

## **CABINET STATEMENT**

### **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING – COUNCILLOR CRAIG**

#### **HealthWorks**

- Participation in all Healthworks activities has remained stable across the year. In August we welcomed our oldest ever patient to the service, who at 99 years old is now enjoying taking part in a weekly steady and strong class to reduce the risk of a fall at home. We have recently partnered with Hampshire Hospital Foundation Trust to deliver a community based heart health clinic from the Health Hub at PLE. This reduces the need for lower risk heart patients to travel to the hospital for their appointments and provides a direct link to Healthworks services when patients are fit enough to start getting active to benefit their condition and benefit their health.
- The Community Team have worked alongside the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association (AWCA) to deliver a very successful and well supported Mela event in July and second community lunch during the October half term week. They have also supported Health and Fire Service colleagues with community consultations with the aim of improving services to hard to reach groups.

#### **SportWorks**

- SportWorks programmes continue to perform well. Eastleigh Active delivered 142 sessions over the summer with 2,237 visits over a 4-week period which supported a total throughput of 12,077 for quarter 2.
- PLE has sustained a good level of throughput with 234,128 visits in quarter 2 which is a 27% increase on this time last year.
- Development of the Playing Pitch Strategy and Built Leisure Facilities Strategy has progressed well. The assessment of need has now been completed which provides detail of future sports provision deficit. It is expected the final strategy will be completed by the end of the year.

#### **Country Parks**

- Itchen Valley Country Park facilitated the planting of 300 trees by 479 members of the community this spring. The new mixture of 12 tree species will add biodiversity to the regrowing woodland and aid in providing autumn and winter food for birds.
- In June we welcomed the Bike Doctor to the Park, opening up the session to staff members and volunteers across EBC. The Doctor was kept busy changing brake pads, tweaking gear cables and greasing chains to ensure the ongoing safety and enjoyment of cycling fans in the Borough. Plans are afoot to open the doctor's surgery more regularly to staff, volunteers and members of the community.
- The Country Parks ranger team have been encouraging adventure on the natural play trail at Itchen Valley, showing off their own imaginative skills by

using timber from trees felled last season to create and improve play sculptures.

## **Arts and Culture**

- The focus this season has been on the Christmas offer. Ticket sales have already exceeded last year's final sales figures. A total of 13 schools have booked to see the show this year, which is our highest number to date.
- We delivered the first mini pop-up Unwrapped festival in Netley which attracted over 400 attendees. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and demonstrated a desire for more of local delivery of arts and cultural activity.
- Our third sustainability hub brought together our largest group of community changemakers. Activities included a Give-and-Take, glut-hub and craft activities using recycled materials.
- Half-term brought our venues to life with a range of events for families including sold out Dinosaur adventure live at The Berry Theatre.
- Our early years programme has seen its most successful season to date: "Too Good Tuesdays" feature a variety of creative activities for under 4's and their grown-ups.
- The café bar is being delivered in partnership with Beetroot & More who bring specialist food & beverage knowledge and skills into The Point.
- "Feel" Me by The Paper Birds professional performance has sold over 350 tickets to schools complemented by the "In Your Shoes" devising project working closely with six local schools who will perform on stage at The Point.
- Youth companies, Hampshire Youth Dance Company, Orb and Point Ensemble have all been selected to take part in national projects with Sadlers Wells and The National Theatre.