

Reports from Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies 2019/2020

Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board

Purpose:

The Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board supports Local Plan making and delivery for sustainable communities across geographical and administrative boundaries in West Essex, East Hertfordshire and the adjoining London Boroughs. It does this by identifying and managing spatial planning issues that impact on more than one local planning area within these communities.

The Board is an advisory body and any decisions resulting from its advice remain the responsibility of its constituent Councils. Core membership of the Board comprises of representative Councillors and Council officers from Epping Forest, Harlow, Uttlesford, Broxbourne and East Herts districts, and Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey
(Substitute: Cllr Jan Goodeve)

Update:

The co-op board meets less frequently now as the Garden Town Board has taken over a number of its functions. The co-op board will still meet to discuss some of the issues affecting the wider area. I have attended all meetings held.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

East of England LGA

Purpose:

The East of England LGA is a politically-led, cross party organisation which works on behalf of the 52 local councils in the East of England to harness their collective strength to shape and serve their communities and localities.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Update:

I will be elected Chair in June 2020. The grouping runs a range of seminars and offers support as requested, for example to Transport East. Among its many activities including the Growth and Infrastructure Panel, it manages the Growth and Infrastructure Board which was established to co-ordinate responses to the London Plan in association with South East LGA.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Board

Purpose:

To achieve effective co-operation across the administrative boundaries of East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow Councils and Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils in matters relating to the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town.

Officers will work collaboratively across agreed Garden Town workstreams and progress will be reported to the Member Group.

The Board does not have any decision making powers, and is an informal group that will make recommendations to the constituent Councils when appropriate.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey
Cllr Eric Buckmaster

Update:

I attend the Harlow and Gilston Town Board as the representative for East Herts. A series of seminars is underway to determine future policies which will underpin the development of the garden town.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Herts Infrastructure and Planning Partnership

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership (HIPP) provides a forum to discuss and, where appropriate, develop a shared view and agree joint work programmes on infrastructure and planning issues of common concern. A key objective is to work co-operatively within Hertfordshire and across the county borders according to the principles of localism and the duty to co-operate.

The partnership has developed new terms of reference following the creation of the Herts Growth Board. The HIPP will work closely with the HGB to ensure that the board is kept fully aware of planning and infrastructure needs. In 2018 HIPP commissioned the Infrastructure and Funding prospectus which details the funding requirements for each of the districts and boroughs.

The Chairman, or his or her deputy, represents the Partnership as appropriate on external bodies, including the Board of the Local Transport Body for Hertfordshire.

The Partnership is not a formal decision making-body and does not fetter the decision making processes of individual authorities. If individual authorities come to a different view from any collective Hertfordshire position they will ensure that all the other authorities are duly notified.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey (Substitute: Cllr Jan Goodeve)

Update:

HIPP continues to meet on an ad hoc basis and is looking at planning policy across the wider area and closer collaboration. Following the formation of the HGB, meetings will be scheduled to shadow those of the board. The A414 working group has been evaluation options for the infrastructure requirements along the length.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

LGA District Council Network

Purpose:

The District Councils' Network is a cross-party member-led network of all 201 district councils in England. As a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association (LGA), it provides a national voice for district councils within the LGA. It lobbies central government, the political parties and other stakeholders directly on behalf of its members, as well as commissioning research, providing support, and sharing best practice.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Update:

This body meets once or twice a year and runs an annual conference. It is a useful forum to meet other District Councillors from across England.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Local Government Information Unit Assembly

Purpose:

The LGiU is a membership organisation, providing information, research and other services to over 150 councils, trade unions, universities and other organisations.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Update:

The meetings are sporadic and I attend as necessary.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Local Enterprise Partnership

Purpose:

Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is focused on helping to drive forward sustainable economic growth – with local business, education providers, the third sector and the public sector working together to achieve this. It helps to foster the relationships for partnership working to flourish.

East Hertfordshire District Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey (elected by Leaders at the Hertfordshire Leaders Meeting). I am the representative for the districts in the east of the county.

Update:

The LEP board meets regularly and considers the funding requirements of projects for the county. There are 4 main board meetings a year.

Through my membership of the board, I sit on the Programme Management Committee and chair the ESIF committee on European funding.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

London, Stanstead, Cambridge Corridor (LSCC)

Also called the **Innovation Corridor**

Purpose:

The London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Consortium is a partnership of public and private organisations covering the area north of Tech City, the City Fringe, Kings Cross, and the Olympic Park, up through the Lee Valley and M11/A10, and West Anglia Rail corridors to Harlow and Stansted, and through to Cambridge. The partnership was formed to organise and promote a clear economic area, with strong inter-connections; commuting to work and learn patterns, clusters of industries and supply chains.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Update:

The LSCC continues to make good progress in developing a coherent message for promoting growth along the corridor.

The LSCC board meets at least 4 times a year. There are also training sessions and ad hoc presentations and conferences

The districts and boroughs which make up the centre of the corridor – Broxbourne, East Herts, Harlow, Epping Forest and Uttlesford work closely together to create an economic vision for this area.

Also, East Herts, both at a political and senior Officer level, is an active Member of those authorities in the middle of the corridor.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Transport East (EELGA)

Purpose:

This is a forum lead by Essex County Council in order to consider the regions infrastructure requirements. They meet 4 times a year.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey (representing the districts in Hertfordshire)

Update:

Transport East has met 4 times in the last year. It is producing a strategy for the east of England (Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk) and looks at the infrastructure requirements for the region and transport requirements moving from ports into the Midlands. It works closely with the Heartland grouping of which Hertfordshire is a full member. It holds a conference once a year which is attended by a large number of businesses, agencies and local authorities.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

LGA General Assembly

Purpose:

A politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. It aims to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Update:

The LGA holds a pivotal role in representing Local Authorities. I attend the LGA General Assembly once a year.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey

Date: 15 April 2020

Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce

Purpose:

The Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce has been established for more than one hundred years and currently has a membership of more than ninety local businesses and organisations. Both the private and public sectors are represented, from retailers to manufacturers and from service industries to institutional bodies.

The Chamber Committee actively champions local projects and interests at local, regional and government level. The Chamber's sub-committee for Planning is active in putting forward to the District Council the Chamber's views, concerns and suggestions on various developments in and around the town.

The Committee consists of elected officers, the secretary and committee members plus co-opted representatives from the County, District and Town Councils and the Bishop's Stortford Police.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

Nick Hyde took over as Chairman. I attended one meeting to introduce myself and there have been no further invitations to Committee meetings this year. We remain in regular touch with the Chamber of Commerce and I am communicating on a daily basis with Coronavirus – 19 updates. They are kept up to date with their membership of the monthly Shaping Stortford Steering Group which have now become 2 monthly.

Networking breakfasts and business lunches are the Chamber's main activities.

The Chamber is working in partnership with the Bishop's Stortford Business Improvement District (BID) and East Herts in

communicating what business grants and rate relief is available for the local business community.

The main purpose is for the council to have a close connection with the BSCC, and to inform them of any information they can then forward onto their members, and of course if they can be of help to the council.

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew

Date: 15 April 2020

PATROL (Parking & Traffic Regulations Outside London)

Purpose:

The joint committee of England and Wales (outside of London) for the civil enforcement of parking and traffic regulations outside London. It deals with the enforcement of parking tickets as well as parking and bus lane regulations for councils that are in the Civil Enforcement Scheme.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

Quarterly meetings attended by East Herts representative, all held in London.

Updated Blue Badge Guidance, new civil bus lane or littering from vehicle enforcement and reviewing pavement parking.

More recently CORONAVIRUS and appeals to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal.

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew

Date: 10 April 2020

Business Improvement District Board

Purpose:

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a proven way of providing funds to deliver additional services that local businesses believe will enhance the trading environment. BIDs charge a levy to local businesses in return for providing services over and above the usual council provision.

A BID is led by local businesses. It is not a replacement for local authority and police services. Instead it provides useful additional resources and initiatives.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

Coronavirus

The BID have found themselves at the centre of informing and providing information for their members on Coronavirus and are there to help facilitate this. They are supporting their business and their high street. They are closely monitoring the situation, including Government announcements and on their webpage you will find useful links and references to help businesses get the right support they need.

BID Funded Security Patrol to start 1 April

As part of the response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation, Bishop's Stortford BID is funding two security patrol officers to cover the BID town centre area during the hours of darkness whilst the lockdown period continues. With shops and businesses currently closed and the high street area. This is being done in conjunction with the local police force.

Waste & Recycling

As part of commitment to businesses in the BID, they are looking at

joint purchasing schemes to cut costs for all. One area they are looking look to do this is in waste and recycling. The first stage is identify the demand in the town, understand which suppliers everyone is using and costs currently being paid. A company has been tasked with carrying this out.

Local Events

There were a number of planned events but have now been put on hold due to the outbreak of Coronavirus.

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew

Date: 10th April 2020

Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum

Purpose: The Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum (HSF) is a county-wide strategic group of local authorities, third sector organisations and other partners working to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues across Hertfordshire. The Forum aims to bring together decision makers to develop environmental policies for the benefit of Hertfordshire as a whole and to raise awareness of key sustainability issues. HSF is hosted on rotation by the member authorities. It is currently hosted by East Herts District Council and meets quarterly.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

The Hertfordshire Sustainability forum met three times and held a Hertfordshire Sustainability Conference in Ware priory which was well attended by various interested groups.

Transition, climate and other groups participated in the meetings all making valid contributions.

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew

Date: 10 April 2020

Hertfordshire Waste Partnership

Purpose:

WasteAware is the partnership of Hertfordshire's county, district and borough councils, working together to reduce, reuse and recycle Hertfordshire's waste. It promotes waste and recycling education and campaigns, providing useful tips to help be WasteAware.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew

Update:

In January 2020 the HWP held a conference at the Fielder Centre in Hatfield attended by 81 delegates including colleagues from the boroughs, districts and the county council as well speakers from the Government and private industry. The conference covered topics such as; Resource and Waste strategy, Collaborative Delivery Needed in a New Resources World, Challenges Affecting Recycling in the UK and a Hertfordshire Perspective.

Lead Officers Waste Management (LOWM) Work Programme 2020/21 meeting in February 2020 officers approved the draft LOWM work programme for 2020/21. The work programme will include the following work streams:

- CONSULTATION – Consistency
- CONSULTATION – Deposit Return Schemes
- CONSULTATION – Extended Producer Responsibility
- Waste Collection Consistency Workstream
- Bulk Handling and Management of Dry Recyclates
- Waste Compositional Analysis
- Vehicle Procurement Project
- Flats
- Trade Waste
- HWP Procedures and Processes

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew

Date: 10 April 2020

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Purpose:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority runs award winning open spaces and sports venues along the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre park. The park was created by a unique Act of Parliament as a “green lung” for London, Essex and Hertfordshire. Its approach is to be community focused and commercially driven, to work with partners to produce a unique combination of activities, sights and experiences.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graham McAndrew and Cllr John Wyllie

Update:

The transfer of the 14 sport and leisure venues and their associated staff from the Trust to the Authority took place in March 2020

The transfer has gone very smoothly. The venues and the staff returned as planned and there have been no major issues. TUPeD staff have work programmes, are being embedded into the Authority’s operations and are settling in well.

Work is progressing to ascertain the impact of Coronavirus on our 2020/21 budget.

Financial Challenges – the Authority is facing financial challenges in dealing with the Coronavirus situation. LVRP is particularly acute as the main income generators, being venues, are closed as LVRP approach their peak income-generating season. Many activities – campsites, rafting at Lee Valley White Water Centre, corporate bookings, track taster sessions at Lee Valley VeloPark – have fairly lengthy book ahead times, and, of course, no one knows when lock down will end or what its long term effect on the leisure market will be.

Update provided by: Cllr Graham McAndrew

Date: 10th April 2020

Network Homes – Hertford and Out of London Area Panel

Purpose:

To ensure local residents and elected members are able to influence the future quality of housing provision for residents in East Hertfordshire

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Peter Boylan and Cllr Carolyn Redfern

Update:

This panel had previously met on Tuesday evenings and therefore the Executive Member had been unable to attend in the past. However, after discussion with Network Homes, the panel agreed to move their meetings to a Monday evening from January 2020.

Both elected members attended the panel meeting on 6 January 2020. The panel is made up of a range of tenants from Network Homes properties. The group is also chaired by one of their residents. A range of performance information was presented by Network Homes representatives and a lively discussion took place and actions agreed. There was also an opportunity to gain feedback from residents and local members on proposed new policy.

Further involvement will now be possible going forwards, with quarterly meetings of this panel.

Update provided by: Cllr Boylan and Cllr Redfern

Date: 18 March 2020

Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre

Purpose:

A community based trust and registered charity established to provide sports facilities and promote healthy lifestyles to the people of East Hertfordshire.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

David Andrews

Rishi Fernando

Jan Goodeve

Ian Kemp

Update:

Jan Stock and Stuart Storey are an effective partnership delivering a wide range of sports/activities to the community.

There are plans to accommodate a boxing club.

Due to the CoronaVirus pandemic facilities have been shut. The impact of Covid-19 on revenue needs to be assessed.

Update provided by: Cllr Goodeve

Date: 7 April 2020

Local Government Mutual

Purpose:

To establish the Mutual's management and governance arrangements and oversee its launch. This involvement was termed 'Founding Member' by the LGA.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr George Cutting

Update:

The mutual has now commenced trading and Founding Members such as East Herts Council are now termed 'Advisors'.

Whilst the council has been considering the offering from the Mutual and reviewing minutes of meetings etc, the council has not played an active role during 2019/20 and has not attended meetings.

Update provided by: Cllr Cutting and Graham Mully, Insurance and Risk Business Advisor

Date: 6 March 2020

Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board

Purpose:

To champion the welfare of the Armed Forces community in-line with the Hertfordshire Covenant.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Andrew Huggins

Update:

The Covenant Board met twice this year, once at the Permanent Joint Headquarters Northwood and again at County Hall. The Board has representatives from all District and Borough Councils within Hertfordshire, members from the emergency services and reps from local branches of two military charities.

The welfare of the Armed Forces, both serving and veterans, has received an elevation in importance within national politics since Boris Johnson became PM. He has created the Office of Veteran Affairs and introduced the Veterans Bill. Within Hertfordshire, the Board seeks to promote the Armed Forces and ensure that Veterans have full access to public services and are celebrated for the work they do.

One issue that I have taken up with the executive and officers of EHC, is the possibility of achieving an award under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme and progress is ongoing.

Lastly, members need to be aware of the portal for help and advice on all issues relating to the Armed Forces and that is the Veterans Gateway. www.veteransgateway.org.uk

Update provided by: Cllr Huggins

Date: 4 April 2020

Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Purpose:

Provides community consultation in regard to the workings of Stansted Airport. Its specific terms of reference are:

1. To consider, scrutinise and advise on matters primarily concerning the management and administration of the Airport.
2. To consider the impact of the Airport on the local community, the economy and the environment.
3. To consider matters affecting the experience of Airport users including in particular passengers.
4. To consider the corporate affairs of the Airport.
5. To promote an informed understanding of airport operations and of their impact on communities of interest.
6. To consider matters specifically referred by interests represented on the Committee, by the management of the Airport or by the Government.
7. To share ideas and consider best practice from other airports and organisations.
8. To liaise with other Airport Consultative Committees on matters of common concern.
9. To make representations to the Government and other organisations as appropriate and
10. To take any action incidental to any of the above terms of reference, including co-options, the establishment of Working Groups and nominations to Outside Bodies.

East Herts Council Representative:
Cllr Andrew Huggins

Update:

This year I have attended several meetings at Stansted Airport of the full committee (STACC), the Environmental Issues Group (EIG) and the Future Airspace Consultation Steering Group. There are a

number of projects that are ongoing. Firstly, Uttlesford DC have rescinded the planning permission for Stansted's expansion to 43 million passengers per annum.

The EIG have been working with the airport to set some environmental benchmarking criteria. Items like air quality, surface water quality and recycling levels to name a few. The management of Stansted Airport have committed to achieving net zero carbon emission by 2050.

The last project is the Future Airspace programme. This is a national directive passed down from the Civil Aviation Authority and the DoT. The scheme is to consult and then design possible changes to arrivals and departures from the airport. (Luton are doing the same). The airport is leading on the consultation for flight paths below 7000ft and NATS will be doing above that altitude. My role is to voice an opinion on the approach to consultation. I have so far been instrumental in widening the consultation area out to all areas that are known to have regular flights pass overhead below that altitude which the airport had omitted. I shall be working with our officers to ensure that the consultation is communicated to our members and residents effectively.

Update provided by: Cllr Huggins

Date: 4 April 2020

Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny Committee

East Herts Council Representative(s):
Cllr Norma Symonds

Update:

Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) last met 4 March 2020. At the meeting we considered:

1. Service Overview: Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service

We were given a very thorough overview of the non-emergency patient transport service (NEPTS). The Committee requested an update on the position since the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST) took over the service following the collapse of the previous private provider in September 2018. There were several significant issues that EEAST had to address to stabilise and improve services. The Committee focused its attention on the following:

- The current position of the service; including staff retention and recruitment
- Testing the service in being 'fit for purpose'
- Training provided (induction and on-going)
- How are staff equipped to support a patient who deteriorates in health whilst being transported and any mental health or substance misuse issues they may face.
- Re-procurement timetable

Members questioned the NHS in detail. It was agreed that there would be further scrutiny would of NEPTS at the Patient Quality Scrutiny in May. ***This has been postponed due to covid 19.***

2. Decision on the Proposed Move of Moorfields Eye Hospital's City Road Services

We had already commented on the proposals at an HSC in the autumn. Moorfields were asked to provide an update on the final decision. The Committee regards the move to a new purpose-built site adjacent to St Pancras close to research partners and other stakeholders as a beneficial

one for Hertfordshire residents. Members were particularly impressed by the quality of the report. It set out the information clearly and with sufficient detail.

3. London Cardio-Respiratory and Congenital Heart Disease Services

There are plans for service reconfiguration in the location of these very specialist services. The NHS gave an overview of the changes and agreed to return to HSC with more detail as proposals develop. The services are accessed by patients from a large area and any future scrutiny may require our participation in a joint committee. It is very early in the planning and when there is more information, I will report back to Council.

4. Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Consultation Joint Committee

This is discussed later in this report.

5. East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust Care Quality Commission Inspection Action Plan Update

We have expected to hear from ENHT however CQC asked to meet the ENHT board at the time HSC was meeting. The Committee agreed that the CQC action plan will be addressed at the Patient Quality Scrutiny in May.

This has been postponed due to covid 19.

6. HSC Site Visits

6.1 East & North Herts Trust (ENHT) 19 March 2020

ENHT and East & North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (ENHCCG) are proposing the closure of the Urgent Care Centre at the New QEII overnight. Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) considered the proposal at a meeting in July 2019. The Committee reviewed the evidence and agreed the proposed closure times and redeployment of staff. To assist it was agreed that two site visits would be undertaken: QEII Hospital and Herts Urgent Care took place on 29 October. The aim of the visit to the Lister Hospital is to increase member understanding of provision in the area. During the visit we will be to what the experience is like for patients from triage onwards. We will also have an opportunity to speak to frontline staff and specialist medical staff. Afterwards we should have a better understanding of the purpose and work of an Emergency Department in a busy acute hospital. ***The proposed visit to the Emergency Department (A&E) at the Lister will be rescheduled due to covid 19 pressures.***

7. Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (MVCC). A review of the services provided at Mount Vernon took place last year. Although there are strong patient outcomes and feedback from patients and carers is good the fabric of the estate is poor. There are also longer-term concerns at the viability of Mount Vernon as a standalone facility. We heard that Mount Vernon is only one of two remaining such facilities.

7.1 NHS England is working with providers and clinicians to develop a sustainable solution. This may involve the committee in consultation when proposals are developed. Officers have been asked to liaise with the other authorities and NHS to take forward the planning needed to set up a joint committee.

7.2 In the meantime, we are maintaining a watching brief as proposals evolve. In preparation the chairman and vice chairman of HSC attended an informative briefing with the chairman of London Borough of Hillingdon Health Scrutiny with input from NHS England, Hillingdon Trust and University College London Hospital, who will take on management of the service from ENHT. I will keep HSC and this Council informed.

8. Forthcoming Scrutinies - *all scrutinies have been postponed until further notice.*

8.1 Public Health outcomes – we were expecting to undertake on 10 March postponed; however, as the lead officer is the Director of Public Health and his priority, quite rightly has been the coronavirus outbreak. We will decide on a new date once the emergency has passed.

Patient Quality The Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) undertakes an annual scrutiny of the quality of services delivered by key providers. This is the Committee's response to the significant failings that occurred at Mid Staffordshire Hospital. Here, you will remember inadequate patient care led to unnecessary suffering and death. The Enquiry that followed placed a clear focus on maintaining patient outcomes and experience and health scrutiny was encouraged to maintain on overview. ***This has been postponed due to covid 19.***

8.2 Drug & Alcohol Strategy. The topic group has been commissioned to focus its attention on the effectiveness of the commissioned drug and alcohol treatment provision; gain an overview of the new drug and alcohol strategy and the process for delivery; and to assess how effectively partnerships work together to achieve the outcomes to support the

delivery of the strategy. A similar scrutiny looking the suicide prevention strategy played an instrumental role in the development of the revised strategy. Councillors participating in the Drugs & Alcohol Strategy scrutiny will perform a similar service.

9. Forthcoming Scrutiny Seminars - *all seminars have been postponed until further notice.*

10. The following scrutiny seminar for councillors is planned jointly with Overview & Scrutiny. All Councillors are welcome to attend:

- Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children **30 April** Councillors will hear about the whole system approach to the emotional health and mental wellbeing of children and young people (CYP).

Update provided by: Cllr Symonds

Date: March 2020

Stansted Airport Community Trust

Purpose:

The Trust was set up in 2005 initially with an income of £100k per annum. This money was then distributed to good causes within a 10 mile radius of the Airport.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Diane Hollebon

Update:

I represent EHDC on the Stansted Airport Community Trust. There is only one representative from us now.

Since my involvement with the Trust I have been promoting the Trust to areas covering our District and I am pleased to say that more applications were received and granted. Having local knowledge of the Groups helped to persuade my other Trustees to support the various applications. After 7 years, MAG (Manchester Airport Group) reduced the income to £50K and also appointed a Trustee to look after their interests. I feel that this has worked reasonably well.

The Trust has not met since June 2019 and I attended this meeting. The Chairman of the Trust is awaiting further developments from MAG to see what way the existing/new Trust will develop. The Chairman of the Trust is still actively encouraging all Councils to still appoint their representatives to the Trust. No Trust Meetings are planned for the future at the time of writing this Report as MAG have to reveal their plans for the future.

Update provided by: Cllr Hollebon

Date: 11 March 2020

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel has been established to scrutinise and support the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner is required to consult with the Panel on plans for policing, as well as the precept (the money collected from council tax for policing) and certain key appointments.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Alexander Curtis

Update:

Hertfordshire continues to be a very safe county, in which the public hold their local police force in high regard. In 2019, Hertfordshire Constabulary was rated first in the country for 'police doing a good or excellent job', with 84% of local respondents selecting that option in the Crime Survey for England and Wales. Although crime rates remain low across Hertfordshire, the force area is located adjacent to Greater London; where levels of crime have increased significantly in recent years. Crime that has migrated across the border between Greater London and Hertfordshire is an ever-increasing issue, especially in the form of county lines drug operations. As you will be aware, the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), David Lloyd, increased the council tax precept by £24 per annum for a Band D household in 2019. This increased funding has largely been invested in the Constabulary's local policing model, which is built on Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Beacon, Hertfordshire's Victim Care Centre, continues to be utilised by the PCC to support victims of crime in the county. It is funded directly from the victim surcharge that offenders pay in court. Fraud, including of an online nature, continues to be a challenge. However, the new Beacon Fraud Hub, which has been heralded as the 'gold standard' for supporting victims of fraud in England and Wales, is

proving to be a success at mitigating that so far. Increased investment has also been made into Hertfordshire Constabulary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, to support victims of serious sexual violence; the most intrusive of crimes. The PCC and his team are currently investigating how a rape scrutiny panel could be implemented in Hertfordshire, in order to improve the future management and investigation of cases of rape. A new service by Safer Places has been implemented to support victims of stalking, and the PCC is working to maximise the use of third party reporting centres to allow victims to report hate crime without attending a police station. A major review of the force control room has been conducted, with investment subsequently being provided to reduce average call handling times and abandoned calls to the non-emergency 101 reporting system.

On the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP), I have questioned the PCC about his plans for tackling fly-tipping, a particular concern in East Hertfordshire, and collaborating with partners to maximise synergies in crime prevention. Following my questioning, I was pleased to see both items feature prominently in the PCC's new Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan (CSCJP), which was approved by the Panel in September 2019. Members are more than welcome to contact me by email or telephone if they have any questions about the work of Hertfordshire Constabulary, the PCC and the PCP. It is very important that any concerns about the PCC's strategic priorities for policing in Hertfordshire are communicated to me, so that I am able to question the PCC on them at future PCP meetings.

Update provided by: Cllr Curtis

Date: 11 April 2020

Ancient Charities of Hertford

Purpose:

To assist individuals and families in Hertford and the surrounding villages.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Sally Newton

Update:

The Charities met 4 times during the year and 19 grants were awarded.

See guide to organisations sponsoring applicants.

These included Children's Centres, Health Visitors and Housing Associations.

Cookers, carpets, washing machines were donated.

Managed and hosted by Hertford Town Council.

Funding received from investment returns.

Assets from past bequeaths in wills.



Ancient Charities of Hertford



Incorporating
The Charity of Ann Dimsdale, Miss M I Jourdain's Charity, Thomas Noble's Charity,
Hall's Eleemosynary Charity, The Hartford Connecticut Relief Fund
and The Robert Partridge Fund

Guide to organisations sponsoring applicants

The Ancient Charities of Hertford assist individuals and families who are in financial difficulties and who live in Hertford and the surrounding villages. Applicants are sponsored by organisations such as Social Services, Community Nursing Groups, Citizens Advice etc. Application forms can be obtained from Hertford Town Council, at the address below.

The Charity is able to respond rapidly to a specific need, once the application has been submitted. However, significant delays have occurred where there has been insufficient detail on the form.

The following guidelines should be followed to ensure the application can be dealt with, as rapidly as possible. A specimen copy of the form is attached and the notes below correspond to each of the sections, numbered 1-6.

1. Family name.
2. To qualify for a grant, the family must reside in Hertford or one of the following rural parishes:
Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Little Berkhamstead, Sacombe, Stapleford, Tewin, Waterford and Watton at Stone.
Working in, but living outside this area does not qualify.
3. Applicants telephone number.
4. Please provide details of the family's background and in particular if they are in receipt of benefits. They may, for example, be out of work, have special needs, have mental health problems etc. Note also that the purpose of the grant and the estimated cost is required.
5. Complete details as indicated.
6. Give a contact name, the address of the sponsoring organisation represented and a telephone number. It speeds up the response if a mobile number or email address is given, so that a trustee can discuss the details of the application.

It is emphasised that all information is treated in complete confidence. Records are maintained by Hertford Town Council who must comply with the Data Protection Act.

The Clerk, Ancient Charities of Hertford, The Castle, Hertford SG14 1HR
Telephone: 01992 552885 Fax: 01992 505876
Charity Registration No. 207390

Update provided by: Cllr Newton

Date: 15 April 2020

Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust

Purpose:

Preserving buildings of historical and architectural importance

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Peter Ruffles

Update:

East Herts Council is one of eight District/Borough Councils in Hertfordshire which forms the charitable Company limited by guarantee called HBPT. As EHC representative, at the Trust AGM I vote on behalf of the Council.

I have had a 100% attendance at HBPT meetings this year and serve the Trust as a Windmill Guide at its property Cromer Windmill. I am also fully trained in Windmill evacuation procedures.

I visit the Trust properties frequently and I hope EHC retains its Trust connection.

Update provided by: Cllr Ruffles

Date: 5 March 2020

Historic England – Heritage Champion

Purpose:

The Champion is seen as a voice for heritage locally.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Peter Ruffles

Update:

The Champion role has facilitated and supported my other roles at EHC and elsewhere. I've enjoyed a good working relationship with the Council's Conservation Team.

Historic England, through electronic communications and otherwise, has provided greater and wider background learning to help place East Herts matters in context.

I've greatly enjoyed the role, and hopefully been able to use it for local benefits.

Update provided by: Cllr Ruffles

Date: 5 March 2020

Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust (now part of Groundwork East)

Purpose:

To create better places; improve people's prospects and encourage greener living and working.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Peter Ruffles

Update:

I have attended all meetings and events to which I have been invited. These have, however, been fewer locally since the Hertfordshire Trust's amalgamation with Beds, Cambs, Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk.

Nevertheless, with Cllr Ben Crystall I've done some local hedge planting, and I've been a guest at several project completion publicity presentations.

Update provided by: Cllr Ruffles

Date: 5 March 2020

Hertfordshire Lifestyle and Legacy Partnership

Purpose:

Originally set up to continue the legacy created from the Olympics in 2012

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Eric Buckmaster

Update:

The Partnership has been a great forum for bringing together officers and members from HCC and Districts/Boroughs across the county. Guest speakers from other agencies and partnerships often gave updates on initiatives that support the physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing of the population of Hertfordshire.

An example is Hertfordshire Community Foundation and crowdfunding

Founded 1988 to tackle need and deprivation.

Supported 2500 charities

Over £12m in grants given

Work with over 100 donors

Crowdfunding with HCC trial set

Leverage additional giving, more coordinated approach with a wider reach of smaller funders

Confirmed participants, are HCC, Hertsmere and East Herts

Potential to engage others

HCF can offer support to applicants and HCF can validate the project

Website Goes Live in May

April 2021 pilot concludes

Branding is Crowdfunding Hertfordshire

Objectives are to reach new applicants, generate community support

Encourage groups and organisations to diversify their income streams

Encourage other funders

Year of Culture update

At the start of the year there was much enthusiasm for the Year of Culture and then the lockdown occurred. This was the position before that.

Growing Social Media

Delivery Group meeting monthly

Activity forms coming in

95 events in January, over 700 for 2020 so far

3000 people saw a film in January at Hertford theatre

March is access to the arts theme.

A schools focus.

HCC public Health Evaluation:

Event mapping, wider impacts,

Increased linkages between creative and non-creative organisations

Local Authority focus and support for cultural activities

Voluntary and Community sector theme update

In January there had been a regional social prescribing conference and where the important role of reducing isolation was discussed and the importance of art and culture in health.

Discussed the contract with Day Centres and how the funding was the same but now a grant process rather than contracts. New grants will be 2 years plus 1 year's option to renew for further year.

Didn't envisage much upheaval, however Day Centres not currently able to operate owing to Covid.

Looking at how charities support one another, engaging with CVS's
Engaging with local authorities and how they engage.

Physical Activity and Lifestyle theme update.

Discussed the Never too late campaign.

Access to one week pass to Leisure centre

Hertfordshire Independent Living (meals on wheels) Delivering physical activity programmes in homes. Showing positive outcomes,

reducing concern in falling.

Health Walk initiatives

Initiative around making hospitals active places. For staff and patients. Lister will submit a bid. Could work in particular health pathways. Also giving staff confidence to pass on info and tips to patients.

Unfortunately the planned community activities have had to be postponed owing to the Covid Crisis. Communities are finding innovative ways of supporting one another and stakeholders are looking at ways of sharing culture and lifestyle on line for the time being, but looking ahead to a time when they can collaborate more fully on events that can bring people together in reality rather than virtually.

Update provided by: Cllr Buckmaster

Date: April 2020