

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
15 NOVEMBER 2016

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REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

EAST HERTS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND PHASE  
ONE EVALUATION REPORT

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To update the Committee on the progress and evaluation outcomes of the East Herts Community Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase One projects.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**That:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>The effectiveness of the projects be scrutinised and best practice shared.</b>
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1.0 Background

1.1 In 2014, the Director of Public Health for Hertfordshire provided the District and Borough Councils in Hertfordshire with £2 million pounds to help address local health inequalities. The money was released in two phases which equates to £100,000 for each phase for every District and Borough Council. It was originally intended that the District Offer would span a two year delivery period. Due to the logistical planning aspects and the diversity of projects delivered this has now been extended to a four year period.

1.2 East Herts Council has worked with Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Public Health team throughout the project to develop, assess and deliver projects in East Herts. Part of the formal agreement between HCC Public Health and East Herts has

included a signed memorandum of understanding, regular progress meetings and quarterly reports presented to the Public Health Board.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 The Public Health Partnership Fund (formally the District Offer) is known within East Herts as the East Herts Community Health and Wellbeing Fund to enable easier promotion of the projects to East Herts residents.
- 2.2 The East Herts Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group along with suggestions made by Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (HWSC) and wider members, approached various organisations who were asked to submit ideas. The development of these ideas were further supported by the Environmental Health Promotion Officer.
- 2.3 The bids were assessed against the strategic vision and fund criteria, based upon the East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities 2013-2018. This was completed by an assessment panel made up of the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing and officer representation.
- 2.4 14 bids in total were assessed in January 2015, with nine being given the go ahead for support and a remaining five requiring further research and recommendations before a decision could be reached. The second round looking at the remaining five bids were made through email assessments following receipt of additional information.
- 2.5 Of the 14 supported bids, the various projects supported three themes: Lifestyle, Physical Activity and Healthy Living.
- 2.6 In order for organisations to receive the funding allocated to them a set of objective measures and outcomes were agreed upon. Delivery of these outcomes in a template report format were part of the funding agreement signed by all organisations receiving the awarded monies.
- 2.7 In addition to the reporting outcomes described in 2.6 above the HWSC Chairman also engaged members of the Committee in visiting a number of the projects to learn more about the benefits the clients received through taking part. The summary of these evaluation visits is contained in **Essential Reference Paper B**.

2.8 The summary details of each project and their reported evaluation outcomes are also contained in **Essential Reference Paper B**.

2.9 HWSC Members are asked to scrutinise the reported evaluation measures and invited to ask questions about the projects from the information presented to them.

### 3.0 Report Summary

3.1 The funding from HCC has already led to a number of benefits to the residents of East Herts some of the key benefits which the Council has noted so far include :

- Partnership connections with supported organisations have been strengthened.
- A number of the projects have worked with organisations that have targeted vulnerable clients, demonstrating improvement in their health outcomes.
- The small grants programme has worked well delivering 10 small projects improving mental health and physical activity outcomes for school communities and clients of smaller voluntary organisations.
- The success of the East Herts Community Health and Wellbeing Fund Phase One projects have been reported to HCC Public Health Board in June 2016 and also to HCC Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2016, with the aim of exploring the potential for wider rollout of successful projects and benefit from the shared learning with other Districts and Boroughs across Hertfordshire.

### 3.2 Implications/Consultations

3.3 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

### Background Papers

East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2018

<http://ow.ly/lf3R305oYTd>

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