£53,750</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Connectedness Action Group membership totals 43, with representation from 15 different organisations. • 8 proposals supported this year to date. • To date, it is estimated that the impact of Social Connectedness development work has benefitted 1500 individuals and supported 40 groups/initiatives. During 'Feeling Connected fortnight', 17-28 October 2022 the Feeling Connected News (8 page tabloid) was distributed to 100 community locations throughout NED and Chesterfield, the community-facing Feeling Connected website was launched https://www.feelingconnected.org.uk/ • A significant amount of time in Q3 was devoted to supporting the Warm Spaces initiative, developing relationships with organisations and venues that were interested in providing Warm Spaces in and North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield. • The project will be extended to March 2024 utilising additional ring-fenced funding from Public Health.
<p>Reducing Stigma Around Mental Health</p> <p><i>Promoting positive mental wellbeing and reducing the stigma of mental health issues.</i></p> <p>£1,550</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC allocated ring-fenced funding to support activity which looks to reduce the stigma around mental health. • Development led by Public Health at DCC which has yet to be determined. • Potential for funding to be utilised through Six Pillars.
<p>Financial Inclusion</p> <p><i>Joint Chesterfield, NED and Bolsover Group created to increase financial inclusion for residents.</i></p> <p>£7,500</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group focused on improved communication between partners to help residents experiencing financial difficulties and other wider determinants of health. • Combined pot of funding available to support identified activities when required.

Healthy Ageing	Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM) Discretionary Fund <i>Supporting vulnerable people to live independently.</i> £10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an ongoing project where funding is dedicated to paying for services the main VARM fund cannot support. For example house clearance, skip hire and contract cleaning for vulnerable people who are at a high risk of a fire hazard in the home due to hoarding. • One case has been supported this year providing essential clearance help with a vulnerable resident with mental health issues.
	Digital Connect <i>Free digital training aimed at people aged 50+ to build digital confidence, access key services, reduce social isolation and maintain independence in the home.</i> £59,903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year project commencing in July 2021. • Key aim to build digital confidence and skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Online safety ➢ Use computer / tablet / phone ➢ Use of email, online banking and shopping ➢ Using social media and interacting with friends and family online. • Training provided using a variety of channels including face to face, telephone and other digital channels. • 143 residents have undertaken the training so far. • Tablet loaning scheme available for those without access to equipment.

2.3 Links with other Partnerships and Groups

2.3.1 The HNED Partnership has been a member of the Joint Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Financial Inclusion Group since 2019. The aim is to bring together key organisations and agencies across the three areas to help residents become more financially included. Led by DCC Public Health, membership is broad and includes service leads from all four local authorities, Department for Work and Pensions and representatives from the voluntary sector including Citizens Advice, Derbyshire Law Centre, Rural Action Derbyshire and Credit Union. The group continues to work together to share knowledge and experiences to enable residents to access to support and information relating to financial matters, health and family services. In recent months focus has been on supporting residents through the current cost of living challenges.

2.3.2 The HNED Partnership is also represented at the North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Place Alliance. Attended by senior officers and strategic partners, this group has made it easier to engage with the Integrated Care Board (former CCG) and other clinically focused services. Three work streams are established to link in organisations delivering the Ageing Well, Mental Health and Physical Activity Agenda's. The Place Alliance is also linking in with the Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS is the new statutory body (July 2022) that formally builds on the existing partnership arrangements operated between the NHS and Local Authorities. They co-ordinate both health and care services across an area to join up care, better support the prevention of ill health, reduce health inequalities and improve healthy life expectancy.

- 2.3.3 The Mental Health Sub Group has been subsumed into the Living Well Collaboration Programme and is represented by agencies and organisations connected to or delivering mental health services. North East Derbyshire District and Bolsover are part of a second wave of pilots of the Programme. The key aim is to build a multi-disciplinary and cross sector team to deliver mental health services in the community. The sub group was well placed to provide specialist knowledge and inform the way the Living Well Team is established for North Derbyshire, therefore, it was felt beneficial to merge the sub group into the Living Well Collaboration. The group have heard personal stories from residents sharing their experiences of accessing mental health services. Work continues to progress and it is now recognised that voluntary and community sector involvement is key. Work to progress the collaboration will continue into 2023/24.
- 2.4 The HNED Locality Plan for 2022/24 is updated to reflect new priorities and activities identified by Public Health and the Partnership. However, the overarching priority of supporting older people, those with long-term conditions and maintaining independence in the home will be maintained.
- 2.5 Due to the delay in receiving funds from DCC Public Health, no new activity has been commissioned during 2022/23, with the exception of Six Pillars. Funding for this project was received during 2021/22 with the project in the initial planning stage when last year's update report was presented to Committee in 2022.
- 2.6 The HNED Partnership is keen to explore how the Locality Plan funding, once received, can be used to help residents with the cost of living challenges. It has also been agreed that funding should be used to extend key projects including Digital Connect and Walking into Communities. Ring-fenced funding will be received to continue the Feeling Connected project.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Partnership approach has continued to evolve with key issues being tackled collaboratively, with transparency and effectiveness.
- 3.2 That this approach enables external resources to be utilised for residents to benefit from health and wellbeing initiatives.
- 3.3 This approach does not directly impact on Council budgets and is fully funded by DCC Public Health.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The option to 'do nothing' and not utilise the external funding could have a negative impact on North East Derbyshire residents. The established relationships and proven track record demonstrates that the HNED Partnership is a robust vehicle to deliver health initiatives across the District.
- 4.2 To provide this support in-house using Council budgets is not an option as no additional resources have been identified or are available.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
n/a	n/a
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
n/a	