

10. Community Health and Leisure Service Update

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Purpose of the Report

This report provides an update on the work of the Community Health and Leisure Service in Area North.

Public Interest

This report seeks to provide Area North members with a progress report on the work undertaken by the Council's Community, Health and Leisure team in the last 12 months. This report highlights specific examples of work undertaken within Area North so that members can gain an understanding of how the work of the Community Health and Leisure team may have had an impact on their respective communities.

In general, staff within the Council's Community Health and Leisure team provide or help to promote physical activity, sport, play and youth programmes to help more people to become healthy and active within South Somerset. Team members also provide support and advice to voluntary groups, sports clubs, parish/town councils and also the general public within their respective fields of expertise.

In addition, the team directly manages a number of play areas, youth facilities and outdoor sports facilities within the district and also provides support and funding advice to others in the development and or management of their own leisure facilities.

The Community Health and Leisure Team also incorporates the Community Resource Centre. This public facility is located on the Lynx Trading Estate in Yeovil and the Centre has a range of equipment (including a mini bus) available for loan to community groups, an arts shop and a Scrapstore (which holds clean business waste that can be used in arts and craft projects). The Centre also co-ordinates the programming and hire of the community activity bus; a double decker bus that is used to support the delivery of community leisure opportunities in rural areas.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Area North Committee notes the content of this report.
- (2) That Members contact the Community Health and Leisure Manager/team if they would like to discuss the current service delivery programme or recommend future priorities. Service planning takes place on an annual basis and draft plans for 2011/12 will start to be drafted in the autumn of 2010.

Background

The corporate restructure last year led to changes within the structure of the old Sport, Arts and Leisure team. The former Head of Service, Steve Joel, is now the Assistant Director for Health and Wellbeing and 4th Tier managers have been appointed to oversee: Sport and Leisure Facilities (incorporating Goldenstones), Arts and Entertainment (incorporating the Octagon Theatre) and Community Health and Leisure. This service update will only focus on the work of the new Community Health and Leisure team.

The aim of the Community Health and Leisure Service is to consistently improve the quality of life and well being for all through the development and provision of high quality healthy lifestyle, sporting and leisure opportunities.

The service makes a positive difference to resident's lives through enabling, partnering and delivering sustainable opportunities for all people to enjoy. At a high level the service covers six main areas:

- Play Development (including the Community Resource Centre)
- Play Areas / Youth Facilities
- Opportunities for Young People
- Healthy Lifestyles Development
- Sport Development
- Leisure Facility Development/Outdoor Sports Facility Management

The primary range of services, together with an overview of the main achievements over the last financial year are set out on a service by service basis below.

The service delivers two of the top six council services or facilities used by residents: Cultural Work (85 per cent), Parks (Play Areas) and Open Spaces (82 per cent).

Service delivery is driven by the annual service planning process. This in turn is driven by the commitments set out within the Corporate Plan, the Local Area Agreement and four Strategic South Somerset Framework Documents: Play Strategy, Young People Strategy, Sport and Active Leisure Strategy and Facility Strategy.

Report

Play Development

Play Development is delivered through two important services:

1. Community Resource Centre Service

- **Community Resource Service:** which comprises a unique series of affordable services to assist new and existing voluntary community organisations and individuals across South Somerset to deliver a range of community activities. As of 4th June 2010, **150 community organisations** and **619 individual users** were registered from Area North. The service enables a vast array of play activities to be delivered which enhance the quality of life and health and wellbeing of residents, which those organisations would otherwise be unable to provide due to the prohibitive financial costs of doing so.

- **Community Resource Activity Bus:** A flagship high-tech double-decker bus specially converted to provide a wide variety of mobile projects to children and adults within their communities across the district. Through supporting Playschemes and play days from April 2009 – March 2010 the bus has reached 743 children, 348 adults and the following 7 Area North communities: Martock, Ham Hill at Stoke sub Hamdon, Kingsbury Episcopi, Aller, Chilthorne Domer, Somerton and Ilton. Further visits are planned for all half term holidays throughout 2010/11.

In addition, 264 children and 87 adults have taken part in pre school projects delivered on the activity bus since February 2009. Venues visited include; Kids Out Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi Pre School, Hambridge – Little Beavers, Montacute Pre School, Barrington Pre School, South Petherton Pre School and High Ham Pre School. An ongoing programme of pre school projects will be delivered during 2010/11.

- **Community Art Shop:** A store providing art and craft materials at affordable prices to members of the service.
- **Community Equipment Hire:** A wide range of equipment for loan and hire including fundraising, arty packs, community playscheme, production, sports, play, and crèches.
- **Community Scrapstore:** Staff collect 35 - 40 tonnes of reusable waste each year from the commercial sector which would have gone to landfill. Scrap is checked and sorted and made available to groups and individuals for use in arts and crafts projects.
- **Community Training:** A range of training workshops ranging from playscheme activity planning to arts and crafts ideas, delivered both in the community and from the centre.
- **Community Playscheme Support:** A range of support to assist community organisations to run community playschemes ranging from programme planning advice, legislation guidance, to finding artists and crafts people to deliver fresh ideas with subsidised workshops available during the summer Hullabaloo Programme and financial support.
- **Community Mini-Bus Hire:** A mini-bus with wheelchair access and capacity to carry a maximum of 16 passengers anywhere in mainland Britain at affordable community prices.

Priorities for 2010/11

The Community Resource Centre aims to continue to support play and youth activities across Area North in 2010/11 as in previous years via the Activity Bus, Hullabaloo Playscheme Programme, Artshop, Scrapstore and equipment hire.

2. Play Development Partnership:

Following the completion of South Somerset Play Policy and Strategy in 2007 and our successful £274,000 bid to the Big Lottery Fund, the service has developed a multi-agency Play Development Partnership to drive forward the development of play opportunities across the district. A full time Community Play Officer was appointed in February 2008 and this has enabled the service to support the Play Partnership to drive

forward with its implementation plans to improve the quality of play opportunities available to children and young people over a three-year period.

Community delivery commenced in April 2008. Initial work focussed on raising the profile of play through the delivery of Play Days and on the commencement of the Play Rangers Programme.

Play Days (funded by the Big Lottery Fund for one further year) – In Area North there are play days planned on the following dates in local villages:

7 th August 2010	Somerton
12 th August 2010	Martock
16 th August 2010	Ilton
30 th August 2010	Chilthorne Domer
25 th September 2010	Curry Rivel

Each play day aims to promote the value of play and offer free, open access to play opportunities. The Big Lottery Funded Community Play Officer works closely with local communities to deliver these popular days that include events such as climbing, den building, toasting marshmallows over a campfire, circus skills, face painting, roller blading and birds of prey exhibitions.

Further details about play days can be found on the council's website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/playdays

Playscheme Support – Support has been provided to the following by the Young People's Officer:

- Chilthorne Domer Youth Sports Club
- Kingsbury Episcopi - summer playscheme

Play Areas/Youth Facilities

Play Areas

Bracey Road, Martock – Following consultation with local residents a final design was developed, quotations for work received and a contractor has been appointed. Construction work on site is expected to start in July/August and be completed by September 2010.

Hills Lane, Martock – A £20,000 budget has been secured and improvements to this play area are planned for 2010. Repair works to the vandalised climbing frame were undertaken in July 2010.

Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel – A draft design has been completed and the local school are to be consulted prior to design being formalised. This project is expected to be complete this financial year.

Martock Recreation Ground – Council Officers provided support and advice to Martock Parish Council on the improvements to the play area, which were opened to the public in March 2010.

Lightgate Lane, South Petherton – The district council has secured £50,000 from the government's Playbuilder Scheme to enable South Petherton Parish Council to transform its play area. The government has set a condition the money must be spent by the end of the 2010/11 financial year. Officers have had an initial meeting with the parish council to move this project forward. This project will link into the MUGA project proposed for the site in future years.

Copse Lane Play Area, Ilton – Officers are supporting the parish council to develop plans for the parks new play area. A steering group has been established and a study tour of other play areas completed in May to gain inspiration and ideas. Consultation and planning work will continue for this project, which is expected to be delivered next financial year. Officers are also assisting the parish council with identifying the location for a floodlight MUGA in the village.

Shepton Beauchamp – Council Officers have been providing advice and support to the parish council in the development of their play area, which also includes completion of a site management plan. The parish have now appointed a landscape Architect to assist with the detailed design work.

Youth Facility Projects

Fivehead Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – With assistance from council officers the play field committee have constructed a new MUGA, which was officially opened on 17th April 2010.

Martock Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – A meeting has been held with representatives of Martock Parish Council to discuss this project. A location has been agreed for the MUGA and support is being given to the parish council to fund raise their £35,000 and match SSDC's £35,000 contribution.

Langport Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - Meetings have been held with representatives of Langport Town and Huish Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee to discuss this project. Consultation work is going to be carried out this summer to raise awareness of the project and get the public's involvement.

Kingsbury Episcopi (MUGA) – Officers have been providing advice and assistance to the Playing Field Management Committee to develop a full size and floodlight MUGA on their recreation ground.

Tintinhull MUGA – Council Officers have provided advice and support to the parish council on the maintenance and re-instatement of their MUGA into a usable condition.

Playground Inspection Service

Annual Playground Inspections – The team has received 20 requests from parish councils in Area North for annual playground inspections and these are being completed this summer, as normal.

Free Operational Playground Inspections – The team continues to provide a free quarterly playground inspection service to not for profit play area providers in Area North.

Routine Playground Inspections – The team continues to provide this service to not for profit play area providers and in Area North, Ilton, Curry Rivel, South Petherton and Tintinhull Parish Council's continue to use the service.

Playground Risk Assessments – The team has received 14 requests from parish councils in Area North for playground risk assessments and these are being completed this summer, as normal.

Priorities for 2010/11

- Implement SSDC play area regeneration works at Bracey Road and Hills Lane, Martock and Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel.
- Assist South Petherton Parish Council to implement the Playbuilder funded play area regeneration works at their Lightgate Lane Recreation Ground.
- Assist Martock and Langport Council's to develop their Multi Use Games Area projects.
- Deliver continuity and a high standard of play area inspection service.

Opportunities for Young People

Gold Star Awards – To formally recognise and support volunteers working with young people, the Gold Star Awards was held last year on 9th September 2009 at Octagon Theatre. Paula Dowding from Chilthorne Domer was awarded Female Volunteer of the Year, the evening was attended by over 350 invited volunteers from across the district.

B-Active - The B-Active Scheme was launched in January 2008 and offers free access to leisure facilities for three months to young people whose emotional or mental health would benefit from participation in physical activity. There have been 15 young people from Area North referred onto the B-Active Scheme who have had access to free leisure opportunities for 3 months. Nominations to the scheme are normally made by PCSO's, teachers and social workers. Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre is a participating centre within the scheme.

Youth Clubs - The Young Peoples Officer has provided advice and support to communities in developing youth clubs/youth activity in the following villages; Chilthorne Domer, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Seavington, South Petherton and Martock.

Youth Development Support – Support (officer time and or small financial contributions) has been provided to the following communities/projects in the past year:

- Stoke Sub Hamdon – “Funding Applications made easy” training event
- South Petherton – Activities and events including “Eating around the world” at the community youth club
- Stanchester School – publication of a magazine called “See it, Say it Change it” advising young people on how they can make a difference in their rural community.
- Martock – support in setting up a Saturday Morning Youth Club
- Stoke Sub Hamdon – assistance in providing a Youth Café within the community.
- Chilthorne Domer – Acquisition of an Air Hockey Table to be used on youth club nights.

Youth Club Training – Active Clubs Training has been given to five young leaders and volunteers in South Petherton

CRB disclosures - 24 CRB forms have been processed and paid for out of the Young Peoples Officer Budget to encourage more volunteers to work with young people.

Somerset Rural Youth Project (SYRP) – Service Level Agreement - Some of the projects that the SYRP have worked in partnership with the team on are: -

- Stanchester School – producing a coloured booklet for young people called “See it, Say it, Change It” giving advice and information on how to get involved in their community and make a difference.
- Montacute – During autumn 2009, youth workers provided sessions for approximately 8-10 young people on a Monday evening. Specialist employment support was provided in response to need.
- Somerton – SYRP Rural Music Network co-ordinated 20 volunteers to produce and deliver a young bands stage for the Somerton Arts Festival. SYRP's Voluntary Club Support DJ has been out to a club in Somerton offering a disco for the 10 – 12 yr olds to help raise funds for their youth club.
- Langport – 19 young people attended a Peer Health Education Roadshow. Following the success of these roadshows a peer group of young people are being trained as peer educators to deliver their advice and knowledge at future roadshows in the district, the recruits include young people from Langport and Seavington.
- Stoke Sub Hamdon – SYRP in partnership with SSDC have worked with a youth group to increase their knowledge of funding applications. We completed two funding applications during the training evening and both were successful giving £16,000 towards the re-furbishment of the newly built recreation building and £200 towards football kit.

Priorities for 2010/11

- Through regular monitoring, ensure our service level agreement with Somerset Rural Youth Project is delivering the required outcomes for youth development.
- Co-ordinate the numerous stakeholders involved in youth development to ensure the objectives of the councils Young People Strategy continue to be met.

Healthy Lifestyles Development

Our primary services include:

- Supporting targeted communities to establish activity teams and programmes.
- Developing community based Active Health Programmes with health practitioners.
- Delivering and expanding the ProActive GP Referral Service with health practitioners.
- Encouraging Active Workplaces.
- Developing targeted programmes for those at risk.

The programme is delivered in partnership with NHS Somerset, an organisation that is committed in principle to financially supporting this area of work for a further three years.

Following the departure of Louise Bulmer from the Healthy Lifestyles team, our capacity to deliver in this programme area has temporarily been reduced. However, a new officer has been appointed and is expected to start at the end of August 2010. In the mean time, any enquires about healthy lifestyles work in Area North should be directed either to Cheryl Lingard or Jake Hannis within the Community Health and Leisure team.

Active Communities (targeted active lifestyle support):

- The SSDC Bus was used as a venue at the Langport Walking Festival in June 2009 and health MOTs were offered along with health promotion and lifestyle advice to 30 individuals.
- Active Somerset courses that have remained sustainable beyond the life of the initial funding and are still continuing to run are as follows;
 - Tai Chi in Langport with 22 individuals regularly attending the classes
 - Time2Tone in Stoke-Sub-Hamdon with 12 individuals regularly attending the class
- Support has continued to be provided to the Active Living Centres in the way of health MOTs, Flexercise and health promotion and lifestyle advice. The following Active Living Centre have received the support;
 - Bearley House, Martock
 - Langport Active Living
 - Norton-Sub-Hamdon Active Living
 - Stoke-Sub-Hamdon Active Living
 - Langport Carers Group
 - The Friday Club, Sewers Hall, Curry Rivel
- Through the Active Workplace Programme at South Somerset District Council a Weight Loss Challenge was held for staff with a weigh in session held at the Area North offices with 10 members of staff taking part.

Flexercise (training for volunteers to lead chair-based exercise):

Flexercise is a countywide project to train up staff and volunteers to deliver chair based physical activity sessions that also benefit the participant's social and mental well-being. Since April 2009 one Flexercise workshop has been run in Area North. There are now 24 Flexercise Leaders delivering Flexercise Sessions in Area North in 13 venues. These venues range from Nursing Homes, Residential Homes, Sheltered Housing Schemes, Care Homes, Day Centres and Active Living Centres

ProActive Active Communities (GP Referral Service):

Since April 2009 62 residents of Area North have been referred by GP's, Practice Nurses, Physiotherapist and other health professionals. These residents have attended Huish Episcopi Sports Centre. During the year the Instructor at the Huish Episcopi Sports Centre undertook and passed her British Association for Cardiac Rehabilitation Phase IV Instructor Qualification. This training was offered as part of the Outreach Cardiac Rehabilitation Phase IV Class run by Shine Somerset in Chard and the Health & Well-being Pooled Fund funded the training. This now enables residents who have had a heart attack, or heart surgery to be able access gym sessions in their local community instead of having to travel to Yeovil or Taunton.

Health Walks

- Since April 2009, 7 residents in Area North have undertaken the Health Walk Leader training and one workshop was delivered in Area North. Health Walks and Buggy Walks are continuing to expand and take place in the following places:
 - Stoke-Sub-Hamdon with 35 regular walkers
 - Stoke Buggy Walks with 6 regular walkers
 - The Levels Children Centre Buggy Walks, Langport with 8 regular walkers
 - Somerton with 15 regular walkers
 - Lopen with 12 regular walkers
- Area North has also hosted two Somerset Primary Care Trusts 'Soul Walks' during World Mental Health Week in October, and many participants enjoy a series of walks focussing on Mental Well-Being these walks were in Langport and Somerton.

Priorities for 2010/11

- Implement objectives in South Somerset and Area North within the new Healthy Weight and Healthy Lives Adult Obesity Strategy and Action Plan 2010-2013, which will be launched in April 2010.
- Deliver NHS Health Checks (Over 40's) within Area North in 2010/11 in partnership with Somerset NHS.
- Continue to use a social marketing approach to address the issue of childhood obesity by implementing the Change for Life initiative in South Somerset.

Sport Development

Our primary services include:

- Supporting the development and implementation of sport specific development plans.
- Developing community sport partnerships.
- Supporting the development of new and existing sport clubs.
- Enhancing school sport.
- Supporting the development of coaches, volunteers and officials.
- Making the most of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The service works in partnership with the Somerset Activity and Sport Partnership, South East Somerset School Sport Partnership and the National Governing Bodies of Sport. The service capacity has been reduced from 2 FTE to 1 FTE in September 2009 as part of corporate savings.

District-wide Sports Specific Development:

Tennis

Somerton Tennis Club is part of the South Somerset Tennis Development Group, which is a group set up by SSDC Sports Development to lead the development of tennis across the district. Somerton have benefited from £4,872 from Awards for All in May 2009. This funding was used to deliver a schools tennis coaching programme across the district for 7 and 8 year olds across South Somerset during May and June 2009.

This was repeated in between May and June 2010, funded by the South Somerset Tennis Development Group. Somerton linked to 5 primary schools in Area North and coached over 60 young people. Ash (Martock) and Monteclefe (Somerton) primary schools have both reached the South East Somerset Mini Tennis Red final at Martock Tennis Club on Thursday 24th June 2010.

Cricket

The South Somerset Cricket Development Group, made up of representatives from 9 cricket clubs across the district, South Somerset District Council Sports Development and Somerset County Cricket Board, was awarded £8,615 from Sport England Small Grants Scheme in August 2009. The funding will be used for training more coaches and volunteer grounds staff within clubs as well as a number of projects aimed at increasing participation and ensuring more new people can take part in the sport. Huish and Langport CC will receive £2,870 to fund x2 new Level 1 and x3 new Level 2 qualified coaches at the club. The club will also receive funding for groundsman training, school club links, 20/20 adult sessions, cricket equipment, holiday activity programme and new junior recreational sessions. Martock CC will also receive £740 to fund x2 new Level 1 coaches and funding to enable the club to employ a Level 2 coach to assist coaching smaller clubs over the summer.

Football

'Onside' is a new free weekly football skills training programme for eight to 18 year olds, which is currently being delivered in South Petherton and Martock, in Area North. This exciting project started in 2009 and is being delivered by Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust. The management and development of the project is being overseen by a steering group, which includes the Sports Development Team at SSDC. This group were responsible for selecting the 7 communities, using the anti social behaviour data from across the district to select 'hot spot' areas. There is also an opportunity for adult community volunteers to receive free FA Level 1 coaching qualifications and CRB checks by supporting the programme. The Sports Development Team secured the funding from Sport England and additional funding for the project was obtained from Yarlington Homes and Community Cashback 2009/10.

Bowls

South Somerset Bowls Open Day 2009 took place on 2nd May 2009, and was attended by over 100 people new to bowls with 7 clubs each holding coaching and taster sessions on the same day. South Petherton Bowls Club from Area North took part in the day to support clubs with increasing their membership. South Petherton Bowls Club also took part in the 2010 South Somerset Bowls Open Day on 30th May 2010.

Club Development:

Coach Education:

1 person from Somerton Tennis Club has attended the 2009/10 Somerset Coach and Volunteer Education from Area North from a total 28 participants from across the district. There will be further Coach and Volunteer Education courses in 2010/11.

Sport Awards:

The 2009 Sport Awards held at November at Haynes International Motor Museum in front of 150 people and attracted 76 nominations in total. Nine of these came from Area North with Peter Sleightholme from Curry Rivel Cricket Club, Dave Rawlings from Martock Rugby Club, Barry Purdy from Montacute FC and Rupert Cox from Long Sutton Cricket Club nominated for AugustaWestland Volunteer of the Year. Kellie Bradley from Somerton and Langport Girls FC was highly commended in the Coach of the Year. Grant Lamph from South Petherton Tennis Club was also nominated in this category. Edgar Herridge from Long Sutton Cricket Club was the winner of the Rookie Coach of the Year. Huish and Langport Cricket Club were nominated in the Junior Club of the Year and Alisdair Easton from the club was nominated in the Junior Performer of the Year category.

South Somerset A-Z Sport and Leisure Directory 2010/11

Our 3rd edition of the South Somerset A-Z Sport and Leisure Directory 2010-2011, which provides information on a wide range of sport and active leisure opportunities available in South Somerset, has recently been published. We have 23 sports clubs details from Area North. Over 2,500 copies of the directory have been distributed across South Somerset

School Club Links:

11 sports clubs now have formal links with schools within Area North. These agreements help provide a pathway for young people to continue in sport once they leave school.

These are the following:

Stanchester School – Yeovil Jets Basketball
Huish Episcopi – Curry Rivel CC
Norton Sub Hamdon – Ilminster CC
Ash Primary – Martock CC
Norton Sub Hamdon – Stoke Youth FC
Stanchester School – Stoke Youth FC
Huish Episcopi – Long Sutton CC
Norton Sub Hamdon – Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club
Martock – Martock Tennis Club
Norton Sub Hamdon – Martock Tennis Club
Huish Episcopi – Somerton and Langport Girls FC

1:1 Support:

Supported Huish and Langport CC with £23,000 project to develop a 2-lane practice facility at the club. This included signposting to Sport England Small Grants Scheme, which attracted £10,000 following an application from the club. In conjunction with Community Development Officer in Area North supported club to apply to SSDC Community Grant for a short fall in funding of £3,000.

In addition to our dedicated 1:1 support we do support other sports clubs in Area North through our Sport Specific Development Groups.

Priorities for 2010/11

- Deliver remaining projects within the South Somerset Cricket Development Plan in relation to Sport England Small Grants funding, in partnership with Huish and Langport and Martock Cricket Clubs
- Continue to support the delivery of the 'Onside' football development programme in partnership with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust and other local agencies in Martock and South Petherton.
- Develop the 'Give a Club a Go' project in partnership with sports clubs across Area North and funded by Sport England, to increase the number of adults taking part in sport and who are members of a club.

Leisure Facility Development/ Outdoor Sports Facility Management

Our primary services include:

- Providing sports clubs and community organisations with specialist advice on facility refurbishment, development and funding opportunities.
- Providing good practice guidance and consultancy support on the maintenance and management of facilities to the local providers of sports pitches and recreation grounds.
- Identifying and reviewing built leisure facility and playing pitch needs across the district in order to determine the correct strategy to address future leisure facility requirements.
- Working with Somerset Leisure Limited/schools to maximise access to existing dual use sports facilities and ensure that they are managed in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way.
- Negotiating contributions from housing developments to enhance local and strategic sport and recreation facility provision where required.
- Maximising the use, operation and financial performance of the council's sport and recreation facilities (Yeovil Recreation Centre, Turners Barn Lane Recreation Ground (Yeovil) and Yew Tree Park (Yeovil)) and provide facilities that meet the needs of our customers.

In the last year, this has resulted in the following achievements:

Of district wide benefit:

- **District PPG 17 Sport and Recreation Assessment Update** – *draft complete*
- **District Playing Pitch Strategy update** – being updated to align with our PPG17 Sport and Recreation Assessment. This strategy helps to provide the evidence base to secure developers contributions.
- **Passport to Leisure scheme** - We currently have 577 live cards in circulation at present, approximately 6% of card holders live in Area North. Over 60's now automatically get 20% discount at SSDC facilities without having to apply for a card.
- Eighty-one young people attended our popular 3-day summer **Startrack athletics** camp at Yeovil Athletics Arena and thirty-seven young people attended the winter

programme during October. Approximately 14% of participants attend from Area North.

- **Community / Village Hall Supply and Demand Modelling** – the service is continuing to work with the Area Development Teams to establish a model similar to those used in the planning of swimming pools and sports halls, to enable the Council to secure planning contributions where developments generate additional demand for provision in our rural and market town settlements.

Area specific work:

- After providing officer support over several years, the Recreation Trust at Stoke-sub-Hamdon finally unveiled their new pavilion last November. A new pavilion was essential to support the future development of football (and other sports) at the site. Area North Committee previously allocated £11,677 towards the delivery of this project.
- Capital funding of £40,000 was allocated to Adult Learning and Leisure (now Somerset Leisure Limited – a leisure trust established last year) in the last financial year towards the refurbishment of the changing facilities at Huish Episcopi Sports Centre. Members may recall that capital funding was set aside for the upgrade of dual use facilities in Somerset following the withdrawal of revenue funding for dual facilities previously approved by District Executive Committee.
- Huish Episcopi School Governors have taken the decision to independently manage the sports centre at the school from this financial year onwards. Support was provided by the Community Health and Leisure team to assist in the selection of a new centre manager - Carrie Wallace has been appointed and starts on 19th July 2010.
- Pre-application planning advice concerning service requirements (based Local Plan Policy) for playing pitches and strategic sports facility contributions required have been provided to Development Management in relation to one development site in Langport in the past 12 months.
- Formal planning consultation responses have been provided for three development sites in Langport and one site in Martock in the last 12 months. The responses make recommendations regarding the level of contributions that should be sought for play and youth facilities, playing pitch and strategic leisure contributions in order that developments comply with Local Plan Policy and are sustainable.

Priorities for 2010/11

- Support the Assistant Director for Health and Wellbeing to undertake the necessary project work in order that members can take informed decisions about the future of the Sports Zone. It is anticipated that further information will be presented to members during autumn 2010.
- To continue to provide facility development support to clubs, parish/town councils in Area North as necessary.
- Continue to secure developer contributions to support the development of sports facilities as identified in the Council's playing pitch and built facilities strategies.

Financial Implications

No new implications.

Corporate Priority Implications

The work of the Community Health and Leisure Team in Area North contributes to the following Corporate priorities, Key Targets and Actions:

Corporate Plan Priority: Improve the housing, health and well-being of our citizens

Key Targets:

3.19 Support SST to develop a long term (20 year) action plan to reduce obesity in children and adults, delivering one initiative by 2012.

3.20 Increase children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas and adult participation in sport and active recreation from 23.3% to 25.4% by 2011/2012.

Key Actions:

- Develop 8 community based activities/play areas per year.
- Maintain the development of Active Somerset – 10 additional courses developed in South Somerset per year.
- Deliver 20 Health MOT sessions each year to help identify those at risk of circulatory diseases.
- Run 4 Flexercise workshops per year, so that 90 care homes run their own programmes by 2012.

Corporate Plan Priority: Ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities

Key Targets:

4.22 Outcome: Sustainable local communities

Measured by: Increasing those who participate in regular volunteering at least once a month.

4.1 Deliver positive activities for children, young people (especially those at risk of exclusion or offending) and families, designed to reduce antisocial behaviour by October 2010.

4.2 Decrease first time entrance to the youth justice system aged 10 to 17 from 1470 per 100,000 to

Key Actions:

- Reduce the percentage of anti-social behaviour in hotspots by delivering two intervention projects per year in each hotspot.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

Consideration is given by the service to ensure that facilities used are accessible.

Consideration is also given to accessibility when the team is involved in the design of new play, youth or leisure facilities and external expert advice is sought as necessary.

Activities run by the team are provided on all-inclusive basis. Targeted work is undertaken where required to ensure all residents are able to access leisure opportunities.

The Passport to Leisure Scheme helps to remove the price barriers that sometimes stop South Somerset residents from choosing and enjoying an active and healthy lifestyle.

The service undertook a full Equality Impact Assessment in May that was reviewed by the Corporate Equalities Panel in June 2010 with favourable feedback.

Background Papers: None
