

Council meeting

19 NOVEMBER 2013

Report of the Chief Executive**NOTABLE ACTIVITIES****1 Purpose of report**

This report is presented as a monthly update on notable activities that have taken place or are planned and relate to the council's PRIDE objectives.

2 Items of note**2.1 LATER LIFE MATTERS**

A number of councillors joined the Mayor and hundreds of members of the public at the second annual Later Life Matters event at The Castle on Tuesday 8 October. The free event gave the over 50s essential advice and information on a range of subjects, alongside the opportunity to have a go on Wii games, try out line dancing, listen to live entertainment provided by local school children, and much more.

The day-long event was organised by the council and Nene Valley Community Action, with generous support from Northamptonshire County Council through the councillors' empowerment fund.

2.2 POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

The 2013 Poppy Appeal in Wellingborough was officially launched at Wrenn School on Wednesday 23 October. The event, attended by the Mayor, was organised by the Royal British Legion, which looks after the welfare, interests and memory of those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. The Poppy Appeal provides the main source of funds to maintain the schemes that help over 100,000 people each year. Last year's appeal raised nearly £37m across the country, with more than £34,000 raised in Wellingborough.

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial, Broad Green, Wellingborough on Sunday 10 November at 10.45am.

2.3 ANNUAL CANVASS

Yellow electoral registration forms have been delivered to residents in the borough. If there are no changes to be made on the form, the council is encouraging people to complete electoral registration online, by text, or by phone.

The new electoral register will be published on 17 February 2014. Elections to the European Parliament will take place on 22 May 2014.

2.4 WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A very successful annual conference of the Wellingborough Partnership was held on the evening of 23 October at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy. The event was attended by 56 people, including councillors, council officers, representatives from statutory bodies and the voluntary sector, as well as members of the public. Attendees took part in workshops to identify priorities for the partnership in the coming years.

2.5 DUN COW START ON SITE

A photo opportunity, attended by the Mayor, was held on 29 October to mark the start of work on the site of the former Dun Cow pub. Wellingborough Homes is building a £2.5 million development of 26 affordable homes on the site in Gold Street. The work is being undertaken by property developer Westleigh Developments and it is hoped the homes will be completed in summer 2014.

2.6 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SPORTS AWARDS

The Northamptonshire Sports Awards took place on 7 November at Kettering Conference Centre. The event, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Leader, resulted in awards for Steve Mackie of Wellingborough Rugby Club for Volunteer of the Year, Friars School and Sports College for Sports School of the Year and Alex Ramsden of Westfield Table Tennis Club for Young Sportsman of the Year. In addition, there were many runners-up awards for borough sportsmen and organisations

2.7 YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRADE FAIR

This year's Young Enterprise Trade Fair for the Wellingborough and Rockingham area will take place on Saturday 23 November between 9am and 1pm in the Swansgate Centre. The trade fair is part of the Young Enterprise Company Project, which gives young people aged 15-19 years the opportunity to set up and run their own company over the course of a year.

Students compete with other schools and colleges in their region, across the UK and internationally, to become Young Enterprise Company of the Year. The trade fair is a chance for the companies to sell their products or services and win one of three prizes on offer – best trade stand, best product or service, and best sales and marketing. The Mayor will be one of the judges on the day.

<p>3. Proposed action: Council is invited to RESOLVE to note the report.</p>
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4. Author and contact officer

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5. Consultees

The Mayor, Chief Executive, Corporate Directors, Heads of Service