

Agenda item 4

For information - Progress report on Communities elements of the work programme 2024-25

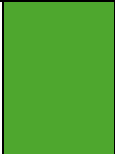
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This is a quarterly update to the Oversight Committee reporting on this element Community Development part of the FTC work programme. Each project listed below is taken from the work programme 2024/25 approved by Cllrs in January 2024. The update column provides an update on the agreed actions to deliver project. The status (green for all projects) column means that all projects are either on track for completion by year end or are already completed.

Both Nikki and Hannah will accompany this report on the night with a reminder of some of the objectives of the projects and the outputs of some of the actions. They will be available to answer questions on all of them but if Cllrs have specific and/or detailed questions on anything in this report, please contact them in advance so that a more considered answer can be provided.

Project	Update	Status
Bring together all the organisations that are working on social inequality and identify the people most at risk and monitor gaps in the current provision, and work with those organisations or others to fill them.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for existing town wide initiatives. 2. Development and promotion of FIND at National Play Day, Community events and the commissioning of Lunch Bunch. 3. Continuing to host the Connect Community Champion 4. Distributing and signposting Frome residents through the Community Hub and Welcome Hub at the Town Hall 5. Continuing the facilitation of the Young People's Mental Health Forum, the Under 5's Network and the Children and Young Peoples Working Group 6. Developing the Community Hub offer for improved access to support including Birth Talks, Safe Links and MIND at the Town Hall 	
To support the management of the Welcome hub for Displaced people in the Frome area on behalf of Somerset Council.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage the CHARIS contract and the two attached advisors 2. Support 14 ESOL Volunteers to promoting English Learning for Displaced People 3. Advocate for marginalised people working closely with the Somerset Re-settlement Team 4. Promote Refugee Week through a weeklong programme of activities 5. Facilitate cultural activities for Displaced People 	

	6. Work in partnership with Frome Welcomes Refugees Advisory Group	
Embed inclusive strategies to promote accessibility.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment of inclusive methodology to carry out The Picture of Frome Project 2. Re-view of the 2021-2025 Play Strategy commissioned to Children's Scrapstore 	
Provide practical resources, support, advice, and training at a street level to neighbourhoods identified as most in need to reduce poverty and mitigate cost of living increases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Neighbourhood groups and support for Frome Neighbourhood Network projects, especially Transition Streets. 2. Community Involvement in shared spaces including Milk Street Green and the Mount. 3. Support for peer-to-peer training and workshops including street party application support. 4. Co-ordinate engagement and delivery of Neighbourhood Growing projects including St John's Community Garden and Broadway. 5. Support for Let's Talk to deliver conflict resolution work for communities and free open access training. 	
Support community groups and organisations delivering on FTC priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Grants deployed 2. Fair Frome grant continued 3. Support for Community Groups in the form of Networking Sessions, free training and bespoke organisational infrastructure and fundraising support. 	
Enable collaboration and support initiatives that strengthen the post-16 offer for Frome and the surrounding area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaison with Somerset's Frome Education Steering group. 2. Strengthened relationships with Frome College 3. Identified as an area of focus for future work programme (team capacity has not allowed for in depth work here) 	
Working alongside children and young people to hear their voice and contribute to the development of meaningful services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terrestrial Project: Kids Rule 2. Children and Young People's Projects including Purple Elephant, Open Story Tellers, Birth Talks and Super Roots 3. Detached Youth Work commissioned – Speak Easy at the Showfield 4. Planned co-design project with Children and Young People in Mary Bailey management update work. 	
Develop a framework with staff and councillors to build an evidence-driven portrait for Frome, based on data and community voice and influence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Framework developed and Picture of Frome project carried out with face to face and online activity. 2. Secondary data portrait commissioned and delivered by Locality. 3. Results collated into The Picture of Frome 	

Supporting other FTC Priority projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School streets2. Devolution3. Town events4. Parks and open Spaces management plan engagement (Showfield, Vic Park, Welshmill, Egford)	
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