

Community Committee Fortnightly News Update

This news update gives committee members a swift update on known plans/activities within their remit and highlights any new issues they may wish or need to take account of.

If a service has nothing significant to report, the relevant column will state '**NSTR**' (Nothing significant to report)

Committee Spokespeople continue to have the opportunity of receiving more detailed briefings, including those that may be of a more confidential or complex nature at the scheduled spokes meetings through which they are able to keep their own members further updated as necessary.

News Update for the period ending: 11/03/2016		
Service	Service Update key bullet points	Contact
Consultation & Community Relations	<p>We have supported the Public Health teams from Norfolk, Suffolk, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire councils to commission research into the attitudes, perceptions and behaviours of people from BAME communities towards smoking and tobacco. The research findings will be used to make improvements to services and to run a targeted public health campaign across the region.</p> <p>Voting in the Norfolk Youth Parliament elections will take place between the 14 and 20 March. There are nine constituencies, which mirror those of our MPs. All 11 to 18 year olds can vote in the elections for free, via text message. In 2014, 37,679 11 to 18 year olds voted, which is a turnout of 48%. Information about all the candidates and how to vote will be live on our website on Monday morning. You are welcome to come along to the results event which will take place in the Edwards Room, 5-6.30pm on 22 March.</p>	Paul Jackson
Customer Services	NSTR	C Sumner F Grimmer
Cultural Services	<p>Library and Information Service</p> <p>Language is Power- Norfolk School Library Service conference 2016 - Taking place on Thursday 10 March 2016, our third annual conference will explore the importance of language across the curriculum, as well as</p>	J Holland

	<p>practice for those lucky enough to be offered one of the roles and a useful experience for everyone who took part. It's not only the appointment of the new cohort which represents a successful outcome but the fact that those who were ultimately disappointed enjoyed their day and found the experience useful and enjoyable.</p> <p>The new trainees will start on Wednesday 20 April in Curatorial, Learning, Keep Development, Costume and Textiles, Business Development and Natural History.</p> <p>Norfolk Arts Service</p> <p>Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival – 9-10 March 2016 - The Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival is a new interactive event aimed at 14-24 year olds to help inspire them for their future career and to demonstrate the various options available. It will be the only major skills and careers event to take place in Norfolk in 2016. The Festival is a partnership initiative involving a wide range of organisations including Norfolk County Council, the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>Norfolk Arts Service (NAS) will be present at the festival in a joint stand with Norfolk Museums Service. NAS will be providing information on current internship opportunities available via the Norfolk Creative Employment Programme and a range of other relevant employment and work experience opportunities offered by Norfolk Arts Service client organisations.</p> <p>Active Norfolk</p> <p>Sport England Elected Member Resources - Cllr Hilary Cox (in her role as Cycling and Walking Member's Champion) recently attended a 2-day workshop, hosted by Sport England, which focussed on providing elected members with relevant information pertaining to the role that sport and physical activity plays in delivering local government outcomes.</p> <p>Sport England has developed a number of tools and resources which demonstrate the importance of sport and physical activity on health and well-being, educational attainment, community development and economic development. The attached document illustrates some of the most powerful statistics for Norfolk linked to these outcomes. For further information contact Ben Jones,</p>	<p>S Miller</p> <p>Ben Jones</p>
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<p>Community Safety and Fire and Rescue</p> <p>Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service</p>	<p>Following on from previous sitrep updates, the senior management team are now moving across to join their police colleagues at what will shortly become a joint headquarters in Wymondham.</p> <p>The Chief Fire Officer attended the LGA Fire conference in Bristol on 8/9th March.</p> <p>USAR Watch Manager Duncan Barrow is now into his second week of a one month tour with a rescue vessel operating off the Turkish coast. On his first night as a life boat coxswain, Duncan rescued more than 100 casualties. He is doing this work through a charitable organisation, in his own time, and we anticipate that other USAR team members will follow him as the refugee crisis continues. There is the potential that we may also be asked to provide command and control specialists to support operations, again on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>ESMCP update</p> <p>The emergency services mobile communications programme has been established by the government to replace voice communications across the UK emergency services. The delivery of the Emergency Services network will provide a cheaper and more flexible voice and data communications capability.</p> <p>Funding has been provided to enable Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, along with all other blue light services, to manage the transition process and roll out of new equipment.</p> <p>Funding will commence from April 2016 through to March 2019, this will involve replacing all radios in fire engines and cars and the interface within Control.</p> <p>Area Manager David Ashworth</p>	Roy Harold
Trading Standards	Trading Standards has signed a Section 101 agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council Trading Standards to	Sophie Leney

	<p>maintain their metrological working standards and testing equipment, following the closure of their laboratory. The Calibration, Verification & Testing Services laboratory is now the only one offering calibration support and services to businesses with their weighing and measuring requirements across Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.</p> <p>The team continues to be recognised as a centre of excellence, demonstrating their excellent reputation for quality and service, recently attracting calibration work from the Netherlands, on a ship at Great Yarmouth for the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science and at three sites in England for a Norfolk based national business. Closer to home the laboratory is also able to provide support for fellow businesses based at the Hethel Engineering Centre. Recent assistance has included the loan of an environmental monitoring kit for assessing emergency shelters, the loan of weights for testing electric vehicles and the calibration of pallet weighers.</p> <p>The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 is expected to be enacted on 6 April. While this Act gives powers to county and district councils as well as the Police for dealing with “legal highs”, it is seen as an extension to existing drugs regulation legislation and the expectation is that the Police will take the lead in enforcement. Trading Standards Services will have a role to play in how the Act impacts legitimate high street retailers who sell household products which can have a psychoactive effect. However, the major thrust of enforcement will be by the Police, enabling them to tackle both the ‘head shops’ which currently openly sell psychoactive substances (NPS/legal highs) and also the under the counter/community based clandestine sellers of these substances. Trading Standards is currently working with Norfolk Constabulary to agree the joint action/protocols required to enforce the legislation in the county.</p>	
Emergency & Resilience	<p>The Resilience Team supported a Crucial Crew event at Letton Hall in Breckland this week. Crucial Crew, organised by Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, is a multi-agency safety education event aimed at 10-11 year old children. This involves several “sets” on a variety of topics. The Resilience Team supports district colleagues in delivering an interactive session on being prepared for emergencies. There are more events planned to run during the year covering all districts. A total of 794</p>	Jan Davis

	<p>schoolchildren took part in the Breckland event.</p> <p>The Resilience Team supported a multi-agency collaborative exercise at Brenntag in Thetford on 7th March. As a producer of industrial bleach Brenntag is classified as a COMAH (Centre of Major Accident Hazard) site. Each COMAH site requires testing of the external off-site emergency plan every three years. Under COMAH Regulations NCC is required to ensure the development and testing of COMAH external plans. The exercise successfully tested the plan and demonstrated effective collaborative working between emergency responders. Part two of the exercise takes place in April.</p>	
Public Health	<p>Launching our Public Health Strategy</p> <p>We would like to invite you to a stakeholder event to mark World Health Day and look at how together we can build upon previous work to maximise health and wellbeing opportunities.</p> <p>Date: Thursday 7th April</p> <p>Venue: The Auditorium at The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF</p> <p>Time: 11:30am for a 12 o clock start – the event will last approximately an hour with a chance for further networking afterwards</p> <p>The event will be a chance to launch our new public health strategic framework, which will outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our public health vision for Norfolk • our principles and ways of working • Norfolk's public health priorities • the actions we will take • how success will be measured <p>Norfolk County Council is responsible for co-ordinating action to prevent illness and to improve the health of our communities. No one organisation or person has the answer. It needs all of us working together in partnership across Norfolk to make the changes we need to make, to improve the health of Norfolk residents.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Lesley Johnson 01603 638418 or lesley.johnson@norfolk.gov.uk by Friday 1st April.</p>	Louise Smith

	<p>Norfolk wins bid to be a first wave National Diabetes Prevention Programme site</p> <p>In September 2015 we submitted a joint expression of interest for the National Diabetes Prevention Programme to Public Health England along with the three central Norfolk CCGs and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. We are pleased to hear that our joint submission was viewed as being very strong, and we are now invited to become a first wave site. As a part of the first wave sites, central Norfolk will now be offered lifestyle and behaviour change interventions for diabetes prevention by a nationally appointed provider. In our bid we outlined how we would support vulnerable people such as those with learning disability. This is really good news for developing our targeted prevention services.</p> <p>Seasonal flu</p> <p>The flu season is now officially with us – a bit later than usual possibly due to the relatively mild early winter. The main type circulating this year is H1 N1 which was dubbed ‘swine flu’ when we first came across it. The good news is that it is that this strain is already covered in the current vaccine. As the current vaccine is well matched with the circulating strains, it is likely to be more effective than the one used during last season.</p> <p>Health services are finding that there are more hospital admissions in the younger age group (<65 years), than expected and so GPs and other health services are being encouraged to continue actively finding and vaccinating ‘at risk’ individuals. At risk individuals eligible for vaccination include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged 65 years or over • People all ages with certain serious medical conditions • All pregnant women and some age groups of children • People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities • Those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person 	
Registration Services	Following the decision by council to close some offices Registrars will leave Swaffham and Watton at Easter. A review of the service structure to accommodate the office changes and changes to posts is underway. The staff	Caroline Clarke

	<p>consultation runs until 22 March after which implementation will begin. A second office at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital has opened, giving us a total of three registrars in community offices around Norwich ahead of the move into the Norfolk Records Office which is now likely to take place in mid-June. Liberty Bell (Avalon) filmed registrars and their customers over two days in Norwich and Cley Windmill. The resulting film will be used as a 'taster' to encourage BBC or ITV to commission a series.</p>	
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