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Topic and suggested by	Update
<p>Teenage Mental Health - In Grimsbury & Hightown, I've seeing a sharp increase in casework relating to children's mental health issues, following the pandemic lockdowns.</p> <p>I would really like to understand what, if anything, is within scope of CDC O&SC to support our 13-19 year olds with mental health issues.</p> <p>Raised by Councillor Perran Moon at the informal session held on 30 June 2021</p>	<p>Initial information was gathered from the Wellbeing Team to respond to Councillor Moon's query.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council is part of the Oxfordshire mental health prevention concordat. The mental health work that CDC delivers is often in partnership with other organisations and other mental health initiatives that are delivered around the District are commissioned either via OCC Public Health, OCC Children's services or through the CCG. We have been a partner of the MH concordat partnership since it was formed in 2019 and have helped to shape the recently launched framework. The framework has been set out by all of the concordat's partnership organisations. The framework outlines how we will work together for everyone in Oxfordshire. For residents to have the opportunity to achieve good mental health and wellbeing over the next 3 years. The Mental Health Prevention Framework - 2020-2023. Here is a link to a round up of what the partnership has achieved since it was formed https://vimeo.com/551507662/e9978902ad.</p> <p>CDC's Youth Activators (in partnership Oxfordshire Mind and Resilient Young Minds) have been delivering a successful mental health programme in a number of Schools around the District. Initially this has been solely in primary schools but it is soon to be expanded to older age groups. This work is funded by schools.</p> <p>The Sport and Physical Activity Manager attended the October meeting of the Committee to give a detailed presentation on the work of the team. The presentation answered Councillor Moon's query and the subject was removed from the topic list.</p>
<p>Homelessness within the LGBT community</p>	<p>The Housing Options and Allocations Manager advised that during a homeless application one of the questions asked related</p>

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<p>Raised by Councillor Sandy Dallimore at the informal session held on 30 June 2021</p>	<p>to sexual orientation, and the customer could choose a response. There was no specific data collected on anyone who may be made homeless due to their sexual orientation, although if this were the case it would be picked up as part of the ongoing casework with the customer.</p> <p>Councillor Dallimore asked for further information as to why information on sexual orientation was not specifically requested, and if it could be in future.</p> <p>The Housing Options and Allocations Manager explained that the questions asked during a homelessness application were linked to information that had to be collected for an annual statistical return for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (as it was at the time of the query). It was not possible to ask any additional questions.</p> <p>Following the receipt of this information Councillor Dallimore agreed that there was no further work that could be undertaken in relation to the query and therefore it could be removed from the topic list.</p>
<p>The relationship between the District council and our parishes</p> <p>Raised by Councillor Sandy Dallimore at the informal session held on 30 June 2021</p>	<p>The Healthy Communities Manager provided a brief overview of the work of the Healthy Communities Team in relation to interaction with parishes. Twice a year the council hosted a conference style parish liaison meeting to consult, inform and inspire parishes, and give them the opportunity to network with each other and senior council members and officers. Since July 202 the meeting had been virtual due to coronavirus restrictions.</p> <p>A fortnightly parish bulletin had also been started as a result of the first coronavirus lockdown, which included items such as grant opportunities, consultations and changes to government</p>

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	<p>guidance that would be useful for parishes.</p> <p>In response to the information provided by the Healthy Communities Manager, Councillor Dallimore proposed that a fact finding working group be established, to investigate and understand the interactions between CDC and the parishes. The focus of the group would be to look for easy gains in communication and relationship, and identify areas of value.</p> <p>The working group was established in September 2021, and the recommendations of the group are due to be considered in March 2022.</p>
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