


Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for the Ashford Borough Council – Quarter 1: April to June 2015

<p>What's going on in our world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park Mall – Council exchanged contracts on the purchase of Park Mall bringing it into public ownership. Plans to rejuvenate the area over the coming months. Wilko store also recently purchased.• M20 Junction10a – Consultation on the proposed scheme is now expected to start in September.• Jasmin Vardimon International Dance Academy – Funding now in place for initial stage of the project. Council leading the business case and project viability assessment. Significant funding challenges.• Elwick Place plans progressing to mixed retail, leisure, office and residential (estimated 600 jobs). Proposals being developed for hotel, cinema, additional car parking and 153 dwelling. Planning application expected in next few months. Public realm works around International House begin underway and scheduled to complete in August.• Designer Outlet Expansion (phased extension to double floor space). Planning application submitted. Detailed plans, shop design, car parking, environmental strategy and retail implication information progressing.• Ashford College (£20m campus for 1,000 students) Construction process is proceeding as planned, with build start scheduled for September 2015.• International Station spurs (finding signalling solutions to enable future interoperability for all international service providers). Key to retaining Eurostar and other services in Ashford. Awaiting European Funding confirmation.• Chilmington Green (development based on Garden City principles (1000 jobs and 5,750 houses) resolution to grant planning permission given. Ongoing s106 discussions.• Commercial Quarter (55,000 sq m commercial office floor space plus 150 homes). Agent appointed & architects working on design and layout.• TENT1 – (additional 249 homes in Tenterden). Delays over section 106 discussions but final decision imminent.• Conningbrook Lakes Country Park – it is open. Over time the park will offer a range of leisure and water based activities while also providing a gateway for walkers and cyclists to explore the Stour Valley.• Repton Park Community Centre. Planning application submission anticipated in early autumn 2015. Design of the building, name for the centre and signage being finalized with key players.• Willesborough Community Centre - The conversion of St Marys Church Willesborough into a shared space serving both church and community will be complete in September. Volunteers at the church plan a range of services centred on a community café. These will be focused on the five areas of Wholeness & Wellbeing, Children, The Elderly, Life Skills & Management and The Wider World. It is expected that a debt centre serving the whole of Ashford will be established and run by the church.
-------------------------------------	---

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Festival - Festival to take place on 26th July 2015 and celebrating its 20th anniversary. This event provides an excellent opportunity to engage with the public and there will be a multi agency community engagement area. Any partners interested to be involved please contact the Community Safety Unit email: csu@ashford.gov.uk. • National Tourism Symposium - Hosted in June by the Council & Visit Kent; attracted a national audience of several hundred leading industry professionals and keynote speakers – including the government Minister for Tourism and Sport.
<p>Success stories since last AHWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Harm Project - Project review pointed to a new approach to any further work, focusing on one to one work with young people referred to the programme through partners. Further funding secured from the CCG for an extension to the project. Sk8side to be commissioned to deliver this work. Possibility of this being a major project for the South Ashford Community Network with potential to expand into the Ashford North Community Network. Progress being made but need to increase referral rates. • Dementia – Poster showing the council’s dementia work was displayed during Dementia Awareness Week at the exhibition run by the Alzheimer’s Society within Ashford Town centre. Staff were on hand to answer questions and tell people about Farrow Court. In dementia awareness week a tea party followed a dementia friends awareness session at Cotton Hill House Sheltered scheme and included members of the local over 60s club. Dementia Friends training for elected members to be run in September. • Domestic Abuse – Freedom programme courses up and running. About to trial a recovery tool kit (i.e. a follow on from freedom to provide top up support). Additional funding obtained by the Domestic Abuse Forum for staff to be trained in use of the tool kit. • Little Hill Extra Care Scheme – this Council site was gifted to KCC in June last year as part of the Excellent Homes for All PFI project. When complete in April 2016 it will offer 41 extra care apartments at affordable rents. This Project will also deliver 12 units of move-on (short-term) accommodation at St. Stephens Walk in Ashford to help people acquire the skills to live independently. The scheme will be operational in September 2015. Although project is showing behind time at present, contractors are confident they will make this time up and comply with deadlines. • New Build Affordable Homes - Programme agreed to deliver the fifth phase of the programme which was the provision of 106 units of which 50 units were proposed for the redevelopment of an existing sheltered housing scheme at Danemore in Tenterden. Access the full programme at http://www.ashford.gov.uk/developments-coming-soon. A bid for funding for the Danemore scheme has been made through the Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund (CaSSH) phase 2. Outcome will be known in October. • Chamberlain Manor extra care scheme (Housing and Care 21) - will be opened officially on 17th July. 67 units for rented and shared ownership and communal facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearpoint sports facilities. Sports Council funding secured and approval given to replace the Spearpoint pavilion with a new community building. Progressing and aim for construction to start in 2016. • Singleton Village Hall – Opened earlier this year. • ‘Smoke Free’ Play Spaces – Pilot project to encourage an emotional response from local residents, discouraging them from smoking in public places and around children. Secured £15k from Kent Public Health and circa £4k from other sources including Moat Housing. Three key elements: entrance signage to play areas asking adults to not smoke, suite of pavement games which add play value to our play spaces but also promote key ‘stop smoking’ messages and community days & school sessions delivered by Sure Start and other key health partners to promote the campaign. Signs currently installed in the following play spaces; Stour Centre, Moat play spaces (x3) in Stanhope, , Newtown Green, The Limes, Cuckoo Park, Goat Lees, St Stephens Walk, with Bulleid Place & Repton Park (x3) to follow. Evaluation through consultation with primary school children and residents to take place in the autumn. • Newtown Fun Day - organised by the council’s housing department. Around 750 people turned out to enjoy the sunshine and the activities designed to encourage fitness and wellbeing. • Safety In Action – Over 1,200 year six pupils participated in a practical workshop covering a wide range of safety issues including drug and alcohol awareness, water, rail, fire, internet and road safety.
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer LOG report on work for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dementia Day Centre at the new Farrow Court facility; - Healthy Weight, group set up and a new project called ‘Aspirational Health Zone’ in Stanhope to start in September; - Farrow Court – building work continues on site; - Rough Sleepers Project, Porchlight commissioned, joint working started. - Homelessness Strategy – Being reviewed. If information required now contact sharon.williams@ashford.gov.uk.
<p>Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk to School Project - Need to identify funding to continue supporting the ‘Walk to School’ project. At present ABC is struggling to find resources to expand to additional schools. Awaiting feedback from KCC public health. • Sexual Health in Ashford - new integrated sexual health model contract starts on August 1st which includes dedicated outreach. Need to find a location in Tenterden for a weekly outreach clinic. Suggestions please to Wendy Jeffreys, KCC Public Health. Concern over scaling back of service in Stanhope. We desperately need to keep the provision in Stanhope as we know there is a high need, but it is also what draws girls into the hub and means we can then support their other needs too. • Housing for Health - new NHS Alliance website for strategic leads in general practice, primary care and clinical commissioning. It helps understanding and engagement with housing to create a wider ‘community of care’ in response to the NHS Five Year Forward View http://www.housingforhealth.net/.
<p>Strategic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council developing its corporate plan. Discussions being informed by

<p>challenges & risks including horizon scanning?</p>	<p>changing population demographics and desire to support healthy living.</p>
<p>Any thing else the Board needs to know</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New psychoactive substances - Progress towards legislation to ban sale • Safety in Action for 2016 - We may need to find a venue, but discussions with Towers School continue. Any alternative suggestions? • Active People Data from Sport England – Ashford ranked 4th worst in Kent for 16+ participation and way below the Kent average and the South East average of people taking part in at least 30 mins sport each week. The Ashford average is 30.8% of people, Kent is 34.5% and the South East is 36.9%.
<p>Signed & dated</p>	<p> Sheila Davison - July 2015</p>