

Informal meeting to consider call in of FP/419/05/22 ECC Levelling Up funding of Active Essex healthy and active lifestyles projects in Tendring and Basildon (23.05.22)

Present:

Councillors K Smith, C Pond, J Spence, L McKinley  
Jason Fergus  
Grant Taylor (Basildon)  
Alastair Gordon,  
Will Hooper,  
Phil Oldershaw,  
Emma Tombs

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Councillor Spence invited GT and JF to give an overview of the work taking place and intended to take place in Vange. He stressed that there was agreement that Vange was a priority, however not all areas could be included in every project.

JF and GT advised that the three projects within Basildon identified in the CMA aligned with and supported the Safe and Sound Estates programme to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of those people living on three specific estates. The three estates were Laindon Five Links, Lee Chapel North and Felmores. GT agreed that Vange was a priority and particularly drew attention to work taking place with Trust Links, a South Essex charity for mental health and wellbeing. A Steering Group had been established made up of local residents and Councillor McGurran (ECC; Pitsea) to develop plans for a community hub, utilising some £.5m from a wide range of partners. The hub was expected to open in Autumn and would use physical activity to contribute directly to strengthening community cohesion on the estates, designing out crime and anti-social behaviour

JF further advised that there would be further tranches of LDP funding and it was expected that projects in Craylands and Vange would be undertaken.

Cllr Smith suggested that an observer, on looking at the published statistics in relation to areas of deprivation, would be surprised by the allocation of funds to Lee Chapel North. JF agreed to provide further information on the allocation of funding within Vange. GT agreed, at the suggestion of Cllr Smith, that he would speak to the Chief Executive of Basildon Council, to ask that convening an informal working group of Councillors be considered, in order to consider areas for future funding in relation to sport and physical activities.

On the conclusion of the discussion it was **AGREED** –

- That JF would provide further information on projects and investment taking place in Vange to Cllr Smith;
- That GT would approach the Chief Executive of Basildon Council, to ask that convening an informal working group of Councillors to consider opportunities for future funding in relation to sport and physical activity be considered.

Councillor Smith agreed that he was satisfied with this position, and that the call in was therefore withdrawn.