

## 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.

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Service	Service Update key bullet points	Contact
Customer Services	NSTR	C Sumner
Cultural Services	<p><b>Library and Information Service</b></p> <p><b>Festival of Storytelling</b> - the Library Service will be holding a Festival of Stories between Saturday 24 September and Sunday 9 October. Performances will take place in all 47 of Norfolk's Libraries, as well as on mobile libraries. There will be events for toddlers, school children, families and adults, and will involve 16 story tellers including Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden, Liam Carrol and Dave Tonge. Stories will range from Norfolk and British folklore to pirate adventures, environmental multicultural stories from around the world to Tudor Storytelling and riddles. Brochures are now in all Norfolk Libraries, and can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Heritage Open Day at King's Lynn Library</b> – The library was part of the Heritage Open Days festival which took place between Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 September.</p> <p>On the Sunday all of the staff, as well as one of their volunteers, volunteered to open the library between 10am – 4pm. The St Margaret's and Stanley Library collections were on view, together with displays on Royalty and the engravings on the turret.</p> <p>There were 393 visitors, with 12 new members signing up, books borrowed, and tickets sold for an event involving the Norfolk based author Rachel Hore, as well as lots of interest in the Library's local history resources.</p>	J Holland



	<p>purchase hundreds of documents. These documents come from all parts of the country and range in date from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some of the highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 17th century Patent Book from the Dean and Chapter of Norwich Cathedral;</li> <li>• The diaries of Horatio Walpole, Later 4th Earl of Orford and MP for West Norfolk in the 1830s;</li> <li>• Political squibs and broadsheets from Great Yarmouth;</li> <li>• Possibly the earliest log of a leisure trip on the Broads from the 1860s;</li> <li>• 19th century playbills for the Bijou Theatre in Wells</li> </ul> <p>This appeal has provided a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and engage with people throughout the county. Many of the documents purchased will help with projects planned at the Record Office. For example, the political squibs will be of great use in educational projects associated with the Record Office's partnership with the History of Parliament Trust. This centres on an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project to commemorate the centenary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act.</p> <p><b>Norfolk Community Learning Services - NSTR</b></p> <p><b>Active Norfolk - NSTR</b></p>	
<p><b>Public Safety</b></p> <p>Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>Trading Standards</p>	<p>NSTR</p> <p>During the week commencing 26 September, the Trading Standards Service will be raising the general public's awareness of the trade in illicit tobacco in the County, through a series of roadshows conducted by Trading Standards Officers, Stop Smoking Service staff and a tobacco detection dog handler along with his dogs. The idea is to pique the interest of members of the public with the dogs and engage with them so they find out more about the trade in illicit tobacco and the problems associated with it and provide intelligence about where it is being sold. The roadshow is being funded by Public Health England.</p> <p>Selling illicit tobacco is a crime. Many of those who sell are also alleged to sell tobacco or alcohol to children. The availability of cheap, illegal cigarettes makes it easier for children to take up smoking at an early age and harder for people to quit. As no duty is paid on illicit tobacco, the trade undermines the taxation system, reducing the money that could be spent on public services such as schools and</p>	<p>Roy Harold</p> <p>Sophie Leney</p>

	<p>hospitals.</p> <p>The roadshow will be visiting various locations around Norfolk. Further details can be provided on request.</p> <p>The illegal importation of puppies continues to be an issue in the County, with Trading Standards Officers responding to two reports on the same day of puppies being imported into the country in contravention of the legislation that seeks to control the spread of rabies. A local vet spotted that two imported puppies, presented by different owners, had not been micro chipped and were probably too young for the rabies vaccine (that should have been administered before their importation) to have any effect. Officers visited two addresses simultaneously and ensured that the animals were transported to an official quarantine kennel. The dogs have now been micro chipped, have received the vaccine and will remain in quarantine, at their owners' expense, for the prescribed period to enable the vaccine to take effect. Ensuring that import requirements are met is an essential part of the controls in place that seek to keep Britain rabies free.</p> <p>In early September, Trading Standards Officers and Norfolk police attended a business premises where it was alleged cats were being slaughtered and skinned for their fur. The Cat and Dog Fur (Control of Import, Export and Placing on the Market) Regulations 2008 make it an offence to place on the market, import or export, cat and dog fur and any products containing such fur. The duty to enforce the 2008 Regulations lies with the Trading Standards Service as the local Weights and Measures Authority. Anyone breaching the 2008 Regulations can face a fine up to a maximum of £75,000. Happily, on visiting the business, it was established that the intelligence received was unfounded.</p>	
Emergency & Resilience	<p>"Norfolk Prepared" has been promoted this week, 11 - 18 September, through a variety of messages on social media and the Norfolk Prepared website. There are events that have been run and are planned to run with communities in the coming weeks.</p>	Jan Davis
Public Health	<p><b>Opening of sexual health clinic in Great Yarmouth</b></p> <p>We are pleased to report that the official opening of the refurbished integrated contraception and sexual health (iCaSH) clinic at Breydon, Great Yarmouth took place on Wednesday 31 August 2016. His Worship The Mayor Councillor Malcolm Bird and the Mayoress kindly hosted the event which was well attended by various partners and members of staff from Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust. The clinic provides a locally accessible 'one stop</p>	Louise Smith

shop' in the heart of the community replicating those already in place across Norfolk.



### **Illicit tobacco campaign**

An illicit tobacco campaign is to be rolled out across Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough beginning on the 19 September by the Trading Standards departments. The purpose of the campaign is to promote the facts of illicit tobacco, improve public awareness of illicit tobacco and promote where to report intelligence of illicit tobacco. As part of the illicit tobacco campaign a roadshow will take place, starting in Norfolk on the 27 September in Kings Lynn Market Place, going across Norfolk and ending up in Norwich on the 1 October. Trading standards will be present to provide advice and information about illicit tobacco and the local stop smoking service will be present, to support the public to plan their quit journey before Stoptober in October.

### **Health Select Committee Report on Public Health in local Government**

The Health Select Committee published their report into the public health system post 2013. Their inquiry looked at whether the reforms have achieved their aims and whether, in their view, further improvements are necessary. There is much to consider here for Government, local government, the NHS and PHE.

The select committee are clear that responsibility for the local public health system is in the right place with local government, and much good progress has been made. Equally, they raise concerns about how unwarranted variation is addressed and the inequalities in outcomes that persist and on reducing levels of funding. The committee's analysis on funding changes shows cuts in real terms to the public health budget – see below graph.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Local authority public health allocations</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Estimated data from the graph</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>2015-16 prices, like-for-like (£ billions)</th> <th>Nominal, unadjusted (£ billions)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2013-14</td><td>3.6</td><td>2.6</td></tr> <tr><td>2014-15</td><td>3.7</td><td>2.8</td></tr> <tr><td>2015-16</td><td>3.5</td><td>3.0</td></tr> <tr><td>2016-17</td><td>3.4</td><td>3.4</td></tr> <tr><td>2017-18</td><td>3.4</td><td>3.3</td></tr> <tr><td>2018-19</td><td>3.4</td><td>3.2</td></tr> <tr><td>2019-20</td><td>3.4</td><td>3.1</td></tr> <tr><td>2020-21</td><td>3.4</td><td>3.1</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial Year	2015-16 prices, like-for-like (£ billions)	Nominal, unadjusted (£ billions)	2013-14	3.6	2.6	2014-15	3.7	2.8	2015-16	3.5	3.0	2016-17	3.4	3.4	2017-18	3.4	3.3	2018-19	3.4	3.2	2019-20	3.4	3.1	2020-21	3.4	3.1	
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	<p>There are also recommendations on improving data sharing, and in making sure that local health protection readiness is consistent across the country. The summary particularly is well worth a read:  <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhealth/140/14005.htm#_idTextAnchor012">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhealth/140/14005.htm#_idTextAnchor012</a></p>																												
Registration Services	<p>Following hot on the heels of the Norwich move to the Archive Centre (which has been much praised by customers) the Registrars accommodation plan reached another milestone last week when North Walsham Town Council moved into the larger part of the register office in King's Arms Street, North Walsham. The new agreement between NCC and North Norfolk District Council has generated real external income for NCC. Eighty-five percent of the building is leased to NNDC who will pay rent and contribute significantly to the operating costs. A similar plan is being implemented in Fakenham with Children's Services.</p>	Caroline Clarke																											