

## **Councillor Maggie Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Local Partnerships**

### **Report to Full Council – Tuesday, 22 July 2025**

#### **Communities Team Update – July 2025**

Manager: Carla Claydon

Officers: Angie Greneski (AG), Kerry Vinton (KV), Fleur Brookes (FB), Sue Hayden (SH), John Starr (JS) Tanveer Dhillon (TD)

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#### **Youth projects**

The inaugural Youth Partnerships meeting is taking place on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. This meeting will bring youth organisations together to explore where they can collaborate, identify local needs and gaps, and opportunities.

#### **School engagement**

Saffron Walden County High School have requested another visit to UDC to meet with Councillors and officers to learn how the Council operates and ask questions.

#### **Health and wellbeing Board**

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The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is next meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> July and it will review the progress of the nine projects it has funded against its objectives.

#### **Ukraine and refugee/asylum seekers update**

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#### **Ukrainian update Lead Officer (SH)**

Projects are going well. The group is meeting every month to review current projects and identify challenges in delivery.

#### **New Community Grants**

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The one-off grants are currently live, closing in September.

#### **Community safety – Lead Officer AG**

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#### **The Community Safety Partnership – Lead Officer AG**

Crucial Crew 2025 went well, we received lots of positive feedback from schools. Messages of healthy relationships, vaping, crime, ASB and water safety were delivered to over 700 year 6 students from across the district.

The new SOS meetings are going well. his space enables residents to conduct face to face meetings with a variety of agencies for support with mental health, housing needs, substance dependence and cost of living.

In March the Uttlesford CSP develop a delivery plan of projects to meet the priorities set out from the strategic assessment and in line with the PFCCs priorities.

The Cllr drop-ins are back, and hopefully there will be greater take-up.

#### **Safeguarding update – Lead Officer FB**

Safeguarding training attendance KPI data has been submitted to the relevant department and is being monitored by SMT.

Recent themes emerging from safeguarding concerns raised include hoarding, dementia and mental health issues. We continue to support tenants alongside the housing team.

#### **Domestic Abuse**

We obtained DA Navigator funding from Essex, circa £22,000, which will provide a funded post for Uttlesford for 2025/26. In addition, a monthly steering group, led by Next Chapter shares good practice and discuss how we can capture the voice of the victim once support has been put in place by housing and support agencies.

#### **Anti-social behaviour – Lead Officer TD**

Tanveer recently started with the team and already has a busy caseload. He works across housing and the council and is busy meeting stakeholders. The updated ASB Policy was approved in June.

The new Youth and Adult ASB Forum meetings have started and are well attended by both schools and housing providers.