

PEOPLE & PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Collins (Chairman)

Cllr. Perry Cole (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bulford, Dr. Canet, Cheeseman, P. Darrington, Dyball, Edwards-Winsler, Hudson and Raikes

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Esler

Cllr. Hogarth was also present.

17. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the People & Places Advisory Committee held on 14 June, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

19. Actions from Previous Meeting

There were none.

20. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder presented a progress update to the Committee updating Members on the projects undertaken over the summer and progressing forward into the Autumn. This included 20 family fun days, with over 1,500 people attending; cycle rides at Brands Hatch and Knole Park; buggy rides and prenatal support classes; Silver Sundays and this year we were celebrating 10 years of the national event promoting support and activities for older people across the district. The next Community Grants round for 23/24 was being promoted to support the voluntary and community sector across the district.

The Committee were advised of new staff within the People & Places Team, with a new Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator, Refugee Resettlement Officer, and the new students from the Supported Internship Programme working with Broomhill Bank School, who were undertaking work experience placements alongside their studies. Members were also advised of key projects being undertaken by the Team

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including job fayres, a cooking programme, and working with Town Councils and partner organisations to build a Warm Spaces directory. The spaces were free, non-judgmental public places where people could go to get warm, save money on their heating costs, avoid social isolation, receive vital support and advice while staying as well as possible. The aim was to create a directory of all the places available to residents across the public, private, health and voluntary sectors, so everyone who was feeling the cold knows where they can go to get warm, stay warm and enjoy a little company and some hot refreshments.

Members were advised of the July and August figures at the White Oak Leisure Centre which included:

- The centre currently had 3,076 Fitness Members. 443 memberships were transferred from Sencio.
- The centre currently had 694 Swimming Lesson Members. 328 lesson membership were transferred from Sencio.
- Centre was currently running 57 Group Exercise Classes with 76% occupancy.
- In July and August the centre registered 67,721 visits, equating to 1,092 visits per day.
- Total of 6,576 games played on Tag Active.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions of clarification on the update.

21. Referral from Cabinet or the Audit committee

There were none.

22. Public Realm Commissioner Update

The Committee considered the report and the verbal update from Cllr Hogarth, Commissioner of the Public Realm who updated Members on the art project Three & Four by Oliver Barratt. The works were commissioned by the Public Realm through Section 106 money as part of the development of the M&S Site.

Cllr Hogarth thanked Officers for all the hard work they had put into the project.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

23. Young Persons Mentoring Project Update

Members considered the report and update Members on the Young Person's mentoring Programme which had initially received funding from Kent County Council's (KCC) Helping Hands. The Community Projects and Funding Officer gave a presentation highlighting the journey of the project, including success stories, additional funding received, and the next steps of the project following meeting with the Steering Group involved with the project.

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Members discussed the report and expressed their thanks to the Community Projects and Funding Officer for the excellent work and effort put into the project. Members asked questions and discussed how the project could continue to help and support additional young people going forward.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

24. Citizens Advice (Edenbridge & Westerham, North & West Kent Update)

This item was deferred to the next meeting of People & Places Advisory Committee to allow representatives from the Citizens Advice to attend.

25. Work Plan

The work plan was noted with the following additions for February 2023:

- Community Mobilisation update
- Sevenoaks District Community plan - midyear review
- Sevenoaks District Community Safety Action plan 2023-24
- Community Grant Scheme 23/24 and update
- Presentation from Everyone Active with White Oak Leisure Centre Update

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.55 PM

CHAIRMAN