

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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title: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING UPDATE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide an update on the Councils' health and well-being initiatives, which are primarily funded through external sources.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - To help makes people's lives safer and healthier
- Corporate Priorities - To be a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following the last Committee three new staff have been recruited to help deliver both the healthy weight contract and Together an Active Future. Although their actual ability to deliver to communities has obviously been hampered by the ongoing pandemic.

2.2 However this has given the new staff an opportunity to become familiar with projects and plan for when delivery can commence in earnest.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Discussions with our neighbouring authorities has resulted in consideration of how digital delivery methods can be used. Although we use zoom with some of our clients, we have generally both an older client base and less efficient internet coverage across our Borough, compared to some our neighbours.

3.2 Clearly the future in terms of restrictions is unknown and this will play a significant part in terms of being able to roll out the community interventions which the projects are based on.

3.3 The next phase of the TaAF project is now being considered, this pathfinder funding is designed to build upon the existing successes. This is a challenge for all areas given the problems encountered this year. The groundwork for the next bid will be undertaken in the early part of 2021.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – the projects are externally funded which allows the Council to deliver a wider range of services than would be the case through its' own resources. Staff recruited to help deliver the projects are on fixed term contracts.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council has entered into contracts with the relevant bodies to receive the funding
- Political – None in the context of the report
- Reputation – Unfortunately, these are all time limited projects, so when they end people will often look to the Council for their replacement, when the funding responsibility lies outside of the Council's control.
- Equality & Diversity – the projects outlined are all inclusive

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Note the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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