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Councillor Jessica Riddle**

Community Safety Partnership

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed statutory obligations on local authorities and the police to act in co-operation with the probation service, health authorities and other relevant agencies, to work together to develop and implement a partnership plan for tackling crime and disorder in their area. The Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are in the process of developing their plan for 2015/16 using data from the community safety strategic assessment. The plan will set out its priorities and how it intends to tackle crime and disorder over the next year.

Community Trigger

Officers have been working closely with Cumbria Constabulary to outline a number of suggestions and recommendations on how the new community trigger process should be implemented across the County. The community trigger gives communities and victims of anti-social behaviour the right to request a review of their case and bring responsible agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach.

The trigger can be used by individuals, businesses or community groups whose case meets the criteria. Anyone who is affected by anti-social behaviour is entitled to use the community trigger if they believe no action has been taken to solve a problem that has been reported to the police, council or housing provider. It is a way of empowering victims and holding agencies to account.

Health and Wellbeing

Carlisle Doorstep Walks

New Carlisle Doorstep Walks were launched in the New Year. These include:

- Walking for Health programme (January – July 2015). This programme takes the walks out to different communities. Referrals are taken from a variety of different organisations for example the NHS.
- Tuesday Trundles (Jan-April 2015), which move on from the Walking for Health Programme. These walks are longer in distance and duration.

An evaluation of the Carlisle Doorstep Walk programme was completed which highlighted a “*high level of satisfaction*” and “*appreciation of the work put in by staff and volunteers*”. The annual evaluation questionnaire is being used to find out what the health benefits are of the walks to the individual.

Healthy City Steering Group

The Healthy City Steering Group (HSCG) continues to advance health related work within the district and has gained support from new partners. Over 30 signatories have signed up to support phase VI and as a consequence the Terms of Reference of the group are being revisited.

The HCSG is the locality health and wellbeing forum that feeds into the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board / Public Health Alliance. Following the LGA review a new structure has been proposed for Cumbria.

Local Healthy Option Award Launch (LHOA)

The LHOA was launched on Friday 16th January 2015. People are becoming more aware of how our food is prepared and where our food comes from. Therefore the Local Healthy Options Award aims to:

- Enable customers to make healthier and more informed food choices.
- Help to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease, obesity, strokes, cancer and diabetes.
- Assist in promoting local, healthy, socially responsible food businesses.
- Contributes to the local economy.

13 organisation /businesses achieved the award. 9 of which achieved the GOLD award and 4 of which achieved the standard award. A fantastic array of organisations included: a community centre, a cafeteria, cafe, a restaurant, a sandwich shop and a fish and chip Shop as examples, all of whom provided a local and healthy option on their menus. Each organisation/business received a window sticker and a certificate, which was presented by City Council Portfolio Holders and the Mayor. The scheme received positive media and social media promotion and engagement and will be promoted on the Discover Carlisle website. Thanks go to all officers involved.

Abstract Magazine

A website promoting news for young people is now up and running. Abstract has been re-launched as an online magazine put together by young people in Carlisle. Their new website -www.abstractmagazinecarlisle.co.uk - provides information on current news stories, exhibitions and events, reviews, fashion & shopping, and advice on staying safe. The magazine has been supported by the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Tullie House Museum, the Art Gallery Trust and Vincent and Bell Graphic Design.