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Title: **Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder's Report –
Councillor Jessica Riddle**

Health and Wellbeing

Carlisle submitted their application to the World Health Organisation for Phase VI Healthy City status. This included: obtaining letters of support from partners, identifying priority areas, providing detail that the council has considered the decision for phase VI. We have recently found out that we have been successful in gaining phase VI World Health Organisation Healthy City Status.

A Carlisle Health and wellbeing profile has been produced which showcases the data for the district.

Health and planning work is being explored, we are working to include a Strategic Health Policy in the Local Plan.

A variety of different initiatives to reduce the levels of smoking have taken place. The stop smoking service have attended events in the Carlisle district and completed targeted work within the City Council foyer. A city centre event with tobacco free futures was organised in the city centre to raise awareness of the risks associated with smoking to young people and provide advice and support on how to quit.

Several funded Healthy City projects have recently received awards:

1. Carlisle SPAAF (Sport and Physical Activity Alliance Foundation)

Best New Social Enterprise North West 2014 (Social Enterprise NW)

Best New Social Enterprise Cumbria 2014 (Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership)

Social Entrepreneur of the year 2014 (Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership)

2. Cumbria Gateway

Social Enterprise of the Year - Highly Commended

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Disabled Facilities Grants

New contracts for the 2014 framework have been issued. The Private Sector Housing team have met with all the contractors under the new framework and good working relationships are being established, with clear guidance on what is expected and how the contract will be managed. The new ways of working under the framework will allow disabled adaptations to be delivered in an effective and efficient manner, ensuring quality adaptations are received by customers. The new framework commenced on the week beginning the 9th June 2014.

Equality and Diversity Policy

We are working with a group of Cumbria districts to deliver a new approach to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The group has approached a range of trainers to develop a project to be implemented later this year in preparation for a review of our equality objectives.

Community Safety Partnership

The Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed the funding arrangements for the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for 2014/ 15.

£7,000 is being provided to each territorial policing area (Carlisle and Eden, Barrow and South Lakes and West Cumbria) towards the staffing costs of a partnership co-ordinator.

Up to £30,000 will also be made available to the Carlisle and Eden CSP. Up to £15,000 towards projects that support the Police and crime plan, £5,000 towards crime prevention work and emerging issues and up to a further £10,000 towards high scoring bids or multi-area projects.

Funding bids are being considered by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on a monthly basis.

Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups

The next problem solving group meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th July, 2pm at Riverside offices on Botchergate.

Members are welcome to attend the PSG to raise issues or alternatively, if members are aware of any issues or concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in their wards the information can be passed directly to Ruth Crane, Community Development Officer who will ensure the information is passed to the group for discussion.

Since its inception the problem solving group has managed over 260 different cases ranging from noise nuisance, dog fouling, vulnerable people, speeding vehicles to criminal damage and drug abuse.

Police Desk

A new police desk service for the residents of Carlisle west was launched on Wednesday 18th June at the Morton community centre on Wigton Road, Carlisle.

The concept of the police desk is to offer a further location in the community where residents can speak to officers and access services including, reporting a crime in person, arranging to take a statement, crime prevention and personal safety advice and much more. There will also be a monthly theme example home security, safety advice etc.

The police desk will take place every Wednesday thereafter at the same time, 9am – 12 noon, and will offer residents the chance to speak with officers without having to attend a police station, something which not everyone finds comfortable to do.

Summer Splash

Summer Splash is a scheme that aims to engage young people (11-17 yrs) and reduce anti-social behaviour throughout the summer holidays (a key period for anti-social behaviour.) A range of different activities are put on to challenge young people, give them the chance to try something new and get fit and active. Activities vary year on year but have included climbing walls, laser tag, zorbing, mountain biking, music, a range of sports and archery.

The scheme has been running for 4 years and is being expanded this year to include other key areas across the District. Splash events will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday evenings between 17.00-20.00, commencing on 17th July and alternating between Chances Park and Hammonds Pond, Melbourne Park and Keenan Park, Longtown and Brampton. The event is being co-ordinated by Inspira and Cumbria Constabulary in conjunction with Riverside Housing and Carlisle City Council.

In 2013 Summer Splash saw the largest number of youths attending, a total of 1452. Over the last 4 years Summer Splash has contributed towards the following reductions in anti-social behaviour - 23% reduction in 2011, 35% reduction in 2012 and a 16% reduction in 2013.

Community Centres Kiosks

Two new self serve community kiosks will be installed in Greystone Community Centre and Brampton Community Centre on Friday 20th June. The information provided on the kiosks has been tailored to the local area and will provide residents with free access to local information and services.