

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for the Ashford Borough Council – Quarter 2: July to September 2015

What's going on in our world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park Mall – Council has purchased and is operating Park Mall.• M20 Junction10a – Traffic modelling completed. Scheme design being revisited which has put the project back. Consultation likely in November. The formal Development Consent Order application is likely in April 2016, with a start on site of early 2018, with about 18 months construction period.• Stour Centre Regeneration & Jasmin Vardimon International Dance Academy – due to escalating project costs and difficulties in obtaining Arts Council England funding regrettably the Council was no longer in a position to assist the Jasmin Vardimon project with its ambitious plans. Instead the Council is seeking to move forward with new plans for upgrading the Stour Centre sports facility. Officers would continue to work closely with the Members' steering group and external partners to find an alternative way of delivering an affordable and deliverable project. This will continue to remain one of the Big Eight corporate priorities.• Elwick Place - A planning application for the first phase, including the cinema, hotel and restaurants has now been submitted to the Council.• Public realm works around International House underway and scheduled to complete in November.• Designer Outlet Expansion (phased extension to double floor space). Planning application has now been approved i.e. as of 23 Sept 2015.• Ashford College (£16m campus for 1,000 students) Demolition of old buildings on site underway. Campus will be completed in early 2017 and open from September that year.• International Station spurs (finding signalling solutions to enable future interoperability for all international service providers). European Commission has agreed to contribute half of the required funding for an essential update of signalling equipment at Ashford International Station. The remainder of the funding will be covered by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership. This investment will ensure that Ashford remains an international destination, maintaining direct rail access to continental Europe.• 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). Council working with local developers Quinn Estates Ltd and George Wilson Holdings Ltd on the site earmarked for the first new office building in the Ashford Commercial Quarter. Together they will help bring forward the exciting plans to redevelop the area into a dynamic new main business hub in the town.• TENT1 – (additional 249 homes in Tenterden). Delays over section 106 discussions but final decision imminent.
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<p>Success stories since last AHWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Harm Project - AKA ‘About You’. Progress is being made in terms of partnership working with the CCG via Community Networks, some work still do with Ashford schools. • Dementia – Information on dementia to be included within the Council’s Induction Process. This will also cover what it means being a Dementia Friendly Organisation and promote Dementia Friends. ABC continues to host and attend Ashford DAA. Last meeting on 8th September identified that group needs to define some shared goals. • Domestic Abuse – Freedom programme courses up and running. Now recruiting women to attend a recovery tool kit (i.e. a follow on from Freedom to provide top up support). Exploring a limited One Stop Shop in Tenterden at St Mildred’s Church Hall. • 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 Summer 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 November 2015. • 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

	<p>will be known in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chamberlain Manor extra care scheme (Housing and Care 21) - opened officially on 17th July. 67 units for rented and shared ownership and communal facilities. All rented apartments are allocated. Approximately half of the shared ownership apartments are now reserved. Hairdressing salon (part of the facilities to benefit the wider community as well) is let. ● 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. ● 'Smoke Free' Play Spaces – Pilot project to encourage an emotional response from local residents, discouraging them from smoking in public places and around children. Three additional play spaces in Repton Park now in place with Bulleid Place to follow later in the year as part of a wider refurbishment. Evaluation through consultation with primary school children and residents to take place in the autumn. Tenterden Council considering introducing on the Recreation Group play space. Waiting for the evaluation to finish in November. ● Community Safety Partnership drop-in shop - 1042 engagements were made at the week long drop-in shop in County Square, Ashford in August. The purpose was to raise public awareness of the community safety services available from community safety partners. There was free face painting, competitions and practical help and advice on young people services, drug, alcohol and mental health, employment, managing debt, personal safety, road safety, education and crime prevention. Partners that attended included: Turning Point, KCC Wardens, Kent Police, KFRS, Citizens Trust, Sk8side, Early Help, Welfare Intervention Officers, Victim Support, Domestic Abuse Coordinator, KCC Road Safety, Community Safety Unit, AWPAC and TCAT. ● MIND café - CCG have approved the location of HOUSE for the MIND café. Provisional start date 23 October 2015 from 6pm to 10pm and then the same time every Friday and Saturday. MIND are looking at further funding to increase operating times. HOUSE will provide a relaxed atmosphere which is idea for the counselling service. Potential partnership to be explored with Ashford Leisure Trust on using additional facilities for the service.
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dementia - Day Centre at the new Farrow Court facility. ● Healthy Weight - group set up and a plan is being written and discussed in October; The 'Aspirational Health Zone' project aimed at Stanhope residents has recruited a coordinator to start in September; ● Farrow Court –anticipated that residents will move into their new accommodation starting in November and a formal opening event for phase one will be take place in December or January. ● Rough Sleepers Project, Porchlight commissioned, joint working started and a multi agency working group has been set up. ● Homelessness Strategy – Being reviewed. Following Cabinet approval on 8th October the draft strategy will be out for public consultation on the Council's consultation Portal. If information required contact sharon.williams@ashford.gov.uk.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure group meeting – The group hasn't met since the presentation in July. ABC awaiting confirmation of NHS GP provision for growth.
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC/KCC Delivery Deal – draft endorsed by ABC cabinet. The Deal is designed to improve joint working between the two organisations in delivering key projects and services. Includes a commitment to playing a leading role in promoting health & wellbeing and continuing to focus and strengthen the Ashford HWB. • Sexual Health in Ashford – ABC responded to the consultation document on how sexual health services are delivered in Kent. Need to increase access to services was supported especially in the context of projected growth in Ashford's population. The suggested new service within the Tenterden area was welcomed as was the need for community and outreach services and links to existing youth services. • Domestic Abuse – As part of the government funding to help support victims of domestic abuse, ABC Housing are putting together a bid, looking at providing accommodation to local residents needing to flee their property for a short time due to domestic abuse. At bid is aimed at providing a gender neutral service, who can support heterosexual male and female victims as well as those from the LGBTQ community. Support for the bid has been given by the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Ashford HWB.
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC is currently preparing its new corporate plan. Discussions being informed by changing population demographics and desire to support healthy living with a particular focus on our leisure and cultural offer.
Any thing else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stoptober – Promotional support being given for Stoptober including an article for our housing tenants as those in social housing have high smoking prevalence compared to other tenures.
Signed & dated	Sheila Davison – October 2015