Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB) – Item 10 (c)

Partner Quarterly Update for the Ashford Borough Council – Quarter 4: January to March 2018

What's going on in our world

- **Leisure Provision** The Council & Ashford Leisure Trust are working together to transform the way leisure is provided by procuring a new leisure operation. Operator from May 2020 who will work with the partners to enhance provision.
- **Create Festival** The 23rd Create Festival on Saturday 21st July in Victoria Park will be headlined by DJ Jazzy Jeff. The event will be complimented by a weeklong arts programme in the town, called "Create Platform".
- Ashford Community Safety Partnership Priorities Now set for 2018/19 as follows: Antisocial Behaviour; Domestic Abuse; Serious & Organised Crime; Safeguarding Adults; Safeguarding Children. All to have a crosscutting theme of mental health.
- Domestic Abuse Services— Ashford Domestic Abuse Forum introducing a new scheme in Ashford aimed at helping perpetrators understand the impact they are having. This will be in conjunction with the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company. Additional funding secured to provide a support network for adolescent boys & girls and a specialist one-to-one service for children affected by domestic abuse. The One-Stop-Shop continues to be one of the busiest in the county and this could be attributed to the leadership, delivery and awareness of the facility.
- Refurbishment of Ashford Police Station The Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, has agreed to release funds from his investment reserves to make significant improvements to the police station, which includes the replacement of the external concrete cladding. This follows on from a recommendation by the Kent Chief Constable, Alan Pughsley, to retain and develop the Tufton Street premises. Works are estimated to take around 18 months to complete.
- Community Councils Residents of Kennington and South Willesborough & Newton have been asked for volunteers to assist in the setting up of the two community councils. A shadow council for each area is being established.
- Junction 10a Works started in February on setting up a site compound ahead of the main construction that is due to commence in spring.
- A28 Widening This project has been delayed.
- Ashford International Station Work has begun to prepare Ashford's
 International high-speed platforms for new international trains. This will
 safeguard direct high-speed international services from Ashford. The work is part
 of a £10m project being backed by KCC and ABC with funding coming from the
 South East Local Enterprise Partnership thorough the Local Growth Fund.
- WYE3 Masterplan The consultation for this has commenced. This follows on from a year of collaboration between the Council, Parish Council and landowner & the involvement of residents, businesses and local organisations. It has been supported by a number of technical studies on issues such as transport, landscape & drainage and community consultation. The plan is looking towards the provision of 60 new homes, a 50 bedroom residential care home or extra care home, public open space and business space. The closing date for the consultation is 01.15.18 (www.ashford.gov.uk/consult).
- Conningbrook Lakes (New development) Construction of the 300 high-quality new private homes has commenced. First occupations are expected in autumn 2018. The masterplan for the park is emerging.
- Elwick Place Development Works continue on the construction of this mixeduse leisure development incorporating cinema, hotel, restaurants and car park. Due for completion November 2018.

- Repton Connect (the new Community Centre) The new building will offer an
 activity/meeting space, large field, a multi-use games and a car park which will be
 open mid-2018.
- Bespoke Wheelchair-User Friendly Bungalow This has been a joint construction between Ashford Council and a contractor (DCB). The property, located in Noakes Meadow, occupational therapists have commented that it should be the blueprint for bespoke wheelchair-friendly accommodation across the county.
- Local Plan The Local Plan examination hearings will open on 11th April and are scheduled to finish on the 13th June. Details of the Inspectors' questions and parties' responses to them are available via the Council's website (https://www.ashford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-to-2030/local-plan-2030-examination/).
- Commercial Quarter (CQ 38) Construction continues on the first phase of this
 development a building that comprises of 80,500 sq. ft. of exceptional and
 adaptable office space with retail and restaurants on the ground floor, along with
 public realm improvements and additional car parking with completion planned
 for spring 2018. First occupations will be in Spring 2018. For more information
 about Ashford's priority regeneration projects and many success stories visit
 www.ashfordfor.com.
- **Victoria Park Redevelopment** –Submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Decision on the £3.2m investment will be known in June 2019.
- Ashford Voice See latest edition of the council's newsletter via http://ashfordvoice.ashford.gov.uk/february-2018/welcome/welcome-to-februarys-issue-of-ashford-voice. Next edition out soon.
- Active Everyday (activities for the over 60's) The calendar can be downloaded via the following link: http://www.ashford.gov.uk/active-everyday.

Success stories since last AHWB

- The Wellbeing Symposium 2018 This national conference took place at the Ashford International Hotel on 21 February 2018, with Ashford Borough Council as headline sponsor. The event, which also included a workshop on One You and the Chair of the Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board as one of the speakers, was well attended and has received lots of positive feedback.
- Recent awards





What we are focusing on for the next quarter specific to the key projects

- Dementia: Ask the Experts Day The Ashford & Canterbury Dementia Action
 Alliance is holding a Dementia 'Ask the Experts' Day at St Marys Church on Friday
 28th September between 10am 1pm (details are attached).
- Chilmington The first reserved matters application for Hodson was considered by the Planning Committee on 14 February and it was resolved to grant RM approval subject to the receipt of amended plans. These amendments are being worked on by the applicants. Construction is expected to start this summer with occupations 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 CCG (Neil McElduff) over degree of fit with NHS long-term plans. An Estates Strategy for Primary Care has been drafted and agreed by the PCC but is likely to evolve and change as discussions evolve and the hospital agenda is clearer. ABC is working closely with the CCG to shape plans and assist where possible. A location for temporary health provision for Chilmington is provisionally agreed, subject to further capacity testing. 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. A

	community facilities and activities audit will be started in April 2018 to inform community development action later in 2018.
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	 The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force on 3rd April 2018. This Act provides a greater emphasis on the prevention of homelessness and places a duty on the local housing authority to work with clients under threat of homelessness within 56 days in order to attempt to prevent or relieve homelessness. There will be a requirement placed on the client to cooperate in taking steps to prevent their own homelessness. A new duty on statutory agencies to refer clients under threat of homelessness will come into force in October 2018. Civic Awards 2018 – Nominations open for our community 'heroes and heroines' to recognise and honour those people who have contributed substantially to their community and who enrich the lives of others within the borough. Further information at https://www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/civic-awards-2018/
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	
Anything else the Board needs to know	 Development Update – The October 2017 newsletter highlights the major projects that now being delivered across the borough. This will be available at http://www.ashford.gov.uk/development-update. Next edition out soon. Ashford Tourism & Leisure Website – Website redesigned – see www.visitashfordandtenterden.co.uk.
Signed & dated	Sheila Davison – 9 April 2018

Dementia: Ask the Experts Day

Alzheimer's Research UK

Find out more about latest research, tools, techniques and specialist services

FREE EVENT – ALL WELCOME

Friday 28th September 2018 (10am – 1pm) St Mary's Church, Ashford TN23 1QG

Market Place:

Local dementia services drop-in exhibition (10am - 1pm)

Specialist Speakers:

Cutting-edge research and care know-how (11-12.30pm)

For more information, contact <u>alisoncarter@noplacelikehome.eu</u> or 01795 597983

Keynote speeches from:



Reinhard Guss
Clinical
Psychologist and
Co-Chair of Dementia
Action Alliance England



Dr Jamie
Bilsland
Head of
Neurodegeneration
Alzheimer's
Research UK, Drug
Discovery Institute, UC

Your Checklist...

- What should I do if I'm worried about my memory?
- ✓ Am I fully prepared for the future both legally and financially?
- ✓ What can I do to support my loved one to live a good life with dementia?
- ✓ What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?
- ✓ Does dementia run in the family?

Our event aims to answer these questions and much more...

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Dementia Action Alliance Canterbury & Ashford

