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Title: **Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder's Report –
Councillor Lee Sherriff**

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Working alongside the new multi-agency hub (based within the Civic Centre) a new magazine has been created in partnership with the Police and other support agencies. 'In Carlisle' It is aimed at older residents and contains information from a variety of partners about staying safe online, local grants, activities for older people, health information and winter ready advice. With the support of Police PCSOs, the printed magazines were distributed in early December.

SMARTER SERVICE DELIVERY

The Smarter Service Delivery (SSD) project has been nominated for an award for Innovate Access to Public Services. The award is delivered by iNetwork which is an organisation administered by Tameside Council near Manchester. iNetwork's vision is to help local public service organisations to "collaborate to innovate" and thereby provide effective support for their users, patients and communities. A large number of councils, police, fire, health, housing and voluntary sector organisations across the North and Midlands are members of iNetwork. In addition, they run national programmes for Government and host the local government information standards organisation, iStandUK.

The Smarter Service Delivery project is aimed at delivering efficient and effective services in a customer centric way. This is done by using appropriate technology as well as involving partnership working. Salesforce platform is at the heart of the technology the project is using and is already demonstrating savings in this area.

WORKPLACE HEALTH

The Healthy City Forum (formerly the Healthy City Steering Group) has hosted a number of workshop's to develop a Workplace health project, which focuses on "getting people into work and supporting people in work". There are several strands to the project, but the final strand has been developed in partnership with Cumbria County Council, Carlisle City Council and the Healthy City Forum. Inspira will be leading on the project as a key delivery partner and are looking to hold an event in the new year.

BITTS PARK FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Carlisle City Council is working to provide a new outdoor exercise facility, which will be openly available to the public, located on the former bowling green at Bitts Park. The facility will encompass the latest advances in design and technology whilst remaining suitably robust to withstand open public usage and the potential for flooding.

This will provide opportunities for health giving exercise for local residents and visitors. The equipment will be suitable for a range of abilities and ages and will include on site instructions and the ability to see instructional videos using QR codes. The design has taken into account flood resilience and ease of maintenance. The tender for the fitness equipment has been awarded to Kompan Scotland Ltd. There is an expected completion date of end of March/early April.

FOOD CARLISLE

Food Carlisle continues to look at innovative new ways to interact with our local community and to work in partnership to empower change towards a vibrant and inclusive food culture.

Key points to note:

- Food Carlisle steering group meeting took place on 07.11.2017
- Reviewed Terms of Reference and Constitution
- The development of a Food Carlisle 'brand' and visibility was discussed – exploring working with Carlisle College to develop a logo
- A speaker from Cockermouth Food Assembly presented her experiences with the Food Assembly service; looking at alternative ways of supplying locally produced food.
- A representative from Fair Meals Direct, Meals on Wheels gave an update. This project was developed initially in partnership with Food Carlisle and Sustainable Carlisle. It is now in the process of establishing as a community enterprise.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD CITY AWARD

Carlisle is one of the founding 13 cities of the Sustainable Food Cities Network. Over the next 6 months Food Carlisle will be working towards the Sustainable Food Cities Bronze Award. This award is designed to recognise and celebrate the success of those places taking a joined up, holistic approach to food and that are achieving significant positive change on a range of key food issues. We have now received the first initial feedback from a bullet point submission of our application and are now working towards our first draft.

SUGAR SMART

- SURVEY: The Sugar Smart Survey is now open and the feedback will help us shape the project moving forward. A number of partners have donated prizes to encourage more people to participate.
- **Call to action:** Please complete the survey and encourage others to do so via: <http://carlislepartnership.carlisle.city/News/sugar-smart-carlisle-survey>
- A Sugar Smart Summit is being planned for 19th January 2018, to highlight the issues, pledges and work to date. Please save the date.
- A meeting with Carlisle Youth Council and focused on the Sugar Smart project including; pledges, what they can do at their schools to help promote the project, showing them how to use the website
- Working with Carlisle College on a video promoting the project with key interviews

WALKING

Walk Volunteers

On 27th November 20 walking volunteers and key Council staff joined us at the Civic Centre. They were presented with their Carlisle Living finalist certificate and recognised by the Leader of the Council, The Mayor and myself the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Health and Wellbeing, for their hard work and commitment to date.

Without the support of the volunteers the walking programmes would struggle to run. They play a key role in, as examples: risk assessing, attending events, designing posters, promoting the scheme and being a supportive friendly face to new participants.

We are so grateful to the time they contribute to the City and the impact the programme has on our residents. A huge thank you also goes to those behind the scenes for continuing to support and develop the programme.

Christmas Walking Event

Over 80 people from the various walking programmes attended the Christmas get together at Longtown Community Centre on Wednesday the 6th December. The event included: a walk, bring and share lunch, a Christmas quiz and awards (to our top walkers) / and thank you's (to our walkers / volunteers).

The event also allowed us to capture feedback and case studies on the programme, which will be used to evaluate the scheme, shape the next programme and help inform future decisions – which are community led and shaped.