

DUNTON GREEN MID PROJECT REPORT

Economic and Community Development Advisory Board - 17 July 2017

Report of : Chief Officer Communities and Business

Status: Information Only

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report provides an overview of the Dunton Green Community Development project to date. It outlines the main findings from the community consultations that have taken place along with an overview of the projects implemented and the additional funding received.

This report supports the Key Aim of the Community Plan

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Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee:

To note

Introduction and Background

Members agreed, at Cabinet on 6th December 2012, that a proportion of the Dunton Green Section 106 funding would be used to fund a Community Development Officer for 3 years. The Community Development Officers were appointed (job share) in June / July 2015 upon which they began working towards the following aims:

- To bring the old and new communities of Dunton Green together.
- To identify and respond to the needs of the local community.
- To enable the community to continue this work after the end of the project.

Key Implications

Financial

The funding for this project has been sourced from the Section 106 money which has already been allocated for community development work as part of the West Kent Cold Store development (Dunton Green). Further external funding has been

secured from Kent Police & Crime Commissioners’ Youth Diversionary Activity Fund and the Kent Shed Fund organised by Groundwork.

There are no other financial implications associated with this project.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications and risk assessments are carried out on an event by event basis.

Equality Assessment

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this report directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	This Mid Project Report identifies the provision of services across the whole community. Services are tailored to the needs of the community and the report sets out the project proposals going forward.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	The Dunton Green Project addresses issues that affect the whole community including specific groups, such as older people, families, young people and people with disabilities
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		No negative impacts identified

Conclusions

The Dunton Green Mid Project Report sets out the key successes from June 2015 to December 2016 and the proposals for the project going forward.

Appendices

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Appendix 1 - Dunton Green Action Plan -
December 2016

Appendix 2 - Financial Overview June 2015 to
December 2016

Background Papers:

N/A

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