

Examples of Achievements and Activities

During

Quarter 2 2016/17

PEOPLE

Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime

Gedling Creative Dance School - The Gedling Creative Dance Summer School took place at Arnold Hill Community Centre in the summer holidays, resulting in local 7-12 years olds doing a live performance at the Gedling Show. The School was funded by the Council and Inspire County Youth Arts.

Theatre Activities for Local People - The Council, Nottingham Playhouse, Inspire County Youth Arts and Gedling Homes have teamed up to develop a programme of performing arts and theatre opportunities for local young people in local areas and for Gedling Homes' tenants. The purpose is to enhance participant's skills and self-confidence which in turn will make a positive impact on their health and wellbeing.

Taxi Training – So far since the start of the training in April 2016 487 drivers have been trained. The course has been well received by license holders and they have participated well and given feedback that the course was relevant and easy to understand. Training evaluation shows a high level of satisfaction with the venue, trainer and content of the course

Improve health and wellbeing

Supporting vulnerable residents - GBC Environmental Health Officers working with the Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator have provided support for a vulnerable resident to return to their home. The owner of the property contacted the Council to explain he had struggled with hoarding and discarding household item to the extent that he had filled his flat. The officers inspected the property and were satisfied it was a public health risk. As the owner wasn't able to clear it following the issue of an enforcement notice, the Council arranged clearance. The contractors took 2 days to clear the property and removed over 3 tonnes of rubbish and the owner will repay the cost of the clearance to the Council. The Council are currently working with partners such as social services and the mental health team through the Vulnerable Persons Panel to ensure the owner receives adequate support going forward.

Local Walk Leaders Recognised - Get Going Gedling Volunteer Walk Leaders received Walking for Health recognition awards. Weekly walks have been established in Mapperley, Calverton, Netherfield, Gedling Country Park, Carlton, Arnold and Killisick. Information available at [Get Going in Gedling](#).

Breastfeeding Friendly Gedling - Gedling Borough Council has received positive feedback in relation to the Breast Feeding Friendly pilot, whereby local venues can become accredited. The promotional material have been well received and will be use as a template for other districts in Nottinghamshire.

Eight premises have now been accredited in Gedling, the latest being Stenhouse Medical Centre, Unity Surgery and Calverton Leisure Centre.

Jump Avenue at Arnold Hill Community Centre - In September, the Jump Avenue Family Healthy Lifestyle programme started at the Council's Arnold Hill Community Centre. This is a free weight management programme targeting 5-11 year olds that includes fun, interactive nutrition and activity sessions delivered by the Change Point weight management service.

Arnold Methodist Church Mental Health Befriending Service - This new weekly befriending service run by volunteers was launched in September. The service is proving successful every Friday at Arnold Methodist Church with numbers steadily growing. It has been supported by the Council offering advice regarding on business planning and safeguarding and local councillors have offered financial assistance.

A Healthy Bestwood Village - The Council has been working with local residents in Bestwood Village to develop a health and wellbeing programme. 12 young people have participated in five weeks of basketball sessions on the newly installed Multi Use Games Area over the summer holidays and 17 volunteers have already been recruited as plans for a new parkrun in Bestwood Country Park are developed. Attendance from partners at the summer community fun day has seen residents engage with smoking cessation services, a dog mess campaign has applied 33 stencils and 5 posters in the village, the Healthy Housing Service is supporting flu jabs at the monthly health clinic and a funding bids for outdoor gym equipment is being developed for the village.

Carnival of Sport - Celebrating the Rio Olympics the leisure centre put on a varied programme of activities over the summer holiday which was supplemented by holiday camps run in partnership with Gedling Sports Partnership. There were 3,199 attendances at the holiday activities with a further 60 children attending the all day holiday camps.

Finding Dory - We were approached by Disney and the ASA who were working together to create a fun interactive family swim session with a finding dory theme to run alongside the film release. Disney and the ASA supplied us with staff training, advertising material and equipment. These sessions were aimed at families with children between the age of 0 and 12 and were a great success with 327 attendances over the 6 weeks the sessions ran

Redhill 3G Pitch - Redhill Academy Trust and Gedling Borough Council were awarded a £381,309 grant from the Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund which will provide a brand new facility of a FIFA Quality Standard 106m by 70m 3rd Generation (3G) pitch with floodlighting. The pitch will be available 7 days a week to provide much needed increased capacity for the borough's clubs and teams to use for both training and competitive matches.

Promote and encourage pride, good citizenship and participation in the local area

Netherfield Good Neighbour Award and Garden Competition - On 18th July the annual awards evening took place organised by the Council and sponsored by B&Q. This project brought together the local community with prizes awarded to those winners and runners up. The evening celebrated the community champions of the Netherfield area but also provided as much appreciated social occasion for some of the more socially isolated residents of the area.

Newstead Cleaner and Greener Day - The Cleaner and Greener took place in July in partnership with Nomads Cricket Club and Newstead Youth Club. Activities included a barbeque, sports and crafts activities for families, climbing wall and presentation of the Newstead Garden Competition Awards.

Gedling Borough Arts Festival - The first Gedling Borough Arts Festival took place on Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 July with a range of arts, crafts, music and dance. Arnold Methodist Church hosted with participation from Redhill Academy, Killisick Junior School, Patching's Art Centre, Robert Mellors Primary School, Handsewn, Arnold History Society and a wide range of authors promoting poetry and literature.

A special performance also took place at the Bonington Theatre of 'A History of Here' presented by broadcaster and comedian Ian McMillan (AKA the Bard of Barnsley) and Cartoonist of the Year, Tony Husband.

Organisation of the Festival was overseen by Julie Malone from New Writer's UK supported by the Council.

Gedling Show - This year's Show took place on 4th September. An estimated 10,000 people attended enjoying sports and arts and crafts activities for children delivered by Gedling Play Forum and Netherfield Boys and Girls Football Club, the horticultural marquee, classic car show with 77 exhibitors, fun fair, dog show organised by Notts and Yorkshire Boxer rescue and well over 50 stalls for charities, information providers and local trades.

Play Days - The Council has worked in partnership to deliver its summer play days in Calverton, Papplewick, Arnold and Carlton attended by many thousands of parents and children. Arts and crafts, sports activities and lots of other fun have been on offer delivered by jointly alongside key partners such as Calverton Parish Council, Papplewick and Linby Enterprise Group, Papplewick Parish Council, Calverton Play Day Fundraising Group, Gedling Play Forum and Netherfield Boys Football Club.

Asset Transfer Programme Receives national recognition - The council approach to working with local groups to pursue asset transfer of community buildings has received national recognition from the Cabinet Office and is being promoted as a case study – [Gedling Community Asset Transfer](#). This has resulted in the award of a further £9,445 to Gedling to further support local groups going forward with transfer.

Youth Council to Champion Mental Health and Racism - Gedling Youth Council have decided their priorities as mental health and tackling racism.

It has already been teaming up with the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and City Arts who deliver Express Yourself, a creative arts programme in the Borough for young people with emotional health and wellbeing needs.

Village Ventures Touring Programme - The Council and Village Ventures Rural touring programme supported the delivery of two performances at Burton Joyce Village in November 2016 and February 2016 attendance by 186 people – "The After Hours Quintet in Concert" and "Singing Up a Storm".

Reduce hardship and provide support to the most vulnerable

Improved support for homeless individuals - The housing needs team have interviewed over 130 individuals during the quarter, exceeding the target for resolving homelessness. Our ability to resolve homelessness has been improved by working with Ashfield District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council who have assisted us in the provision of temporary accommodation, whilst lease agreements are progressing with both a social landlord to reduce usage of B&B accommodation. Working in partnership with both Elizabeth House and Step two the team has also been able to move more people on and make greater use of the support available. A dedicated refresh of the waiting list has increased the percentage of active bidders and is now only 1% under target.

Supporting refugees - The second cohort of Syrian refugees has been accommodated within the borough.

YMCA Adventure Guides in Killisick - Nottinghamshire YMCA has received Lottery Funding to deliver a range of outdoor activities; unifying families from across local groups, to extend their links and to build local community bonds and support. The areas of focus in Gedling will be Killisick supported by the Killisick Steering Group.

Killisick Summer Camp - 40-50 young people attended the Killisick Summer Activity Camp every day funded by the Council and delivered by Gedling Sports Partnership.

Killisick Fun Day - The Fun Day organised by the Council took place on 9th July with a range of activities and entertainment for families.

Beacon Project Up and Running - The new Beacon Project is now launched in Killisick with many local activities running from the site of the Beacon Baptist Church. Activities include the Beacon Bowling Club now volunteer led which was previously run by the Council at Arnold Hill Community Centre. Other activities include Foodbank, commissioned health services, a craft group, after school club, work club, YMCA Dad's and Kids Club amongst others. The Beacon has been supported by training delivered through the Council's Community Asset Transfer Partnership.

New Floodlights for Newstead Young People - Thanks to support and joint work between the Council, local elected members, Newstead Parish Council and the local youth club, the Multi Use Games Area in Newstead now has its own floodlights. The lights will enable local young people to use the facility during the darker winter months in a safely lit environment. It will also provide an outdoor space for the Council's Monday Night Youth Sports Club in run Newstead. The Sports Club is funded by the Home Office as part of a national pilot and securing the external funding has meant the re-allocation of local resources to provide the much needed floodlights.

Newstead Summer Sports Festival - The Council organised a Sports Festival for the young people of Newstead in August following external funding received by Street Games. Street Games attended the Festival and as a result of what they saw are supporting a Sport England application for additional funding for Newstead.

Newstead Monday Night Sports Club - The Home Office funded pilot sports club for young people in Newstead has seen 48 participants since it started at the end of last year.

Residents Supported by Citizen's Advice Bureau - Through the Council's annual grant to Nottingham Citizen's Advice Bureau, in total 371 Gedling residents were offered advice during April to June 2016. 39% of these had a disability or a long-term life limiting illness and 66% received benefit or debt management advice. At the Arnold, Calverton and Netherfield outreach services and at the central Nottingham office Gedling residents saw £48,263 Benefit Gain. £64,171 of debt was managed through the 3 outreach services. Those residents referred to a debt case worker, at the Nottingham Bureau, funded by the Money Advice Service, saw in total £587,928 of debt managed and £142,305 of debt written off.

PERFORMANCE

Improve the customer experience of dealing with the Council

Improved turnaround of minor and other planning applications - 86% of minor applications are processed within 8 weeks against our target of 70%, and 94.6% of other planning applications are processed within 8 weeks against a target 80% has been achieved during quarter 2. This significant improvement has been achieved by a greater emphasis on performance management which has included regular team meetings and coaching provided through weekly 1 to 1's which has allowed senior staff members to assist less experienced colleagues to identify key issues early on in the application process. The team has also embraced a positive and proactive approach towards their work.

Give tax payers value for money

Gedling Borough Council's Accredited Centre – the courses put on by our training team has attracted 12 attendees from Rushcliffe and Broxtowe Borough Councils for courses including the CMI Certificate in Management at Level 3, CMI Diploma in Management at Level 5, ILM Certificate in Leadership at Level 5. This has brought just over £5,000 into the Council during 2016.

Maintain a positive and productive working environment and strong staff morale

Improve staff wellbeing - Council staff are being encouraged to get involved in lunchtime activities to help improve their wellbeing. Activities include Mindfulness Meditation for Beginners, Knit and Natter and Lunchtime Fitness sessions.

PLACE

Ensure local people are well prepared and able to compete for jobs

Gedling Menu Employability Programme - The last employability activity was delivered in July. Across the academic year (1st September 2015-22nd July 2016) the programme resulted in 1300+ students receiving some form of employability support (CV development, mock interview, employability workshop) and having contact with at least one employer.

4 out of the 6 secondary schools in the Borough undertook an employability audit to identify activities to be developed for the new school year. The two remaining schools will be audited by the end of October. Based on the feedback from the audits a request for quotation was sent to providers in August. This resulted in Ideas4Careers being appointed to deliver a combined speed networking and 'Have a go' session that will be facilitated by a range of employers from different sectors in the new academic year and the first event will take place in December 2016.

Gedling Employment and Skills Group - The new Employment and Skills Delivery plan has been developed that focuses on work activities to be delivered within the new academic year. The plan includes corporate priorities to increase training and employment uptake for Gedling residents.

Jobs Fair - The annual Jobs Fair took place on Wednesday 21 September at Arnold Methodist Church. 32 employers/providers exhibited at the event. 267 people visited the event to identify work opportunities. Economic Development will follow-up with employers to identify success stories

Gedling Colliery Site - Keepmoat held their first meet the buyer event at the Civic Centre on Monday 4 July with Keepmoat, ED, CITB and NCN as Keepmoat's preferred apprenticeship provider having stands. 25+ contractors/suppliers attended the event, further events are planned.

Employment and Skills Plan - went live for the site on the 1st September. A work programme is being developed to focus on the KPIs to be delivered in the next twelve months.

Employment and Skills Plans for development sites – Using the CITB Client Based Approach (CBA) during quarter 2 the following sites have compiled or are in the process of compiling an Employment and Skills Delivery plan for their development site:

- Blood Homes for the Spring Lane site.
- Woodhead for the NCHA Cavendish Pub Site.
- Via for the Gedling Access Route
- Bellway Homes for Land North of Papplewick Lane

These employment and skills plans will create a number of training and work opportunities for Gedling residents during the term of the build. All developers have been invited to attend the Employment and Skills Group to present their plans to partners to encourage engagement and collaborative working.

Erasmus+ update - Economic Development submitted the first interim report on behalf of the partnership to the National Agency (NA) on the 1 July. The NA has responded to say that they are happy with how the project is progressing.

During September seven employers were supported that will create nine apprenticeship starts (targets for the two year pilot programme engage 90 SMEs and 120 apprenticeship starts).

A microsite has been developed to support the roll out of the pilot programme which went live on the 1st September. The site contains information for small to medium enterprises on the individual steps involved in recruiting an apprentice along with supporting documentation/ resources and links.

In addition Economic Development has engaged the Council's training department to design and deliver appropriate training and mentoring programme to support SMEs recruiting an apprenticeship. The first training workshops will be delivered first twilight session is planned for 24th November with a further 2 in the pipeline. It will be an opportunity to encourage Employers to take advantage of our suite of Leadership and Management Courses available through our Accredited Centre.

Provide an attractive and sustainable local environment that local people can enjoy and appreciate

Arnold Town Centre and Carlton Square - Option reports have been submitted by Urban Delivery for both regeneration projects. Supporting work has been underway to bring these projects closer to delivery. An example is the submission of an expression of interest to the Nottinghamshire pre-development fund to support the next phase of feasibility and project development activities for both sites. Both applications have progressed to full application which will be submitted by the 28 October.

Provide more homes

Progressing the Local Planning Document - The Publication Draft Local Planning Document was consulted on during May – July 2016. The Local Planning Document was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 17th October 2016, which starts the examination process.

Securing more affordable homes – The Housing Manager has been working with developers at a local site in Ravenshead to push for the delivery of affordable homes within a development to meet with Section 106 requirements. 20 affordable homes were delivered during the quarter, meeting the target and tenants have now settled in at the new development on Dunstan Street; next month will see the new tenants moving into accommodation on The Grove site. In addition planning permission has been granted on three sites with Gedling Homes and a start on those sites is expected in January 2017. This and development at another site have the potential to deliver a significant (£2 – 4m) commuted sum to the council.