

# Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

## Partner Quarterly Update for the Ashford Borough Council – Quarter 3: October to December 2017

<p>What's going on in our world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Wellbeing Symposium 2018</b> - This national conference (headline sponsored Ashford Borough Council) is being held at the Ashford International Hotel on 21 February 2018. More details can be found at: <a href="https://www.thewellbeingsymposium.com/">https://www.thewellbeingsymposium.com/</a></li><li>• <b>Smoke Free</b> – An 18-month scheme will commence in January to promote the grounds of the Civic Centre &amp; Stour Centre as a smoke free environment. Work continuing with local schools to around smoke free school gates to encourage parents and guardians not to smoke when they drop off and collect and their children.</li><li>• <b>Kingsnorth Community Centre</b> – Kingsnorth Recreation Centre has re-opened following an extensive refurbishment and improvement of the facilities. Kingsnorth Recreation Centre Trust is operating the Centre and their tenant Slice of Life is running the recreational facilities including substantially improved gym and rooms for hire. An extensive programme of fitness classes is being provided by Slice of Life and there has been a significant uplift in bookings and memberships.</li><li>• <b>Reducing waiting times for disabled facilities grants</b> - As part of an innovative move ABC and KCC are jointly funding a dedicated occupational therapist for the Ashford area. These adaptations will enable people to continue to live independently in an environment of their choice.</li><li>• <b>Quarry View, Mersham</b> – Eight affordable homes have been official opened in Mersham. The development is a partnership between English Rural Housing Associated, Ashford Borough Council and the parish council.</li><li>• <b>Ashford's Tourism &amp; Leisure Website</b> – Website redesigned – see <a href="http://www.visitashfordandtenterden.co.uk">www.visitashfordandtenterden.co.uk</a>.</li><li>• <b>Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan</b> – The Parish Council has submitted the Bethersden Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2030 and are now seeking the local communities' views on the proposals. The consultation can be found at: <a href="http://www.ashford.gov.uk/consult">www.ashford.gov.uk/consult</a>. Closing dates is 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.</li><li>• <b>Junction 10a</b> – The Secretary of State has granted development consent for this application. This project is part of the Government's investment in major roads. The junction will be constructed just south of the existing junction 10, using two bridges and will connect to a new duel carriageway link road to the A2070 near Sevington and the existing A20. Improvement works are due to begin early 2018 and is expected to open to traffic in 2019.</li><li>• <b>Homeless Short Stay Accommodate, Beaver Road</b> – Following the success of the facility at Christchurch Road, the Council is in the process of acquiring a second property to provide emergency temporary housing to families.</li><li>• <b>Supporting Ashford's Armed Forces Personnel</b> – An action plan approved supporting current and former Armed Forces personnel residing in the borough. This includes a dedicated section on its website that gives advice &amp; support on a number of elements such as housing, finances, jobs &amp; training. This also includes work with this Board, the CCG and NHS Armed Forces Network to address health and wellbeing issues.</li><li>• <b>Snowdogs Discover Ashford 2018</b> – These will be placed around the borough to create a world-class sculpture trail that will encourage people to discover Ashford. A sponsorship event was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Revelation Ashford. The aim is for partners and businesses to sponsor a dog with its own design. At the end of</li></ul>
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	<p>the display each sculpture will be auctioned by Pilgrims Hospices to raise monies for the local charity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conningbrook Lakes (New development)</b> – Plans to commence construction of 300 high-quality new private homes in September 2017 with sale and marketing commencing in December and first occupations expected in Summer / Autumn 2018.</li> <li>• <b>Elwick Place Development</b> – Works are continuing on the construction of this mixed-use leisure development incorporating cinema, hotel, restaurants and car park. Due for completion winter 2018.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Quarter (CQ 38)</b> – Quinn Estates started construction of the new office building in January. The first phase of the Commercial Quarter will see 80,500 sq ft of exceptional and adaptable office space developed, along with retail and restaurants on the ground floor, public realm improvements and additional car parking. The building is due for completion in spring 2018. For more information about Ashford’s priority regeneration projects and many success stories visit <a href="http://www.ashfordfor.com">www.ashfordfor.com</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Repton Connect (the new Community Centre)</b> – Works on-going. Building offering an activity/meeting space, large field, a multi-use games and a car park which will be open in 2018.</li> <li>• <b>Ashford Voice</b> – See latest edition of the council’s newsletter via <a href="http://ashfordvoice.ashford.gov.uk/ashford-voice-christmas-competition-201718/welcome/win-an-ipad-mini-with-ashford-voice">http://ashfordvoice.ashford.gov.uk/ashford-voice-christmas-competition-201718/welcome/win-an-ipad-mini-with-ashford-voice</a></li> <li>• <b>Active Everyday (activities for the over 60’s)</b> – The calendar can be downloaded via the following link <a href="http://www.ashford.gov.uk/active-everyday">http://www.ashford.gov.uk/active-everyday</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Digital Transformation Strategy</b> – This Strategy sets out how the council will be transforming how we deliver its services. By putting residents at the heart of the process the Council will be developing a greater online service and giving our customers a wider choice of ways to access council services.</li> <li>• <b>Local Plan</b> – The new draft Local Plan to 2030 was approved by the Cabinet and Full Council in December 2017 and it has now been formally submitted for public examination. We are currently awaiting details on a likely timetable for the examination hearings from the Planning Inspectorate but would expect them to commence April or May 2018.)</li> </ul>
<p>Success stories since last AHWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engagement Excellence Awards</b> – Ashford Borough Council was presented with the <i>Engagement Team of the Year</i> national award at the Guildhall in London in October. It was also shortlisted for the following awards: <i>Best Business Strategy</i> and <i>Engagement Leader of the Year</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Recycling</b> - Ashford Borough Council is leading the way as the best recycling local authority in Kent for a third consecutive year.</li> <li>• <b>Syrian Families Project</b> - The council’s Syrian Resettlement Co-ordinator, Anne Forbes, has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2018 New Year’s Honours List for her work on this project. The Council is two years into this scheme which has resettled 71 refugees (15 families) in the Borough.</li> </ul>
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Victoria Park redevelopment</b> – A development grant of £167,000 has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund to support this project. This will assist the Council in reapplying for the next round of funding where the project will shape the park into a 21st century park. Permission has been granted to start the project and a project manager has been appointed and in place.</li> <li>• <b>Chilmington</b> – Work is ongoing to discharge planning conditions. The first reserved matters application for Hodson land parcels has been submitted. Expected timetable for commencement of housebuilding is spring 2017. First residents expected late 2018/early 2019. Proving layouts for the community hub as well as the health provision are agreed. Currently includes provision for GP’s as per the S106. Discussions have begun with East Kent NHS (Wendy Malkinson)</li> </ul>

	<p>over degree of fit with NHS long-term plans with some thought being given to pharmacy provision and location underway. The matter of concern remains that NHS planning does not coincide with the development plan for Chilmington. Residents concern voiced through the community development strategy consultation held over the summer reinforced a need to consider temporary health provision, ahead of the community hub being ready at 1800 homes. The CCG are investigating the position on this given the pressures which are already on existing surgeries. The Community Development Strategy was adopted by Ashford Borough Council in December 2017 with an action plan drafted and to be agreed by partners early in 2018.</p>
<p>Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vulnerable Adults; Frail Elderly and Universal 55+ Health and Wellbeing Resources</b> – Following the October Board meeting information was provided to the Communications Teams of the East Kent NHS Trust and the CCG. The Hospital Trust were very appreciative and have advised that it is relevant to a couple of projects they are currently working on supporting older people and use of hospital services.</li> </ul>
<p>Strategic challenges &amp; risks including horizon scanning?</p>	
<p>Anything else the Board needs to know</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development Update</b> – The October 2017 newsletter highlights the major projects that now being delivered across the borough. This will be available at <a href="http://www.ashford.gov.uk/development-update">http://www.ashford.gov.uk/development-update</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)</b> – This has been bought in for the town centre (including the Designer Outlet &amp; Victoria Park) to assist with reducing antisocial behaviour. This will aid the police and local authority in dealing with such incidents.</li> <li>• <b>Book Stop, Little Burton Farm</b> – ABC’s Town Centre Action Team (T-CAT) have installed its 5<sup>th</sup> book shelter in the borough (St George Williams Way). This is a community facility where members of the public can drop off and borrow books. Each book stop has its own unique design.</li> <li>• <b>Ask the Experts Day</b> - The Ashford &amp; Canterbury Dementia Action Alliance is arranging a Dementia ‘Ask the Experts’ Day to be held in September 2018 at St Marys Church. ABC is coordinating this event on behalf of the Ashford &amp; Canterbury DAA. The Health &amp; Wellbeing Board will be kept updated as detail are confirmed.</li> <li>• <b>Working to Become Dementia Friendly (WTBDF)</b> - The Council is working towards applying to use WTBDF recognition symbol in spring 2018. The WTBDF recognition symbol is promoted by the Kent DAA.</li> </ul>
<p>Signed &amp; dated</p>	<p>Sheila Davison – 5 January 2018</p>