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21 May 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES**
To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019.
- 4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the Committee will answer any questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS
Noon on FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019.
Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, and sent by post or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.

- 5** **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STREET TRADING POLICY - CONSULTATION**
To approve the above draft policy for formal consultation.
- 6** **HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2019-21**
To agree a Health & Wellbeing Plan for public consultation.
- 7** **THE PULSE, DURSLEY UPDATE**
To receive a verbal update following the Members Information Sheet from the General Manager (The Pulse).
- 8** **WORK PROGRAMME**
To consider the work programme.
- 9** **APPOINTMENTS**
a) Performance Monitoring Representatives
b) Appointments to outside bodies
- 10** **MEMBER REPORTS**
a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee
b) Museum in the Park
c) Police and Crime Panel
d) Gfirst LEP - Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group
e) Performance Monitoring
- 11** **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Item 4.

Community Services and Licensing Committee 2019/20

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Gordon Craig
Councillor John Jones
Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Darren Loftus

Councillor Gill Oxley
Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Sue Reed
Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Ken Tucker

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

21 March 2019

7.00 pm 9.24 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	A
Councillor Gordon Craig	A	Councillor Sue Reed	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Darren Loftus	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	A
Councillor Karen McKeown	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillor(s) present

Councillors Cornell, Lydon and Marjoram.

Officers Present

Chief Executive	Head of Community Services
Director of Customer Services	Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator
Accountant	Museum Manager
Senior Youth Officer	Democratic Services Officer

Also Present

Helen March the Chairperson for Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC) and Thomas Haynes Principal Member for Democracy representing SDYC.

Chair and members paid tribute to the Director of Customer Service who was attending her last meeting of the Committee for her support to both the Committee and to the Council since her appointment in 2000.

CSLC.043 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Craig, Oxley and Prenter.

CSLC.044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.045 **MINUTES – 6 DECEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

CSLC.046 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None Received.

CSLC.047 **MEMBER REPORTS**(b) **County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor Lydon referred Members to the three scrutiny reports distributed prior to the Committee and urged Councillors to read the links associated with each of the reports. The January report highlighted the shortage of radiographers and raised concerns about urgent care hospital walk-in services. The accident and emergency service was performing below the Government Target at only 84%. The acute hospital services were heading for a £29.1 million deficit for 2018/19.

There had been opposition from hospital consultants on the proposal to move some emergency operations from Gloucester to Cheltenham; 60 consultants had formally written to object to the suggestion.

Councillor Lydon reported on the discussions in Adult Care Services where service users were no longer in support of 'direct payments'. The Public Health Service had been transferred from the NHS to the County Council and advised that the contract for non-urgent transport service would no longer be provided by Arriva.

CSLC.048 **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q3 2018/19**

The Accountant introduced the report and advised the final outturn will be reported to Strategy and Resources in May 2019. The Accountant referred to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Budget monitoring report and highlighted a projected net underspend of £404k. Paragraph 14 addresses the Capital Budget and refers to the decision Stratford Park Lido would be re-profiled to 2019/2020.

In response to questions from Members the Accountant commented that The Pulse, which was showing the largest budget variance, was exceeding targets in all areas. Underspends on other budget headings included savings on staff costs through vacancies and restructurings.

It was confirmed that the new structure for the Neighbourhood Warden Service was in place following a successful recruitment process of a Senior Neighbourhood Warden and a Neighbourhood Warden. In addition to this recruitment and due to cancellation of an external contract one further Neighbourhood Warden has been recruited. Therefore the establishment of the Neighbourhood Warden Service is now six wardens and one senior warden. Details of the wardens' areas by parish and town council were being prepared and would be circulated.

RESOLVED **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for this Committee.**

CSLC.049 YOUTH SERVICE PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Senior Youth Officer and two members of the Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC). They set out their mission statement to be an active voice for the 12,500, 11 to 18 year olds in the district. There are 9 Local Youth Forum Groups now established all playing an active role in their communities and have been involved in a number of consultation exercises, including environmental issues and community safety.

The presentation highlighted the partnerships with schools and Parish/Town Councils. It also included future projects, initiatives, SDYC engagement and participation statistics.

In response to questions from Members it was noted that travel and transportation was a challenge for young people living in some of the more rural villages however the District Council's Minibus is used to help provide access.

The Chair thanked the Youth Council for their presentation.

RESOLVED To note the presentation.

CSLC.050 MUSEUM IN THE PARK PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Museum Manager on the Museums Forward Plan and its link to the Council's priorities. One of the main themes was to 'provide a Museum service that encourages engagement, ensuring the Museum in the Park was an important community focal point'.

The Museum Manager reported that visitor's numbers to the Museum had continued to increase. Gross income generated was showing an 18% increase on the previous year. The Walled Garden Project had been a great success; 45 volunteers had given 4300 voluntary hours demonstrating the strong volunteer space.

The Museum was involved with local organisations in developing Health and Wellbeing Activities, the work with Art Lift was now part of the Museum's core programme.

RESOLVED To note the verbal update.

CSLC.051 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator on the draft priorities for the new 2019-2022 Health and Wellbeing Board Plan. The Plan looked at what makes people healthy and what the District Council does for Health and Wellbeing. The plan set out five key priorities; supporting healthy lifestyles, developing stronger communities, improving housing, protecting the public and environment and partnering health, social care and the voluntary sector.

In response to questions from Members it was noted that there were issues around mental health which were being addressed county wide, there was also a project with mental health champions to upskill volunteers who could signpost individuals to appropriate services.

RESOLVED To note the verbal update.

CSLC.052 **MEMBER REPORTS**(a) The Subscription Rooms Update and Monitoring Activity

Councillor Robinson gave an update on the transfer of services to the Town Council. A new booking system was being introduced and the Director of Customer Services confirmed that the old ICT Systems were being decommissioned.

(c) Museum in the Park

Councillor Marjoram, adding to the earlier presentation commented that the Museum was a brilliant place to visit and encouraged Members to do so.

(d) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Robinson reported that with effect from March 31 Gloucestershire Police will have their own Motorway Police and Armed Response and Dog Unit, this is a result of the force withdrawing from the tri-service arrangement.

There had been concerns about the current provider of Probation Services and that the Magistrates Courts were losing trust in the provider of the service.

(e) Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

Councillor Craig had given his apologies for the meeting therefore a briefing report would follow.

(f) Performance Monitoring

Councillor John Jones advised Members that there were no issues to report and asked the Head of Community Services for the Community Safety Partnership minutes to be circulated to the Committee.

CSLC.053 **OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENT TO KINGSHILL HOUSE TRUST**

RESOLVED **To note Councillor Trevor Hall's appointment on the above outside body.**

CSLC.054 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

30 MAY 2019

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Report Title	STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STREET TRADING POLICY - CONSULTATION
Purpose of Report	To provide information that will allow Committee to consider proposed changes to Stroud District Council's street trading policy prior to formal consultation.
Decision(s)	To APPROVE a draft policy for formal consultation.
Consultation and Feedback	There will be 10 week formal consultation period and feedback to Committee in September 2019
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>This report is for formal consultation only so there are no direct financial implications. Dependant on the outcome of the consultation and proposed changes, future reports may have minimal financial implications.</p> <p>Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</p> <p>Risk Assessments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Failure to take account of legal advice could mean Stroud District Council's policy is unlawful and could be challenged. 2 Some of the proposed changes may have financial impact on event organisers and informal market operators however the proposal aims to keep this to a minimum.
Legal Implications	<p>All legal implications are set out in the report</p> <p>Patrick Arran, Interim Head of Legal & Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754369 Email: patrick.arran@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Report Author	<p>Rachel Andrew, Principal Licensing Officer Tel: 01453 754401 Email: rachel.andrew@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Performance Management Follow Up	The Council must keep its policy under review and make such revisions to it at such times as it considers appropriate.
Background Papers/ Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft street trading policy for consultation</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Summary of proposed changes for consultation</p>

1 Background

- 1.1 Stroud District Council has adopted powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 so that any person selling articles in the 'street' must obtain a street trading consent from the Council.
- 1.2 In the legislation 'street' is defined as any road, footway or other area to which the public have access without having to pay an entrance fee.
- 1.3 On 13th July 2000 the Council resolved to designate all streets and areas of land in the district as needing street trading consent. This includes any Council or private owned land that the public have access to.

2 Stroud District Council's Street Trading Policy

- 2.1 Stroud District Council has a street trading policy which lays out the Council's approach for managing street trading and the process for applications and making decisions.
- 2.2 The policy was last updated in 2013. Licensing Officers have reviewed the policy and made some proposed changes to bring it up to date.
- 2.3 The Legal Section has also reviewed the policy. They have advised that there is not provision in the legislation to permit some aspects of the current policy. In their opinion advice provided by the Legal Team back in 2000 was flawed in relation to permitting waivers for Informal Markets and exempting community and charitable events.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 is the draft policy document for formal consultation. The changes from the current policy are shown in red.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 gives a summary of all the main changes in the draft policy document from the current policy.

3. Informal Markets

- 3.1 Markets that operate under a charter or order are exempted in the legislation from needing street trading consent. All other markets are classed as Informal Markets and are not exempt.
- 3.2 The current policy gives discretion for the Council to give a waiver from needing street trading consent to Informal Markets provided certain criteria are met. Waivers were given by Cabinet to the Shambles Market and Stroud Farmers Market in 2000. Once a waiver was permitted it continued indefinitely so there was little ongoing resource implication. There was no charge made to the market operator.
- 3.3 Legal Officers have now advised that such waivers are not within the remit of the legislation and should cease immediately. This means that Informal Markets

must instead hold a street trading consent. Street trading consents must be renewed annually and there is an application process and a fee.

- 3.4 In addition to the Stroud Farmers Market and the Shambles Market there are potentially other Informal Markets in the district that will also need to apply for street trading consent if they do not operate under a charter or order. This will have a cost implication for such markets which may have run for many years without having to apply for a street trading consent or pay any fee.

4 Charitable and Community Events

- 4.1 The current street trading policy exempts charitable and community events from needing a street trading consent. This includes events such as village fetes, carnivals and Christmas goodwill evenings.
- 4.2 The legal advice now is that there is no provision in the legislation for the Council to give this 'blanket' exemption. The legislation does exempt an event if there is an entrance fee. However, in all other cases it means that, if there are stalls selling articles and there is general access to the public, the event will need a street trading consent.
- 4.3 To give clarification the draft policy proposes that Stroud District Council considers that an event held on land where entrance can be controlled does not fit in the definition of street trading because the public do not have absolute right of access. Therefore in these cases street trading legislation does not apply.
- 4.4 However, the draft policy states that organisers of events that do not meet the above criteria, for example Christmas goodwill evenings held in the street where entry cannot be controlled, will need to apply for street trading consent if there are stalls selling articles. It is proposed to have a short term 'blanket' event consent for such events.
- 4.5 To reduce the impact for charities and communities the draft policy proposes that the Head of Health and Wellbeing has the discretion to use a 'light touch' process if the event is for a community or charitable cause and is just once a year. The 'light touch' process will be minimal with no consultation or fee.

5 Consultation on Draft Street Trading Policy

- 5.1 The draft street trading policy, once approved by this Committee, will be put out for formal consultation between 3rd June 2019 and 12th August 2019.
- 5.2 Consultation will be with all Members, Town and Parish Councils, current traders, current market operators as well as all other interested parties.
- 5.3 All consultation comments will be considered after the end of the consultation period by a working party made up of the Head of Health and Wellbeing, Principal Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer, Council Solicitor and the Chair and Vice Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee.

5.4 The final draft policy will go before Community Services and Licensing Committee for consideration and adoption on 5th September 2019.

5.5 It is proposed the new policy will commence on 1st October 2019.

6 Conclusion

6.1 The Licensing Section has reviewed Stroud District Council's street trading policy and proposes amendments to bring it up to date and give clarification to applicants.

6.2 Some of the changes are the result of recent legal advice. The advice is that certain aspects of the current policy are not compliant with the legislation.

6.3 The two changes that could potentially have the most impact are:

- Removal of the discretion to issue waivers to Informal Markets meaning such markets will in future have to apply for a street trading consent.
- Removal of the exemption from needing a street trading consent for charitable and community events. The proposed policy aims to reduce unintended impact by giving clarification on interpretation and introducing a new short term event consent.

6.4 Once Committee approves a draft street trading policy it will be put out for formal consultation with the view it will be brought back to Committee in September 2019 for final consideration.



Street Trading Policy

First Draft Prior to Consultation for Community Services and Licensing Committee – 30th May 2019

Black Text = current policy
Red Text = new provisions
Blue Text = added guidance

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Stroud District Council has adopted powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to regulate street trading in Stroud District through a street trading consent scheme.

This policy sets out the Council's approach for managing street trading in the district and the process for applications and making decisions.

This policy was approved by the Council's Community Services and Licensing Committee on and came into effect on.....

Street trading consents are processed and issued by the Council's Licensing Section.

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1.2 Objectives Of This Policy

1.2.1 The objectives of this policy are:

- a. Recognise the important service that is provided by street traders and the contribution they make to the local economy.
- b. Ensure the safety of customers and other persons using the locations where street traders are located.
- c. Balance the needs of the wider community, local community and street traders against the needs of those who may be adversely affected by the street trading activities.
- d. Provide consistency and transparency in the way in which the Council deals with street trading.
- e. Provide applicants and consent holders with advice and guidance on the Council's approach to the administration and enforcement of street trading.

1.3 Review Of The Policy

1.3.1 This policy will be kept under review and where any significant amendments are considered necessary these will be approved by the Committee that deals with licensing matters after appropriate and relevant consultations have taken place. Minor amendments that do not impact on the aims and objectives of the policy or reflect changes in legislation will be made with the approval of the Head of Health and Wellbeing.

2 WHAT IS STREET TRADING?

2.1 Definitions

- 2.1.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 defines street trading as the **selling or exposing or offering for sale any article, including a living thing, in a street.**
- 2.1.2 The Act states that **a street includes any road, footway, beach, or other area to which the public have access without payment.** This means a street will include private land if the general public can access it without having to pay an entrance fee, for example a car park on private land.
- 2.1.3 Stroud District Council has designated the whole of Stroud district as being Consent Streets. This means that street trading can only take place in any area that falls within the definition above of a street if there is a street trading consent issued by Stroud District Council.

2.2 Exemptions From Needing Street Trading Consent

- 2.2.1 The following are exempted in the legislation and do not need street trading consent:
- a. A pedlar who holds a pedlars certificate under the Pedlars Act 1871 issued by a police authority.
 - b. A market that is granted through a charter or order.
 - c. A news vendor selling periodicals or newspapers.
 - d. Trading at a petrol station.
 - e. Trading at a shop or in a street adjoining a shop as part of the business or shop.
 - f. Trading as a roundsman who has defined customers and routes. It has been established in law that mobile ice cream sales are not normally deemed to be roundsmen.

2.3 Exemption For Individual Charity Stalls With A Street Collection Permit

- 2.3.1 Individual charity stalls in a street can apply for a street collection permit which allows collecting money for a charitable cause (including through the sale of items). If a street collection permit is granted there is no requirement for a street trading consent. Please contact the Licensing Team for further information on applying for street collection permits.

2.4 Indoor Market Areas

- 2.4.1 The Council considers areas that are covered/partially covered and have an entrance/exit do not fit in the definition of an area the public have access to as they can be closed to the public and the operator can refuse entry. For this reason they will not normally need street trading consent.

2.5 Events with an Entrance Fee

2.5.1 Events that have an entry fee do not fall under street trading legislation and so do not need to apply for street trading consent

2.6 Community and Charitable Events without an Entrance Fee

2.6.1 Stroud District Council considers that an event held on land where entrance can be controlled does not fit in the definition of street trading because the public do not have absolute right of access. In these cases street trading legislation does not apply and street trading consent is not needed. Such events could include village fetes and carnivals held on a playing field or recreational area that have controlled entrance points.

2.6.2 Organisers of community or charitable events that are on the highway will generally not be able to control entry and so will need to apply for a street trading consent. Such events could include Christmas Markets. See paragraph 3.3.2 for information on short term consents for events.

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3 TYPES OF CONSENTS

The Council issues the following four types of street trading consent:

3.1 Static Unit Consent

3.1.1 Static street trading consents are issued for a stall or vehicle which returns to one place every day or for regular periods of time. The unit or stall must be removed each day at the end of the trading period.

3.1.2 A static street trading consent may be granted for any period not exceeding 12 months.

3.2 Mobile Unit Consent

3.2.1 Mobile street trading consents are issued to traders who wish to move from place to place. A mobile consent trader must not remain in one place for more than 30 minutes at a time and not return to the same site within 2 hours. A typical mobile consent would be an ice-cream van.

3.2.2 A mobile street trading consent only permits trading within Stroud District Council's area. If the unit goes into areas outside of Stroud District it will also need consent from the relevant authority.

3.2.3 A mobile street trading consent may be granted for any period not exceeding 12 months.

3.3 Short Term Consent

3.3.1 Short Term Single Traders - Short term consents are issued to traders who only want to trade in a particular location for a few days. The consent will normally only be granted for a period between 1 and 7 days.

3.3.2 Short Term Events – Short term consents can be granted for events that fall under the definition of needing a street trading consent in accordance with this policy. The consent will cover a number of stalls/traders and may be granted if the following apply:

1. The trading stalls are part of an organised event with an organising group committee/individual and;
2. The event is no more than 7 days.

3.4 Informal Market Consent

3.4.1 Informal market street trading consents are issued to markets that do not operate under a Market Charter or Order.

3.4.2 An informal market consent will cover a number of stalls.

3.4.3 The informal market must meet the criteria set below.

- It has a nominated organiser.
- It has the approval of the local town or parish council and the chamber of trade.
- It adds value to the town's trade through the provision of specialist products.
- It does not operate in detriment to the local community.

- 3.4.4 If the application is made by an organisation they must nominate a named individual who will be responsible for managing use of the consent.
- 3.4.5 The consent will be issued for a maximum of 12 months and can be renewed.
- 3.4.6 The consent holder will be responsible for ensuring compliance with times and location permitted by the consent and the conditions attached at all times whilst the consent is being used to facilitate street trading as well as any relevant bylaws.
- 3.4.7 The consent holder will be responsible for ensuring that any local residents, businesses or shops are not obstructed by the informal market and that all emergency exits to buildings are kept clear. The consent holder must ensure that stalls can be moved quickly in the event that access is needed for emergency vehicles.
- 3.4.8 The consent holder will be required to keep records of all traders that trade under the consent including date, location, name or company name, address, vehicle registration if relevant and contact details.
- 3.4.9 As part of the application process the Council will consult all businesses in the vicinity of the informal market. If, at any point after the grant of the consent, any existing or new occupiers of businesses or residential properties make objection to stalls being located outside of their premises the consent may be reviewed which could result in it being varied or amended.
- 3.4.10 It should be noted that informal markets may incur other fees and charges from Stroud District Council if the land used belongs to Stroud District Council. This will be in addition to the street trading consent fees.

4 CHOOSING A TRADING LOCATION/PITCH

4.1.1 Before applying for a street trading consent, applicants must first identify a suitable trading pitch or site. It is for the applicant to identify a suitable pitch having regard to the requirements in this policy and their business needs. The Council does not hold a list of available trading pitches. However, there is a list on Stroud District Council's website of sites that have been refused: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/street-trading>.

4.1.2 A suitable pitch must meet the following criteria:

- Be safe for other street users including traffic and pedestrians.
- Be safe for customers using the street trading unit.
- Not cause any potential for obstruction, interference, inconvenience or nuisance to other street users including other traders, traffic and pedestrians.
- Not cause any potential for nuisance to residents and other businesses for example noise and/or smell.

4.1.3 In particular account must be taken of the following:

- Access roads on industrial estates, where heavy lorries manoeuvre, are generally unsuitable places for static units.
- Locations close to residential properties are unlikely to be suitable due to the potential noise and smell nuisance to residents.
- Lay-bys on main roads must have good visibility to ensure the safety for traffic entering and leaving the trading site/lay-by.
- There should be suitable parking spaces for customer and trading vehicles.
- Units should not cause loss of parking spaces to residents or businesses.
- Units in town centres must not impede the movement of pedestrians or delivery vehicles or block the frontage of shops or access to existing premises.

5 OTHER MATTERS TO CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING A NEW APPLICATION

5.1 Suitability Of The Applicant

5.1.1 Applications cannot be considered from anyone under the age of 17.

5.1.2 When determining an application for the grant or renewal of a street trading consent the council will consider all relevant information relating to the suitability of the applicant to hold such a consent including:

(a) Whether the applicant has any unspent convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

(b) Refusal or neglect in paying fees due to the council in relation to a street trading consent.

5.1.3 Where the criminal conviction certificate provided by the applicant shows current offences (i.e. those that are unspent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974), the Council will consider the following:

- whether the conviction is relevant;
- the seriousness of the offence;
- the length of time since the offence occurred;
- whether there is a pattern of offending behaviour;
- whether that person's circumstances have changed since the offence occurred;
- the circumstances surrounding the offence and the explanation offered by that person.

5.1.4 Annex B is a list of the offences that the Council considers relevant to a street trading consent application.

5.2 Goods For Sale

5.2.1 **Food** - Traders wishing to sell food items must be registered as a food business with the Council in whose area the trading unit is stored when it is not at the trading site. Or, if food is pre-prepared before the unit goes to the trading site, you must be registered with Council in whose area the food preparation is undertaken.

5.2.2 **Vehicles On The Side Of The Road** -This refers to vehicles placed on the highway and advertised for sale and includes any vehicle displaying signs that name an individual or business; or displays notices/signs intended to sell the vehicle. This authority may take enforcement action under street trading legislation against the person who is advertising vehicles for sale on the public highway if a street trading consent is not held. For the purposes of this part of the policy public highway includes footpaths and adjacent verges and public open land as well as the road itself. It does not include private land. Where any vehicle is offered for sale on the highway that is not taxed and insured, the Police may also refer it to the DVLA Enforcement Team. Enforcement also may be taken under the Highways Act 1980 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

5.2.3 **Alcohol** - If you intend to sell alcohol you will need authorisation under the Licensing Act 2003 in addition to street trading consent. Please contact the Licensing Section for further advice.

5.3 Assistants/Employees

- 5.3.1 You will be required to check the right to work of any persons you employ to assist you under your street trading consent. Any trader found to allow an illegal worker to work as part of their trading activities is likely to have their street trading consent reviewed and/or revoked.
- 5.3.2 For the purposes of this policy we would consider any person who works on the unit either with the consent holder, or if the consent holder is not present, for more than 14 days a year, as assisting on a regular basis. The Council will require the name, address, date of birth, national insurance number, a basic criminal check and a photograph of all persons assisting on a regular basis as part of the application process.

5.4 Waste

- 5.4.1 A street trading consent holder is responsible for disposal of refuse and must not use Council, highway or other public waste bins. The consent holder has a duty of care to dispose of commercial waste lawfully.
- 5.4.2 There must be no disposal of liquid waste down the drains or onto the pavement, road or grassland. This includes waste cooking oil.

5.5 Trading Hours

- 5.5.1 An application should specify what hours the applicant wishes to trade. Evening and night time hours are likely to have more impact on local residents in terms of noise and disturbance. Applications for later times are more likely to raise objections which may lead to those times being refused or conditions imposed.
- 5.5.2 The consent holder will be permitted 30 minutes preparation time prior to the start of their trading hours in order to set up the trading vehicle and there will be 30 minutes to close down and pack up. Consent holders are not permitted to trade during set up and closing times.
- 5.5.3 Trader's who wish to serve hot food and drink between 23:00 and 05:00 will also need a licence for late night refreshment under the Licensing Act 2003. Please contact the Licensing Team for further information.

5.6 Planning Permission

- 5.6.1 A street trading consent is given to units where the unit is removed every day at the end of the trading period. If a unit is permanently located at a site it is unlikely to require street trading consent but will require planning permission. Units that are removed every day may also require planning permission in addition to street trading consent. This will be dependant on the amount of time and days that the unit is located at the site. Please contact the Planning Section for further advice.

6 MAKING A NEW APPLICATION (All consent types)

6.1 Advice for New Applicants

- 6.1.1 On receipt of an application the Council will undertake a consultation exercise in order to seek the views of other agencies and, if relevant, neighbouring businesses and residents. There is a non-refundable fee to cover the cost of administering the consultation (not required for short term consents).
- 6.1.2 The consultation process will normally take 28 days and a **decision will then be normally made within 14 days**. Short term consents will normally have a shorter consultation period of 14 days and a **decision will normally be made within 7 days**.
- 6.1.3 Once a decision is made to grant a street trading consent there is a consent fee. This can be paid in instalments by prior arrangement. However, the first instalment must be paid before trading can commence.

6.2 Submitting An Application

- 6.2.1 The following must be submitted with the initial application:-
- a. Application form.
 - b. Notice of Intention.
 - c. Proof of eligibility of the applicant to work in the UK (where applicable).
 - d. Plan showing the proposed trading location with position of the unit(s) shown in red. (Not required for mobile units).
 - g. Written permission from a landowner if the street trading activity is to be carried out on any land owned privately.
 - h. Payment of a non-refundable consultation fee to cover initial administration and consultation costs (not required for short term consents).
- 6.2.2 If, following consultation the location is deemed suitable, the following must be submitted before a final decision is made:
- a. Third party public liability insurance up to **£10,000,000**.
 - b. A Basic Criminal Disclosure check that is not more than 1 month old for the applicant **and any person/s that will be assisting on a regular basis**. Basic Criminal Disclosure checks can be obtained from the Disclosure and Barring Service. Information can be found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record> or by calling 03000 200 190. **(Not applicable to short term consents)**.
 - c. One passport sized photograph of the applicant and **any person/s that will be assisting with the trading on a regular basis**. **(Not applicable to informal market and short term consents)**.

6.3 Consultation

Consultation Static Consents And Informal Market Consents

6.3.1 On receipt of a new valid application for a static or informal market consent the Council will consult with the following:-

- Gloucestershire Constabulary.
- Gloucestershire Highways.
- The relevant Town/Parish Council(s).
- The Stroud District Councillor(s) for the Ward(s) concerned.
- Environmental Health Officers at Stroud District Council.
- The Planning Authority.
- Where appropriate local residents and businesses within 100 metres of the proposed site.
- Neighbourhood Wardens.

6.3.2 The application will be advertised on the Council's website.

6.3.3 The Council will allow 28 days from the date that the application is received for people/relevant bodies to make comments in relation to the application.

Consultation - Mobile And Short Term Consents

6.3.4 On receipt of a valid mobile or short term consent application the Council will consult with the following:-

- Gloucestershire Constabulary.
- The relevant Town/Parish Council.
- Relevant Ward Councillor(s).
- Environmental Health Officers at Stroud District Council.
- Neighbourhood Wardens.

6.3.5 The Council will allow 14 days from the date that the application is received for people/relevant bodies to make comments in relation to the application.

6.4 Determining Applications

6.4.1 The Head of Health and Wellbeing has delegated powers to issue or refuse an application following the consultation period.

6.4.2 Account will be taken of objections and/or letters of support made during the consultation period. The authority will consider the suitability of the site and the applicant taking account of, but not exclusively, the criteria in this policy.

6.4.3 Each application will be decided on its own merits.

6.5 Street Trading Plates

6.5.1 On grant of a consent a street trading identification plate (**except for short term consents and informal market consents**) will be issued. The plate must be displayed in the relevant unit/vehicle where it can be clearly seen by the public at all times the unit/vehicle is trading. If the plate is lost or damaged the consent holder must contact the Council as soon as possible. A charge will be made for a replacement plate.

7 RENEWAL

7.1.1 Applications to renew an existing street trading consent must be made at least 14 days prior to the expiry of the existing consent.

7.1.2 A renewal application may be refused if there are street consent fees outstanding or the renewal application is made late.

7.1.3 The following must be submitted with a renewal application

- a. Renewal Application Form
- b. Renewal Fee
- c. Copy of current third party liability insurance up to £10,000, 000

7.1.4 **Additional Requirements At Renewal Every 3 Years:**

- d. A Basic Criminal Disclosure for the consent holder and any persons that assist on a regular basis from the Disclosure and Barring Service that is not more than 1 month old.
- e. One recently taken passport size photograph of the consent holder and any persons that assist on a regular basis. (Not required for Informal Market Consents)

8 TRANSFER OF CONSENTS

- 8.1.1 Street trading consents are non transferable. If there is an agreement between a current consent holder and a proposed new consent holder to take over an existing unit and location, the original consent holder must surrender their consent and the proposed new consent holder must submit a new application. Any outstanding fees must have been paid up in full. The proposed new consent holder, who has made the agreement with the existing consent holder, will be given priority in applying for the location provided that the new application is submitted within 5 working days after the current consent holder surrenders their consent. The applicant will need to follow the process for submitting a new application.

9 VARIATION OF CONSENTS

- 9.1 A street trading consent may be varied to change the conditions attached to the consent. This includes conditions relating to trading times and periods. This does not include a change of consent holder or a change of location. A variation application should be submitted with the following:
- a. Variation Application form.
 - b. Notice of Intention.
 - c. Written permission for the proposed change from the landowner if the street trading activity is carried out on any land owned privately.
 - d. Photograph of the new/changed unit if applicable.
 - e. Payment of the non-refundable consultation fee.
- 9.2 Consultation will be in accordance with the new application process. However if the variation is minor the consultation may be reduced at the discretion of the Licensing Officer.

10 FEES AND CHARGES

10.1.1 A list of the current street trading consent fees and charges is available on the website or by contacting the Licensing Team.

10.1.2 Initial applications (**apart from short term consents**) must be accompanied by payment of a non-refundable administration fee to cover initial administration and consultation to determine suitability of the site. The consultation exercise will not commence until this payment is made.

10.1.3 Once a decision is made to grant a consent the full consent fee or an agreed first instalment of a payment plan must be paid before the consent will be issued.

10.1.4 Annual consents will expire on 31st March every year. Where the initial application is made part way through the year the fee for the first year will be pro-rata.

10.1.5 Fees for annual consents may be paid either:

- In full by 1st April each year.
- Monthly by direct debit.
- Quarterly.

10.1.6 Quarterly fees will be due on the following dates:

- 1st January.
- 1st April.
- 1st July.
- 1st October.

10.1.7 If agreed payments are not made to the Council by the due date, the consent issued by the Council may be revoked or a renewal refused.

10.1.8 The fees will be normally be reviewed on an annual basis and published on the Council's website.

10.1.9 **Street trading fees and the consultation process may be waived in relation to charitable or community events at the discretion of the Head of Health and Wellbeing. Each event will be judged on its own merits. However the following criteria will be considered:**

- **The street trading is part of an organised event with an organising group/committee/individual.**
- **The primary purpose of the event is fundraising for a charitable cause or is for the benefit of the community.**
- **The event does not take place any more than once a year.**
- **Stalls are pre-booked.**

10.1.10 The fee for a street trading consent **where trading takes place 3 or less days per week** may be reduced at the discretion of the Licensing officer on a pro-rata basis taking account of processing costs.

10.2 Payment Methods

- Cheque - made payable to "**Stroud District Council**".
- Debit or credit card – Can used at the Council Offices or by telephone to the Licensing Section between normal office opening hours. Can be used online for payment of an invoice www.stroud.gov.uk

- Cash - only accepted at the Council Offices
- Invoice - For renewals only, you will be sent an invoice with your renewal reminder.
- Direct debit where a payment plan has been agreed

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11 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSENT HOLDER

11.1.1 The consent holder must act in accordance with the conditions attached to the consent.

11.1.2 A street trading consent entitles the applicant to trade lawfully in the location(s) specified in the consent. [Please note there are many other users of streets and the consent does not grant exclusive rights of occupation or ownership of a specific location.](#)

11.1.3 A street trading consent is not a permit to disregard other laws or usual restrictions. For example:

- Always observe parking restrictions and do not obstruct the highway or entry or exit roads to private property.
- Other relevant legislation such as the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006, Safety At Work etc Act 1974 and Part II, section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (disposing of waste) must be complied with.
- A consent holder must not cause a nuisance to the occupants of neighbouring properties from noise, litter, disposal of waste or any antisocial activity.

11.2 Changes To The Unit

11.2.1 You must contact the Licensing Section if you want to change your unit. You may need to make a new application or a variation application if the change is significant and impacts on the objectives of this policy.

11.3 Changes Of Assistants

11.3.1 A consent holder must provide the Licensing Section with a photograph and basic criminal record disclosure that is not more than 1 month old for any new persons that assist on a regular basis. See paragraph 5.3.2 for definition of assisting on a regular basis.

12 CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO CONSENTS

- 12.1 When granting or renewing a street trading consent the Council may attach such conditions to it as they consider reasonably necessary.
- 12.2 Street trading consents will usually be granted subject to the standard conditions detailed in **Annex A** to this Policy.
- 12.3 Where appropriate, additional conditions may be added to a specific consent.

13 REFUSAL, REVOCATION AND APPEALS

- 13.1 A consent may be revoked at any time by the Council and the Council shall not in any circumstances whatsoever be liable to pay any compensation to the holder in respect of such revocation.
- 13.2 The Act does not provide an applicant or a consent holder with any direct right of appeal against a decision to refuse the grant, variation or renewal of a street trading consent, the revocation of a street trading consent, or against any restrictions or conditions imposed on a street trading consent.
- 13.3 If an applicant or any relevant party wishes to make representations in respect of a decision to grant, refuse or revoke a street trading consent the applicant/consent holder/relevant party should put this in writing with the reasons to the Licensing Section within 28 days of being notified of the decision. **The decision will be reviewed by the Director of Development Services. The review of the decision will take account of the reasons for the original decision and the representation or any further evidence put forward by the applicant/consent holder/other party.**

14 COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT

14.1 General Principles

14.1.1 It is recognised that well-directed enforcement activity by the Council benefits not only the public but also responsible members of the trade.

14.1.2 All decisions and enforcement actions taken by the Licensing Authority will be in accordance with the Council's Corporate Enforcement Policy and the principles of consistency, transparency and proportionality set out in the Regulator's Compliance Code.

14.1.3 Consent Holders must allow access to Authorised Officers of the Council and Police Officers at all reasonable times.

14.2 Offences

14.2.1 The following are offences under Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 relevant to the Stroud District area:-

- Engaging in street trading in a consent street without Consent.
- Breaches of a condition in relation to trading location or unit or trading period.
- Breaches of a condition attached to the granted Consent.

14.2.2 A person guilty of the above offences may be liable on conviction to a fine of up to £1000.

14.3 Complaints

14.3.1 Where complaints are received regarding the carrying on of street trading activities, these will be investigated in a prompt and professional manner.

14.3.2 If a complaint is found to be justified then the following actions may be taken by Officers:

- Verbal warning.
- Written warning.
- Simple caution.
- Prosecution.
- Revoke the Consent.

ANNEX A

STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO HOLDERS OF A STREET TRADING CONSENT

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

It is important that the consent holder should understand and at all times observe these conditions. Any breach of any Condition could result in revocation of the street trading consent.

- 1 Street trading can only take place in accordance with the times and permissions of the consent.
- 2 The consent holder shall return this consent to Stroud District Council immediately on revocation or surrender of the Consent.
- 3 Any consent holder found to be employing persons who do not have the right to work in the UK will have their consent immediately revoked.
- 4 A consent cannot be sub-let.
- 5 Consent holders shall permanently and clearly display on the street trading unit, in a conspicuous position readily visible to the public, a valid identification plate that has been issued by the Council. (Static and Mobile Consents only).
- 6 The consent holder and any assistants shall sell/offer for sale only such goods or types of goods as may be specified in the street trading consent granted to the consent holder.
- 7 The consent holder shall at all times maintain a valid Third Party Public Liability Insurance Policy **of at least £10,000,000** to the satisfaction of the Council and shall produce a valid certificate of such insurance at any time upon request by an authorised officer of the Council.
- 8 The consent holder shall keep his trading site and immediate adjacent area in a clean and tidy condition during permitted trading hours and also leave the site in a clean and tidy condition and unobstructed at the end of each period of use under the terms of this consent. For these purposes the term 'immediate adjacent area' refers to all public land within a 50 metres radius from the trading location over which the public have access.
- 9 No waste matter shall be discharged into or allowed to enter any highway drain or water course.
- 10 Every static street trading unit and any vehicles or equipment associated with it shall be removed from the site at the end of the day. The unit must not be left on site when not in use unless explicit consent has been given by the Head of Health and Wellbeing.
- 11 The consent relates only to the unit described in the application or as defined on the certificate of consent.

- 12 The use of awnings; external display stands and the positioning of tables, chairs and sunshades around the unit are also prohibited without the written permission of the Head of Health and Wellbeing.
- 13 The display of advertising signs, other than on the unit itself, is prohibited without the written permission of the Head of Health and Wellbeing. Signage may also require planning permission.
- 14 Holders of a mobile street trading consent must not trade in one place for more than 30 minutes at a time and must not return to the same location within 2 hours.
- 15 No street trading unit shall be located and no street trading activity shall be carried on so as to cause obstruction of any street or endanger persons using the street.
- 16 The consent holder shall not trade in such a way as to cause a statutory or public nuisance to persons using the street, public place, or occupiers of premises in the vicinity. Noise from equipment (including amplified audio equipment) used in connection with the consented street trading activity shall also not give rise to a statutory or public nuisance.
- 17 The consent holder shall make adequate arrangements to ensure that all persons connected with the operation of the unit have the means and opportunity to visit suitable toilet facilities when necessary. The consent holder shall ensure that the facilities available are made use of.
- 18 The consent holder shall comply with the requirements of Part II, section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with respect to waste resulting from his/her trading. The consent holder will make available the relevant documentation as proof of compliance at the request of an authorised officer of the Council.
- 19 If, and when required, the consent holder shall present the street trading unit to an officer of the Council for inspection.
- 20 The Council reserves the right to refuse to renew a static street trading consent if the applicant has not, without reasonable cause, traded at the site on a regular basis in the previous 6 months. In such circumstances the street trading consent may be granted to another applicant.
- 21 Street trading shall not be carried on at any time unless the appropriate fee for the street trading consent has been duly paid to the Council. The Council reserves the right to revoke or refuse to renew a street trading consent for non payment of fees.
- 22 The consent Holder shall at all times conduct business in a clean, honest, civil and businesslike manner without interfering with the business of other traders and consent holders.
- 23 Nothing contained in these conditions shall relieve the consent holder or their employees or agents from any legal duty or liability and the consent holder shall indemnify the Council in respect of all claims, actions, demands or costs arising from this consent.
- 24 **The Council may vary or make additions to the Conditions applying for any or all street trading consents, at any time.**

ANNEX B

RELEVANT OFFENCES WHEN DETERMINING SUITABILITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR A STREET TRADING CONSENT

a. Dishonesty

A street trading consent will not be granted unless ~~3–5~~ 7 years have lapsed since a conviction for an offence that involves dishonesty, for example theft or fraud, or completion of any sentence imposed whichever is the later.

b. Violence

If an applicant has been convicted for an offence for violence which involves loss of life, a street trading consent will not be granted.

In other cases a street trading consent will not be granted unless ~~3–10~~ 10 years have lapsed since a conviction for an offence relating to violence or completion of any sentence imposed whichever is the later.

c. Drugs

A street trading consent will not be granted unless ~~5–10~~ 10 years have lapsed since a conviction relating to the supply or importation of drugs or completion of any sentence imposed whichever is the later.

A Street trading consent will not be granted unless ~~3–5~~ 5 years have lapsed since a conviction for an offence relating to the possession of drugs or completion of any sentence imposed whichever is the later.

d. Sexual and Indecency Offences

A street trading consent will not be granted where there are convictions for rape, indecent assault, any sexual offence involving children and any conviction for an offence under the Sexual Offences Act 2003, or for indecent exposure.

e. Exploitation

A street trading consent will not be granted if there are convictions relating to exploitation of another individual. This will include slavery, child sexual exploitation and grooming.

f. Motoring Convictions

In most cases, motoring offences are unlikely to be relevant when considering a street trading consent application. However, there may be instances where the offences are of a very serious nature or may be relevant to the type of street trading activity. In those cases a street trading consent will not be granted unless ~~3–5~~ 5 years have lapsed since any such convictions or completion of any sentence imposed whichever is the later.

g. Street Trading Legislation

The Council takes a serious view on applicants who have been convicted of street trading offences under Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. In particular, a street trading consent will not be granted unless 2 years have lapsed since any offence under the 1982 Act or if there is more than one conviction unless 5 years have lapsed.

h. Formal Cautions and Fixed Penalty Notices

For the purposes of these guidelines, the Council will treat Formal Cautions issued in accordance with Home Office guidance and fixed penalty notices as though they were a conviction before the courts.

i. Existing Consent Holders Convicted Of An Offence

The Council may consider revoking the consent if the consent holder is convicted of an offence and in particular there will be concern if the offence falls into one of the categories detailed above.

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Appendix 2

Summary of Proposed Changes to Street Trading Policy for Consultation 2019

Topic	Summary Current Policy	Summary New Proposal	Reason	Potential Impact
<p>Events</p> <p>Para 2.6 Para 3.3.2 Para 10.1.10</p>	<p>All charitable and community events are exempted in the policy from needing street trading consent.</p> <p>Events that are not a charitable or community event require each individual trader to apply for street trading consent.</p>	<p>Amend Policy to clarify that the Council considers that an event held on land where entrance can be controlled does not fit in the definition of street trading because the public do not have absolute right of access. In these cases street trading legislation will not apply. This will mean events such as village fetes will most likely continue to not need to apply for street trading consent.</p> <p>A new short term 'blanket' consent procedure for events not fitting above. This will include any community and charitable events that cannot control entry, for example an event in the street.</p> <p>A new provision for the Head of Health and Wellbeing to have discretion to use a 'light touch' process if criteria are met. These include that the event is for a community or charitable cause and is just once a year. The 'light touch' process will be minimal with no consultation or fee.</p>	<p>Legal advice is that the Council does not have the discretion to simply exempt a particular street trading activity from the requirements of the legislation.</p>	<p>Events held in the street that cannot control public access, such as Christmas Goodwill Evenings, will need to apply for a short term event street trading consent.</p> <p>A provision to use a 'light touch' approach, and not charge a fee if criteria apply will remove the financial burden for charitable and community events. However the Council will need to bear the cost.</p> <p>A costing exercise indicates that the cost to process these 'light touch' applications would be £16 per event. It is estimated that there could be approximately 10 such community or charitable events per year that may fit this criteria which would cost the Council £160 per year.</p>

Topic	Summary Current Policy	Summary New Proposal	Reason	Potential Impact
<p>Informal Markets</p> <p>Para 3.4</p>	<p>Discretion to give a waiver from requiring street trading consent to Informal Markets.</p>	<p>New provision to apply for a 'blanket' street trading consent for an Informal Market.</p>	<p>Legal advice is that there is no provision in the legislation to waive the requirement for a street trading consent.</p>	<p>Informal Markets are markets that do not have a charter or order. These markets will need to hold a street trading consent.</p> <p>On the advice of our Legal Section those Markets previously operating under a formal 'waiver' have already applied to convert and been granted a street trading consent. These are Stroud Farmers Market and Stroud Shambles Market.</p> <p>Informal Market operators will now incur an annual fee to renew the consent and for any variation applications.</p> <p>A costing exercise indicates that the fee to renew an Informal Market consent for a weekly market should be £1100 per annum. A market that operates less frequently would be charged pro-rata.</p>

Topic	Summary Current Policy	Summary New Proposal	Reason	Potential Impact
Transfers Para 8	Provision to apply to transfer a street trading consent to a new consent holder.	Clarification that consents are non transferable. A process to give priority to a new applicant who has an arrangement with the previous consent holder to take over an existing unit and site.	Legal advice is that there is no provision in the legislation to transfer a street trading consent.	Applicants that wish to transfer will have make a new application and pay new application fees.
Variations Para 9	No information on procedure to vary a street trading consent.	Clarification on the scope and process to vary a street trading consent.	To provide clarity for applicants.	
Timescales for Decisions Para 6.1.2	No timescales for decisions given.	At the end of the consultation period decisions will normally be made within 14 days. Decisions on short term consents will normally be made within 7 days.	To provide clarity for applicants.	
Assistants Para 6.2.2 Para 11.3	No application requirements for assistants detailed.	The consent holder must provide details, a basic criminal check and a photograph for any assistants that work regularly on the unit.	To provide clarity for applicants.	
Appeal Para 13.3	Representations against a decision to refuse or revoke a consent should be made to the Head of Health and Wellbeing	Representations against a decision to refuse or revoke consent should be made to the Director of Development Services who will review the decision.	The Constitution delegates power to make decisions about street trading to the Head of Health and Wellbeing. There is no right of appeal in the legislation however rules of natural justice suggest there should be provision for a review of the decision and that the review should be someone other than the original decision maker.	

Topic	Summary Current Policy	Summary New Proposal	Reason	Potential Impact
Relevant Offences Annex B	Timescales for period of time that the Council expects an applicant to be free of relevant offences have a wide range.	Timescales for period of time that the Council expects an applicant to be free of relevant offences have been made more specific. Exploitation offences added.	New timescales and extra offence reflect the timescales and offences recommended in the Institute of Licensing Document - Guidance on determining suitability of applicants for taxi licences. This is a different licensing regime but the same risks to members of the public apply.	

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING
COMMITTEE

AGENDA
ITEM NO

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30 MAY 2019

Report Title	HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN 2019-21
Purpose of Report	To agree a Health & Wellbeing Plan for public consultation.
Decision(s)	<p>Committee resolves:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the content of the Health & Wellbeing Plan (Appendix A) for the purposes of public consultation commencing June 2019. 2. To delegate to the Director of Development Services the authority to make minor textual and formatting changes to the draft document for public consultation.
Consultation and Feedback	There has been internal consultation with relevant services and a draft of priorities has been discussed with Community Services and Licensing Committee in March 2019.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, as per p2.2 no additional resource is required to fulfil this plan.</p> <p>Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Legal Implications	<p>There are no legal implications arising from this report.</p> <p>Patrick Arran, Interim Head of Legal & Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754369 Email: patrick.arran@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Report Author	<p>Emma Keating Clark, Health and Wellbeing Development Coordinator Tel: 01453 754177 Email: emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Options	<p>Options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the Plan for public consultation; or 2. amend the Plan for public consultation, or 3. delay the Plan for further internal discussion.
Performance Management Follow Up	The Health & Wellbeing Plan will be reviewed annually at the Community Services and Licensing Committee.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The current Stroud District Council Health and Wellbeing Plan is due to be refreshed in 2019.

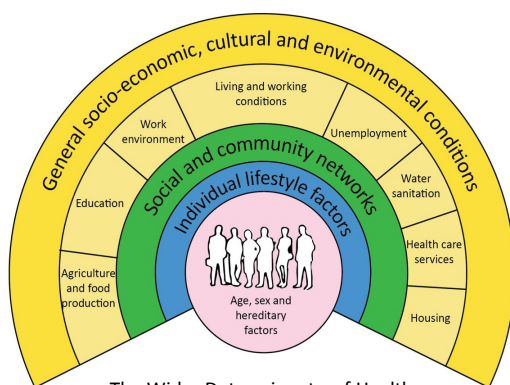
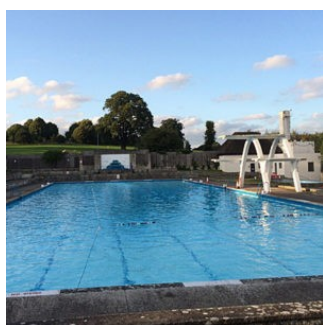
2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents is a fundamental reason for the existence of district councils. Stroud District Council creates a Health and Wellbeing Plan to pull together the golden thread of health and wellbeing that runs throughout the work of the council.
- 2.2 All of the targets within this Plan are already part of existing strategies or service remits. **There is no additional resource required to fulfil this Health and Wellbeing Plan or new legal implications that have not already been considered in other approved work priorities.**
- 2.3 While this Plan cannot mention every piece of work that impacts wellbeing, it does indicate the breadth of wellbeing work undertaken by the council and areas of focus for the next three years.
- 2.4 This Plan also illustrates how the wellbeing needs of the district are ascertained and therefore how priorities for this Plan have been determined.
- 2.5 This Plan outlines how health and wellbeing priorities feed into other strategies for the District Council and for Gloucestershire County.
- 2.6 The new Health and Wellbeing Plan recommends five priorities for 2019-2021 as follows:
- Supporting Healthy Lifestyles
 - Developing Stronger Communities
 - Improving Housing
 - Protecting the Public and the Environment
 - Partnering the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors

3. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Health & Wellbeing Plan will be available w/c 10th June and w/e 16th August for public consultation online and through our Health and Wellbeing networks to ensure it is available to community groups and agencies with an interest in resident wellbeing.
- 3.2 Post-consultation the final draft plan will go to CS&L Committee for approval in September 2019.

Stroud District Council Health & Wellbeing Plan 2019-2021



Why write a Health and Wellbeing Plan?

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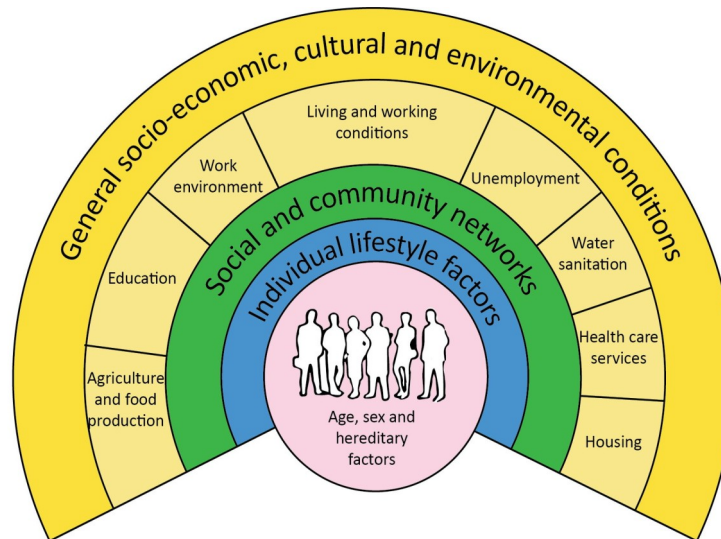
The wider determinants of health... ...what keeps us healthy and why it matters.

The range of factors that affect our health and wellbeing involve much more than health services. After genetic and behavioural factors, there are a number of wider social factors that impact health outcomes.

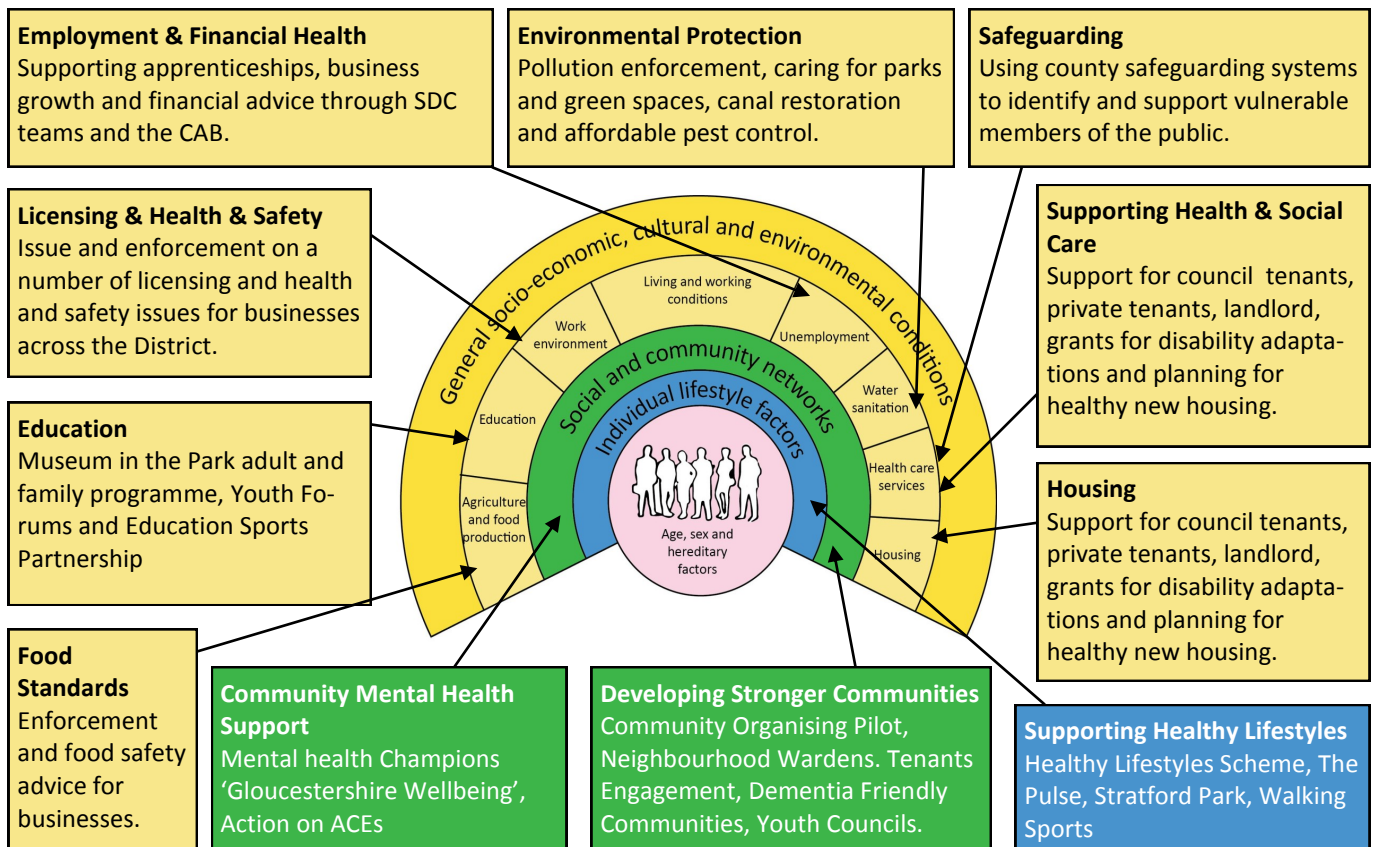
The model below shows the wider factors that impact our health, called the wider determinants of health. Unequal distribution of the wider determinants of health account for 40-50% of the variation in health outcomes. Most of these wider determinants of health fall under the remit of district councils. It is therefore well within the power of Stroud District Council to make an important impact on the health outcomes of our District.

The Wider Determinants of Health

Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991



The diagram below shows some of Stroud District Council's services that affect the wider determinants of health. Except for individual genetic factors, it is clear that District Council services affect almost every part of the model.



How do we decide what health and wellbeing work to prioritise?

Statutory Duty

There are a number of health and wellbeing duties that District Councils are required to perform by law otherwise known as our statutory duty.

These include:

Licensing
Food Safety
Environmental Protection
Private Sector Housing Improvement
Council Housing Management
Tenant Engagement
Homelessness Prevention
Planning Enforcement
Local Planning
Safeguarding
Waste Management
Flood Management
Civil Emergency Planning

Using Local Insight

For non-statutory health and wellbeing functions the Council must establish what health needs might be prevalent now and as the population changes.

The Council must also use local knowledge of towns and villages to understand where needs are being met locally or where residents need more support.

How much power the Council has to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the population must also be considered. This may mean considering working in partnership with other agencies or working with residents. Resident-led solutions are increasingly being used to improve wellbeing.

Working alongside County Priorities

Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Board

In 2019, after a county-wide consultation the Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the seven priorities below.

- Physical activity
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Mental wellbeing
- Social isolation/loneliness
- Healthy lifestyles
- Early years / Best Start in Life
- Housing

The Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities largely compliment Stroud District Council health and wellbeing priorities. The County has different statutory duties to the District which is why Early Years /Best Start in Life, and tackling 'Adverse Childhood Experiences' feature in their strategy. While these are not named specifically in the SDC plan, much of the District's work will impact these priorities for the County.

Stroud District Health & Wellbeing Profile

What do our health partners tell us?

Public Health Gloucestershire provide profiles for each district comparing a number of health indicators against regional and national statistics. The graphics below illustrate relating to wellbeing that inform the priorities of this Plan.

Injuries and Ill Health

179.8 hospital stays for self-harm compared to 185.5% average for England.

70.6% diagnosed diabetes rate in over 17 year olds compared with 78% for England.

604 hip fractures in people aged over 65 compared to 578 average for England.

70.6% dementia diagnosis in people aged over 65 compared to 67.5% for England.



Weight of Year 6 pupils:



1% is Underweight
68% are normal weight
16% are Overweight
15% are obese

11.4% of Stroud population are providing unpaid care for someone. (the Gloucestershire figure is 10.4)



The majority of these cares are over the age of 50.

Carers are at increased or social isolation, physical and mental health issues through their caring commitments.

11% children live in poverty (compared to 14% in Gloucestershire)

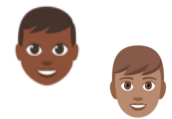


18.5% excess deaths in winter due to cold conditions. (compared to 17.9% for England)

Difference in life expectancy at birth for a child born in 2016

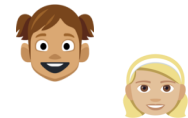
84 for richest boy
For poorest boy....77

(84 and 74 for Gloucestershire)



87 for richest girl
For poorest girl....84

(85 and 79 for Gloucestershire)



What does Sport England tell us?

Sport England carry out an 'Active Lives' survey every year by telephoning 600 people in each district at random and asking them about their activity levels. While Stroud activity levels have been higher than the rest of Gloucestershire for some

time, this is largely because there is a high number of very active in Stroud which pulls the average levels up. Most concerning is the fact that the number of totally inactive or fairly inactive people in Stroud District is rising.

November 2017 - 2018

	Inactive	Fairly Active	Active
England	25.1%	12.3%	62.6%
Gloucestershire	22.1%	11.5%	66.4%
Cheltenham	20.8%	11.0%	68.1%
Cotswold	19.8%	13.1%	67.2%
Forest of Dean	20.1%	10.3%	69.5%
Gloucester	27.5%	10.9%	61.6%
Stroud	18.9%	12.4%	68.7%
Tewkesbury	25.1%	11.2%	63.8%

In terms of health outcomes, being fairly or totally inactive has the highest impact on health outcomes. Increasing from low activity levels to be fairly or moderately active has the greatest benefits to health, compared to someone who is already moderately active doing a bit more. For this reason, anything the District Council can do to increase the activity of Stroud's least active residents should reap the biggest health and wellbeing rewards.

What do Stroud District residents tell us?

In a 2017 Gloucestershire County Council survey of community health and wellbeing needs, the top priority for health and wellbeing was access to local leisure services. As a District Council, we have influence over local providers for sport and physical activity as well as in house delivery at The Pulse and through the SDC Health and Wellbeing service.

Our work with the Voluntary and Community Sector tells us that residents who have no access to transport struggle to access social and health activities which impacts their wellbeing. This issue informs how we plan and deliver services, wherever possible using local venues or locations on regular bus routes.

What do our Schools and Youth Service tell us?

The Online Pupil Survey is delivered annually and creates a detailed picture of how young people feel about a variety of issues. As an anonymous survey, it is a powerful tool to highlight issues that may otherwise stay hidden.

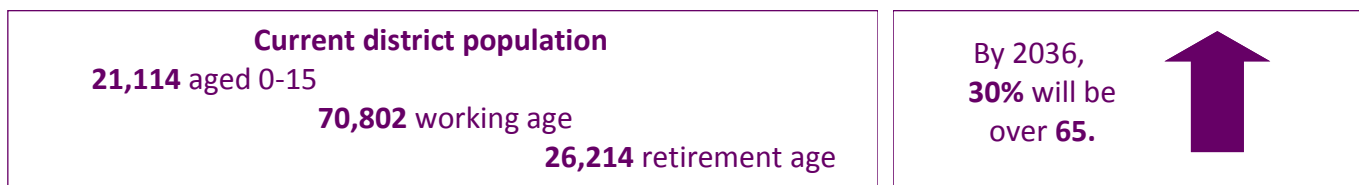
Issues around self esteem, healthy body image and mental health are prevalent in Stroud District as they are nationally.

In addition to the OPS, Stroud District Council also has a dedicated Youth Service, facilitating youth forums across the District and an elected Youth Council.

Areas for concern for our young people are access to mental health services and a lack of knowledge about how to access sexual health information across the District. This was picked up by the SDC Youth Service and the young people involved with the Youth Service have adopted sexual health awareness as one of their projects for 2019.

How is our population changing?

Creating a Health and Wellbeing Plan must take into account how the population of the District will change.



Stroud has the fastest ageing population in Gloucestershire. This is because the District is popular with older residents who choose to stay or move here but it is an expensive place to live for our younger population who frequently move away to find affordable housing. This disparity creates an issue in terms of community balance and staffing problem for key workers needed to sustain a healthy economy and care for the population.

An ageing population should not be viewed only in negative terms. It also creates an opportunity for a voluntary workforce who are experienced, skilled and interested in making their communities better. There are many examples of this in Stroud District which can be encouraged through the District Council actions in this Health and Wellbeing Plan.

How healthy and affordable is our housing?

There are currently 51,000 households in the District with 47,640 private homes, 5160 properties in the ownership of the council and 1640 housing association homes.

Many of the District's properties are categorised as 'hard to treat' in terms of fuel efficiency improvements with 32% being of solid wall construction and 16% off the gas network. The District Council offer a range of help, advice and interventions to help owner-occupiers, private tenants and landlords keep their properties in a safe and healthy condition.

There is an assessed need for 446 new affordable homes every year in the District. The District Council work with a wide range of Registered Providers (housing associations) as well as rural and community housing groups in order to maximise the delivery of new affordable homes. We also have our own in-house development programme to provide new council housing which has delivered 236 homes to date.

Whilst single person households and households containing two adults and no children comprise over 60% of this sector, there has been a significant growth in the number of households with children in rented housing and they are over-represented in this tenure relative to the wider population – around 15% of households with children now live in the private rented sector. Affordability in the private rented sector is an increasingly important issue, with rents rising faster than earnings. Nearly 40% of households spend over 30% of their income on housing and more than 15% spend over 50% of their income on housing. Younger people, older people and those with disabilities living in private rented properties are more likely to spend an excessive proportion of their income on rent.

Almost **40%** of households spend over **30%** of their income on housing.



More than **15%** spend over **50%** of their income on housing.

SDC Priorities for Health & Wellbeing Plan 2019-2022

Based on population health data, local information, our statutory duties and the scope of our influence, the following Health & Wellbeing issues have been prioritised.

Priority 1. Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

Priority 2. Developing Stronger Communities

Priority 3. Improving Housing

Priority 4. Protecting the Public and our Environment

Priority 5. Partnering the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors

These align with other SDC Strategies and Plans as shown below.

SDC Corporate Delivery Plan Priorities 2018-2022

The current Corporate Delivery Plan aligns with the new Health and Wellbeing Plan priorities as follows. This Plan will inform the next iteration of the Corporate Delivery Plan.

Leading a community that is making Stroud District a better place to live, work and visit for everyone.

- **ECONOMY**—Help create a sustainable and vibrant economy that works for all
HWB Priority 1 —supporting healthy lifestyles to encourage a healthier population.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**—Provide affordable, energy efficient homes for our diverse and changing population
HWB Priority 3 and 4—improving housing and protecting the environment
- **ENVIRONMENT**—Help the community minimise its carbon footprint, adapt to climate change and recycle more
HWB Priority 4—protecting the environment
- **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**—Promote the health and well being of our communities and work with others to deliver the public health agenda
HWB All Priorities—All five priorities support this.
- **DELIVERY**—Provide value for money to our taxpayers and high quality services to our customers
HWB Priority 2 and 5 —Developing Stronger Communities and Partnering the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors supports the effective delivery of local services and helps the community to meet their own needs where appropriate.

SDC Housing Strategies

Improving Housing is a key priority in the Health and Wellbeing Plan which is answered in both the new Housing Strategy and the Older People's Housing Strategy published by Stroud District Council in 2019. As well as developing quality housing for the changing needs of the District's residents, both strategies aim to develop well connected communities and protect those at risk of poor housing or homelessness. All of these priorities are reflected throughout the Health and Wellbeing Plan.

SDC Housing Strategy Priorities 2019-2024	SDC Older People's Housing Strategy Priorities 2019-2023
<p>Making the Best Use of Existing Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Role as a Landlord Improving Private Sector Housing Housing Needs: Other Types of Accommodation <p>Support for Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Advice and Homelessness Health and Wellbeing: Tackling Fuel Poverty Low Carbon Development Tackling Health Inequality Older People's Housing Housing- Related Support <p>New Affordable Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing New Council Houses Enabling Self-Build Rural and Community Housing 	<p><i>To provide good quality older people's housing which meets a variety of current and future needs – where people want to live.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand what current and future tenants want from their homes as they age and how this can be achieved. 2. New homes should be designed to be dynamic allowing flexibility and adaptability for the future. 3. Increase the desirability of our older people's accommodation to encourage downsizing and improve the lives of tenants. 4. Quality homes which provide a range of options which 'enable' tenants to live independently for longer. 5. Understand how affordable our homes and services are for our tenants and SDC. 6. Engage with other agencies and community groups to improve partnership working; reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing.

SDC Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Strategy 2019-2024

In 2019 SDC adopted a strategy that takes a new approach to tenant involvement and empowerment. Effective tenant engagement is central to good governance, business improvement and customer service but it is also key to developing well connected communities and improving health and wellbeing.

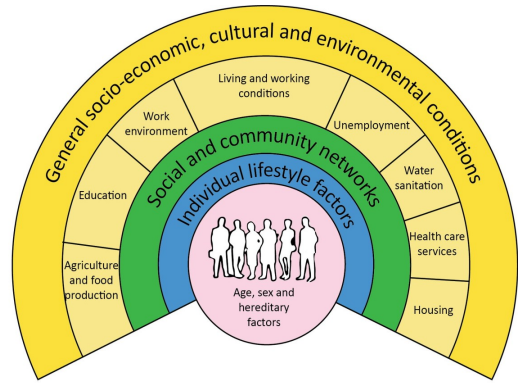
The new Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Strategy aims to:

1. Demonstrate the outcomes and value for money of involvement
2. Provide a wide range of involvement opportunities, which give tenants influence over local strategic decision-making
3. Increase involvement and use of tenant intelligence to drive service improvements
4. Make better use of technology for involvement
5. Provide training, capacity building and other support for both residents and staff

These aims align with all the priorities in the new Health and Wellbeing Plan, especially Priority 2: Developing Stronger Communities and Priority 3: Improving Housing.

Priority 1: Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

What we do now



Working with Schools and Colleges

SDC support physical activity in schools by supporting the District Schools Partnerships and supporting an annual Girls Football Tournament in partnership with SGS College.



Health and Wellbeing at the Museum in the Park

The Museum in the Park strives to be a place that builds pride in the past, present and future. With a core commitment to health and wellbeing, the Museum's broad range of activities enrich the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social lives of visitors and volunteers and makes the most of their rich collection, visiting exhibitions, artists and the stunning environment of the park and garden. In 2018/19 so far the Museum has had 63,328 visits in person, 4,740 volunteer hours (equivalent to 2.5FTE) and 1,457 school pupils in 49 engagements. The Museum has a well established record of supporting activities to benefit mental health and people with long term conditions like dementia. All staff are trained in dementia awareness and they host a fortnightly gentle walk, run by Fair Shares that provides invaluable peer support for carers of people with dementia.



In 2018 the Museum hosted a Mindful Photography exhibition by participants from 'Arts on Prescription' courses. These courses are delivered by an arts charity 'Artlift' and local artist and bring together people with mental and physical health challenges who have been referred by a health professional. Due to the benefits to self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing, the courses have been added to Artlift's core programme funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group.

County Mental Health Partnership Working

SDC sits on several County groups to support better mental health and improve awareness. The Council have signed the County Mental Health Concordat and GLoW, the Gloucestershire Wellbeing Pledge to support to mental wellbeing in the county. SDC also contribute to working partnerships like the Reducing Stigma group to coordinate county wide campaigns.

Mental Health Champions

In 2018 SDC elected three Councillor Mental Health Champions to encourage all committees to be aware of the mental health impact of their decisions.

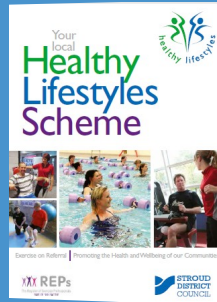
The Pulse

SDC's own leisure centre underwent major improvements and now offers a varied programme of activities to promote the benefits of exercise. Exercise is not always about fitness goals, weight loss and strength. It can also help boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing the risk of stress, depression and dementia. Taking part in regular exercise classes and gym sessions is a fantastic way of meeting new people and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Future plans include a focus on raising awareness of how to manage long term conditions and wider aspects of wellbeing.



Healthy Lifestyles Scheme

This well established scheme of activities and classes support the management and prevention of long term conditions, increases physical activity levels and improve social connections. Run in partnership with clinical partners and qualified instructors, the scheme has benefited 1000s of people.



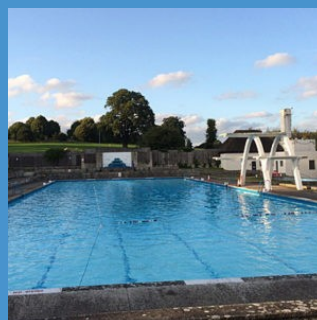
Walking Sports

Rugby, Netball and Football have all been developed in partnership with the sports governing bodies and now run weekly sessions with great participation in both the physical and social aspects of the sessions.



Stratford Park Improvements

SDC manage the Leisure Centre contract and are developing the surrounding park as a hub for healthy activity in Stroud. Future plans include the heating of the Lido, the first even Stroud Park Run and a new Rush Skate Park and a new marked walking route around the park. In addition, management of the natural environment and planting in the park has developed to become more sustainable and to create more biodiversity.



Gloucestershire Moves

Gloucestershire Moves is a county wide approach to increasing physical activity levels by dealing with policy, infrastructure, the workplace, schools, communities and individuals all at once.



All Districts in Gloucestershire have joined the movement and will be delivering projects to target specific groups facing barriers to activity and change our over all culture to make being active the norm. This is a long term project. Partly funded by Sport England the initiative is an attempt to tackle inactivity levels in an innovative and evidence based way.

Health and Wellbeing Case Study

Your local Healthy Lifestyles Scheme



1582 attendances at Better Balance classes in 2018



1632 attendances at Cardiac, Respiratory & Cancer rehab in 2018



34% increase in Exercise Referrals in 17/18



370lbs in weight lost by participants on the Exercise Referral Scheme in 17/18



257cm total reduction in waist circumference by Exercise Referral Participants in 17/18

Healthy Lifestyles Scheme

Many people with the worst health inequalities cannot access typical gyms and sports groups. We deliver safe, supportive activities to help targeted groups get active and stay well.

We work in partnership to provide targeted health initiatives which aid recovery and prevent relapse for long term health conditions. The Healthy Lifestyles Scheme includes :-

- Cardiac Rehab
- Respiratory Rehab
- Better Balance
- Cancer Rehab
- GP Exercise on Referral
- Health Walks

In 2017/2018 we had 3814 attendances on our Healthy Lifestyles classes, a 33% increase on the previous year. 2018/2019 is looking to increase again with Better Balance alone having 1582 attendances to date.

Our costing model meant that a whole year of healthy lifestyles classes in 2017/18 only cost the authority £177.80. With current growth we forecast the scheme will generate income in 2018/2019.

"With the current pressures on NHS services, having community groups available like these to signpost people to be doing the right, evidence based exercises to support them is invaluable."

**Meghan Martin,
Clinical Specialist
Falls Physiotherapist**



Walking Sports

We work with sports' National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and local providers to run walking football, netball and rugby. Individuals get together enjoying the competitive sport they used to love without the high impact or strenuous level of activity. So far in 2018/19 there have been 1178 cumulative attendance at the sessions.

" Changed my life for the better after my husband died, I reconnected with old friends and have made new ones"



Girls Football Tournament for 8-11 yr olds

From primary school age girls start to drop out of sport which affects their mental and physical health as teenagers. SDC started a girls football tournament in 2000. We now work in partnership with SGS College, Forest Green Rovers and Gloucestershire FA to deliver the annual competition. This year 240 girls from 24 schools competed and local girls clubs attended to encourage the girls to keep playing outside of school.



Three Year Focus for Priority 1. Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

Improve local access to Sexual Health 'C-Card' Scheme

Develop local education about the 'C-Card' contraception scheme to improve young people's awareness of the need for and access to contraception. This includes becoming a distribution point at SDC and working with others to create more 'C-Card' points.

Target: Develop C-Card distribution point at SDC in 2019.

From 2020, Youth Council—work with local pharmacies and other public organisations to encourage more local C-Card distribution points across the District.

Support Gloucestershire Moves initiative.

See previous page on Gloucestershire Moves. Create cultural change towards increased physical activity across the District.

Target: 2019 Work with GM on using Wheel of Behaviour Change for a Young People's Referral Scheme.

2020 Sit on GM steering group to shape future work of GM.

Create a Young People's Exercise Referral Scheme

Learn from the success of our adult scheme and from the experience of our health partners and SDC Youth Workers.

Target: 2019 Pilot new scheme in partnership with SDC Youth Services and Health colleagues.

2020 Roll out in stages across District.

Create a New Mum's Post-Natal Mental Health Exercise Referral Scheme

Work with 'OneFitMama' fitness organisation and Home Start parenting support charity to create supportive exercise sessions for mothers with mental health issues. Evidence shows the value of social contact with other mothers experiencing mental health issues and the benefits of regular physical activity on emotional wellbeing.

Target: 2019 Pilot a leisure centre based scheme and a community venue based scheme.

2020 Increase numbers as viable.

New Park Run

Work with Park Run volunteers to establish a weekly run in Stratford Park. Park Runs have proven to be an accessible and inspirational approach to increasing physical activity for people from all walks of life. They also increase participants' sense of community.

Target: 2019 Support new Park Run in Spring

**2020 increase volunteer numbers from SDC staff at Park Run
Maintain support for the run and maintenance of the route.**

Why...

Through their own research, The SDC Youth Council have found very low awareness of contraception services across young people in District. In addition, their audit of pharmacies showed little evidence of the county funded C-Card scheme.

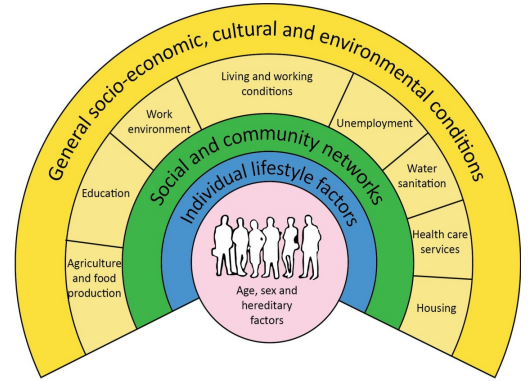
Existing approaches to increasing physical activity for the totally inactive have proved unsuccessful across the globe. Several academic models indicate a whole systems approach may be the best way forward.

District statistics on childhood obesity are on the increase, with 15% of year 6 pupils now obese. There is currently no scheme in place to support families who need help in managing weight.

A recent 'Mothers in Mind' pilot by the CCG and local families charity Home Start, revealed a lack of support for pre- and post-natal mental health. In addition there is no targeted provision for physical activity specifically to support mothers with post-natal depression.

Physical activity levels in the District are falling. Particularly we have an increasing number of fairly inactive and totally inactive people. Moving these people into the moderately active category will provide major benefits to their long term health.

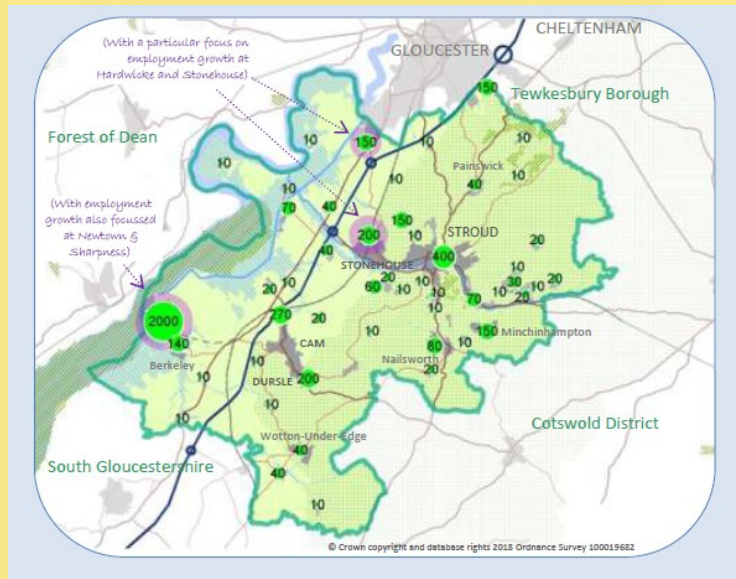
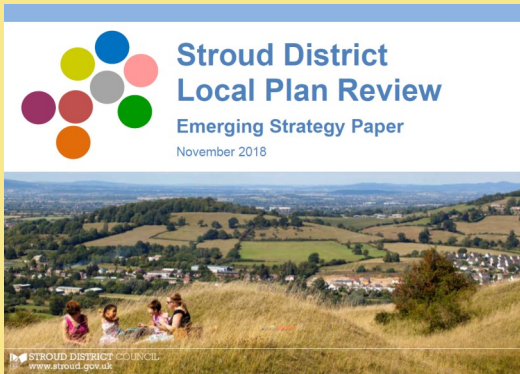
Priority 2: Developing Stronger Communities



What we do now

New Housing Development

Working with planners and housing developers to create healthier new communities that considers the impact of the built environment, active travel, the natural environment and community development.



Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The Stroud District Health and Wellbeing Partnership has 190 members from the statutory and voluntary sectors. The partnership is a well used conduit for local information sharing and helps community groups and services to know what is available to them across the District. The Partnership also holds a number of forums a year to discuss local wellbeing issues in more depth. In 2018 the members discussed mental health, carers, drugs and alcohol services for young people and increasing physical activity amongst other things. The Partnership helps the statutory services and voluntary and community sectors to build good working relationships that support healthier communities.

Stroud District Youth Council

A place where young people have their own voice in the District and the county and where influence on decision making can really happen. This is also achieved through the local Youth Forums across the District.

SDC Youth Service are working on a number of projects where young people are designing and delivering communities events or activities.



Community Development Pilot in Forest Green

This two year pilot has been funded through the Clinical Commissioning Group and Public health to test the impact of community development on the wellbeing of a community.

Each district in Gloucestershire is trialling a different approach and the whole project is being evaluated by UWE. In Forest Green they are using a 'Community Organising' approach which has been well evidenced in other parts of the country.

The project has created a network for the districts to share good community development practice and should lead to future health funding for this kind of work.



A Sense of Community
Winter 2015
Vol. 1 Issue 1

These are 5 of the top loves you told us about:

- It's quiet and peaceful with beautiful views
- There is a good sense of community with lovely neighbours and good people
- People have family and friends close by
- Great connection with Forest Green Rovers
- Sense of freedom; can go on long walks anywhere

Your Concerns

These are 5 of your top concerns:

- Lack of things for young people (13 years old +) to do and the rising prices of houses for the next generation
- Drug & Alcohol activity in the area
- The amount of traffic associated with the main hill
- Fears the community isn't being well looked after with litter, dog mess, cracked roads and pavements around the area
- Young people feel pushed out and intimidated by young adults

New Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Strategy

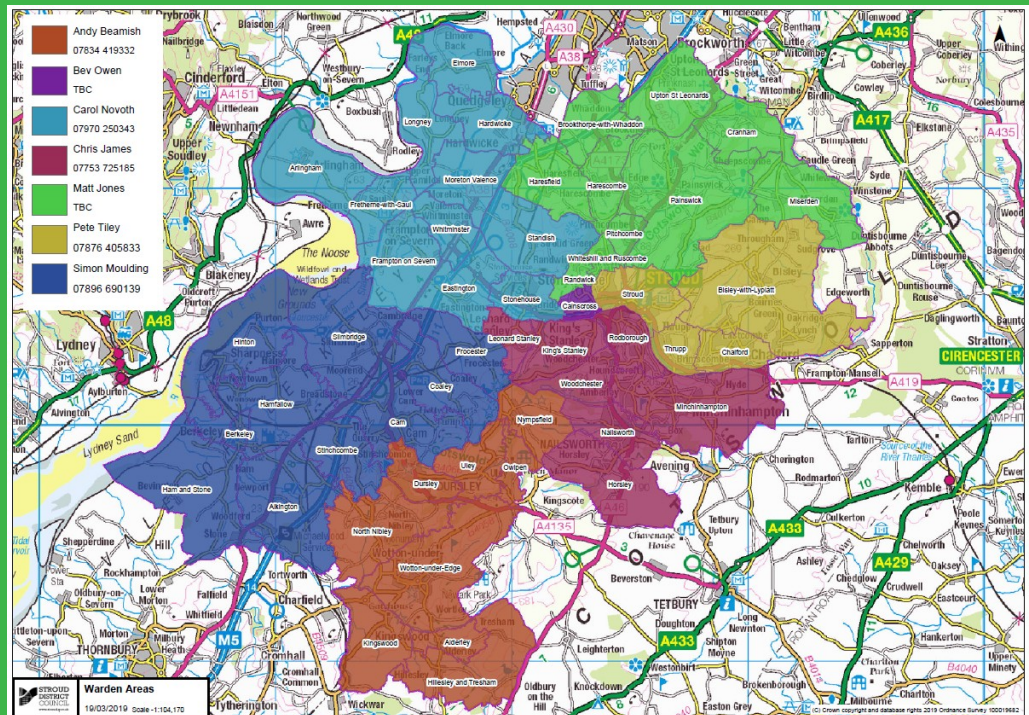
The new strategy is a radical change to tenant engagement to make it accessible, representative of our tenants community and easier for them to have a voice at the council. The new approach will also learn from Community Development practice



Neighbourhood Wardens

Resolving concerns and working with local residents and agencies at an early stage saves problems from escalating and needing greater resources further down the line. With multiple agencies often involved with neighbourhood issues or vulnerable residents, the District Council Wardens are well placed to lead partnership work in support of communities. The Wardens will also check up on local issues and support vulnerable members of the communities by linking them to services that can help.

There are now seven Wardens each covering their own patch of the District.



Museum in the Park: A hub for community

Evidence from Understanding Society 2018, a major household longitudinal survey, demonstrates that people who participate less often in heritage-related activities have lower life satisfaction and poorer physical and mental health. Furthermore, people who ceased visiting heritage sites also reported significant declines in physical health, mental health and life satisfaction. (NatCen 2018)

Great programming is underpinned by general health and wellbeing – delivering events and activities that encourage people to discover and explore. The Museum’s Thursday afternoon talk series has proved very successful as well as walks, family workshops on different themes, adult learning workshops and a changing programme of exhibitions.

In addition volunteering roles in the Museum and the Garden create new connections and opportunities to contribute to community.



STROUD YOUTH VOICE
The online home for young people’s voice in the Stroud district



The Local Youth Forum groups exist to support localities with large youth populations. They welcome young people from 11-18 years to develop local projects and campaigns, seek greater cohesion and changes that benefit the whole community.

The Stroud District Youth Council is a democratically elected group representing the district’s 12,500 11-18 year olds. SDYC engage in local democracy, scrutinise and influence decision making that affects young people and design and deliver projects.



Three Year Focus for Priority 2: Developing Stronger Communities

Health Impact Assessments for New Housing Development

Working with County partners to explore the value of Health Impact Assessments on our planning process.

Target: 2019 Explore how other English councils implement HIAs using research provided by the Gloucestershire Public Health team.

2020 –21 Consider how an HIA process for the SDC Local Plan.

Community Development Network

Strongly connected communities improve quality of life, including combating social isolation, anti-social behaviour and the impacts of long term conditions. Resident-led community development is working well across the county and there are several development workers employed by different agencies across our District.

Target: 2019 Create a network to share good practice for community development workers in our District.

2020 Through new network, initiate more resident –led community projects using models of good practice.

Dementia Friendly Communities

In 2016 SDC pledged to work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly District. Following principles of good community development, residents are leading their own projects to make their towns and villages more dementia friendly.

Target: 2019 Work with charity Fair Shares to develop Dementia Friendly Walks in four new communities.

2020 Develop two more walks and continue to grow group walking groups into wider dementia friendly volunteers, including awareness training.

Neighbourhood Wardens

A review of the warden service showed that more resource was needed to adequately cover the whole District.

Target: 2019 Increase number of Neighbourhood Wardens from six to eight.

2020-21 Involve Wardens in Community Development Network and Health & Wellbeing Partnership to share knowledge and practice.

Continue Good Tenant Involvement & Empowerment Practice

The new Tenant Involvement & Empowerment Strategy is improving practice within the council. Continue to improve through joint working with *Strengthening Local Communities* and *Intensive Engagement* projects and local good, evidence based practice through the new Community Development network.

Target: 2019 Continue to build tenant participation in Housing Committee as per new Tenant Involvement Strategy.

2019-2020 Explore better tenant engagement approaches in Stonehouse as part of joint agency Intensive Engagement project. Use learning from Strengthening Local Communities pilot.

2019 - Include Housing Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens in new Community Development network .

2020 Embed good practice into other areas of the Council.

Why...

The wider determinants of health evidence the need for quality housing and well connected communities to improve health and wellbeing.

More effective community development approaches are needed because:

1. statutory resources are shrinking and traditional services are restricted to only those with the highest need.
2. solutions developed by the community, for the community have been proven to provide longer lasting positive change.

Current dementia diagnosis rates are around 80% for over 65s in the District. The ageing population means that more residents will have dementia or be caring for some who does. Not all aspects of living with dementia can be improved through health services, much of the support needed lies within the community, places and businesses where people spend their time.

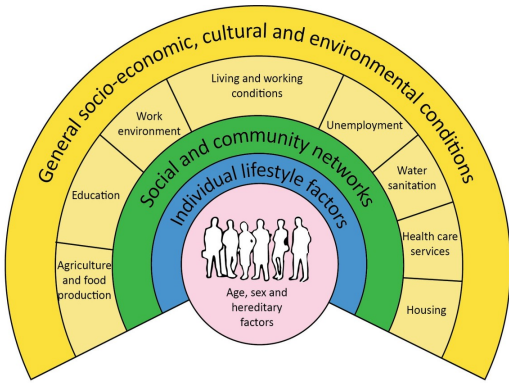
Changes in other statutory services means there are fewer uniformed officers on the streets picking up on local concerns and vulnerable people.

As the largest landlord in Gloucestershire, how SDC manages our Estates has a major impact on the wellbeing of our communities.

Traditional council led approaches to neighbourhood issues can result in high demand on services and disengagement of tenants from solutions.

Priority 3: Improving Housing

What we do now



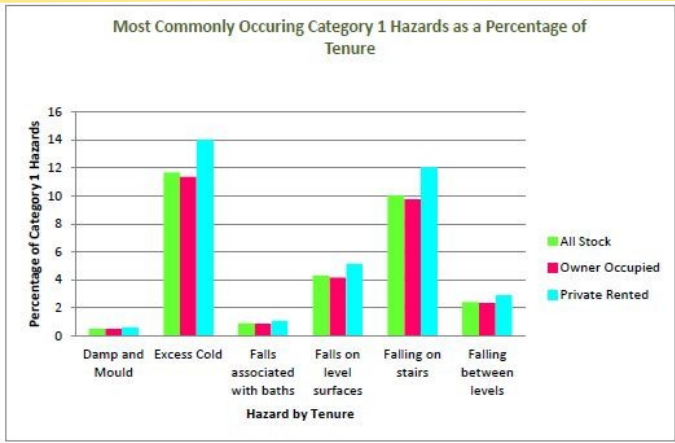
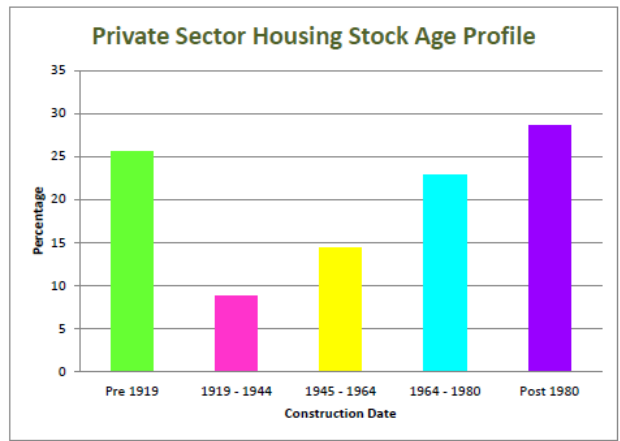
Council Tenants

Stroud District Council is the only Council in Gloucestershire which has retained its housing stock in direct Council Management and we are the largest landlord in Gloucestershire. Tenants Services provides the housing management function for the Council. This service covers all landlord functions including repairs and maintenance, gas servicing, resident involvement, rent and income collection and management of tenancy including lettings. SDC is also committed to a programme of building new council houses to increase the range of affordable homes in the District. This has delivered 236 homes to date.



Private Sector Housing Renewal

In the Stroud District there are 47,110 private sector dwellings, these include dwellings that are owner occupied, dwellings that are owned by private landlords and dwellings owned by Registered Providers. Of these dwellings, 25% were built before 1919 with 36.5% of private rented dwellings built before 1919. A significant part of the stock is classified as 'Hard to Treat' where occupiers are likely to be in fuel poverty with 32% of solid wall construction and 16% in off gas areas. 26% of private sector dwellings in the District have category 1 hazards present.



This is higher than the national average of 22%. SDC's Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy outlines assistance for homeowners and tenants living in the private rented sector for interventions that will make a difference to their wellbeing or address health inequalities. Assistance can be in the form of grants, loans, advice, materials or to directly carry out work for the repairing, improving, extending, converting or adapting housing accommodation.

Warm and Well

Warm and Well is Gloucestershire's jointly funded advice line, providing free and impartial energy efficiency advice. Advice is given on a range of areas from simply 'top tips' for saving energy in the home to complicated renewable energy systems.



Warm and Well also offer home visits to owner occupiers and private tenants to further advise on energy efficiency.

By working in partnership with the Warm & Well Scheme SDC have assisted in the installation of 548 energy efficiency measures to homes and brought in an additional £600,000 of external funding towards the cost of those measures.

Disabled Facilities Grants

Disabled Facilities Grants are for residents who need home adaptations due to disability. This is often older residents or families caring for disabled children.

The Council offers a range of information and advice on its website to assist those wishing to adapt their home to make it more suitable to meet their needs. This includes a database of local builders, architects and surveyors.

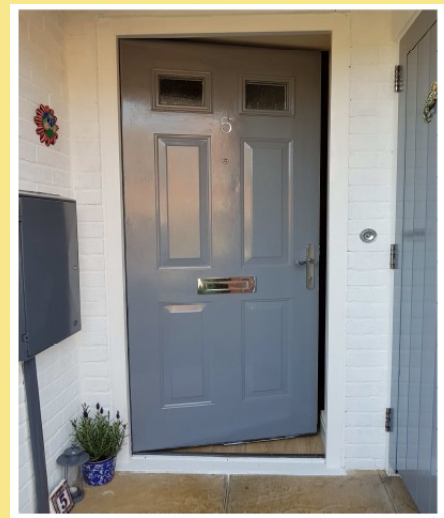
A pooled funding pot called The Better Care Fund enables the Clinical Commissioning Group and County Council to work more effectively with the districts in Gloucestershire to tackle the housing issues which are leading to increased health and social care costs. There are discretionary and mandatory grants available to assist vulnerable residents to adapt their homes to improve health and wellbeing.



Homelessness Prevention

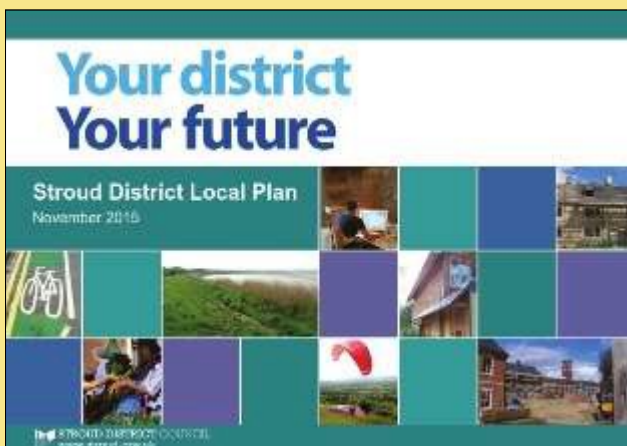
Stroud District Council has performed consistently well over the last few years when compared to other councils in the South West. We have had high numbers of homeless preventions as measured by central government, relatively low numbers of households in temporary accommodation and cost effective use of funds to prevent homelessness.

To prevent a person from becoming homeless, SDC offer a number of services, including finding and funding temporary accommodation, training other agencies to offer housing advice and funding relationship counselling to prevent family breakup – one of the biggest causes of homelessness.



Planning

The Stroud District Local Plan identifies the housing, employment, retail and community development that is required to meet local needs up until 2031. It sets out the strategy for distributing development within the District and policies for protecting and conserving the natural and built environment. All of this underpins the health and wellbeing of the District by ensuring adequate housing and developing healthy communities.



Homelessness Prevention

Homelessness has been increasing both nationally and locally. The focus on homeless prevention has been further strengthened by the introduction of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 April. The council has a number of statutory duties to prevent homelessness., including carrying out a review of homelessness in the area and developing a homelessness strategy. Stroud District Council has performed consistently well compared to other councils in the South West. We have had high numbers of homeless preventions as measured by central government, relatively low numbers of households in temporary accommodation and cost effective use of funds to prevent homelessness.

The Housing Advice Team has developed a variety of methods to help prevent homelessness including:

- Grants for deposits and agency fees to access private rented homes
- Mediation for young people and their families, and for couples
- Sanctuary scheme for victims of domestic abuse to enable them to remain safely in their homes.
- Double deposit payments for landlords in lieu of having a guarantor.
- Support for people leaving hospital to secure suitable accommodation if they cannot go back to their previous home.
- Support to access Discretionary Housing Payments and the financing of a specialist debt advice worker in Stroud Citizens Advice.
- Provision of rent guarantee insurance.
- Payment of rent arrears to secure a tenancy at risk (where extenuating circumstances have resulted in arrears).
- Referrals to specialist community based housing support.
- Renegotiation fee to bring rents in line with Local Housing Allowance rates.
- Paying for other solutions to tenancy breakdown e.g. clearing garden or property, providing sound insulation.
- Setting up direct payment of Housing Benefit.
- Training to support organisations to ensure accurate advice is given at the earliest opportunity, and that the organisations are aware of the help available from the Housing Advice Team.
- Advertising our services in all GP surgeries, health centres and community outreach venues.

Improvements for Council Tenants

Top achievements in the last 5 years

- Brought our gas servicing in-house rather than contracting it out.
- Successfully recovered several properties where fraud was a factor in the original letting or application for the Right to Buy.
- Developed and delivered an 'obsolescence' strategy to deal with stock which is beyond economic repair
- Minimised the impact of welfare reform in relation to the spare room subsidy (bedroom tax) and the roll out of Universal Credit by developing approaches which are informative, supportive and effective.
- Delivered renewable energy solutions including fitting 329 properties with Air-Source Heat Pumps and 612 properties with Solar PV.

Three Year Focus for Priority 3: Improving Housing

Implement New Housing Strategy

Making the best use of existing housing, support for residents and develop new affordable homes.

Target: 2019-2021—Use SDC Housing Strategy Group to oversee implementation of the plans in the new Housing Strategy.

Implement New Older People's Housing Strategy

To provide good quality older people's housing which meets a variety of current and future needs – where people want to live.

Target: 2019-2021—Use SDC Housing Strategy Group to oversee implementation of the plans in the new Older People's Housing Strategy

Consult on and Update Local Plan

A new Local Plan must be approved in order to agree how and where new homes may to be developed.

Target: 2019 Final draft consultation of new Local Plan

2020 Pre-submission consultation

2021 Modify post-consultation

2021-22 If all agreed, adoption of new Stroud District Local Plan

Use increased funding to improve 'Park Homes'

£500k has been made available in the County for Park Home improvements.

Target: 2019-21 Use established links to work with Park Home sites to target areas for improvement and spend our District allocation of the funding.

Continue to develop the role of the Disabled Facilities Grant

SDC plays a leading role in the Better Care Fund partnership work, both in facilitating the DFGs and in shaping how future funding may be used.

Target: 2019 Promote DFG more widely through local networks like the Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Know Your Patch.

2020 Explore innovative ways of using the Better Care Fund to alleviate health inequalities and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable people.

Why...

Public Health data indicates that inadequate housing contributes to health inequalities.

Stroud District does not have enough housing to meet local demand, including affordable homes.

Private rental prices are increasing. The District has a high percentage of homes of non-traditional construction or without central heating making residents vulnerable to cold,

41% of households in Stroud are made up of only older people (age 55 and over) and Stroud is likely to see an increase of approximately 78.5% of single people of pensionable age retiring in the District. Due to the popularity of the District to people of pensionable age, this increase is likely to impact Stroud more than any other District in Gloucestershire.

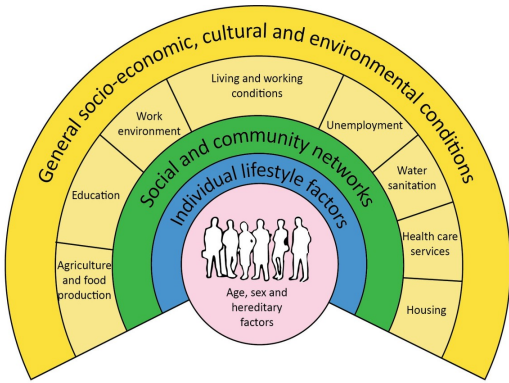
The minimum numbers of houses needed in the District until has been agreed.

A Local Plan helps to manage the process of how planning affects the local economy and jobs, town centres, local housing needs, green spaces and community facilities.

Park Homes count in the 'Hard to Treat' housing category where residents are four times more likely to suffer from Long Term Conditions like respiratory disease.

Disabled Facilities Grants enable vulnerable people to live better at home by adapting and improving their houses. The BRE report *The Full Cost of Poor Housing (2016)* estimated that *'leaving vulnerable people living in the poorest 15% of England's Housing is costing the NHS £1.4 billion per annum in first year treatment costs.'*

Priority 4: Protecting the Public and the Environment



What we do now

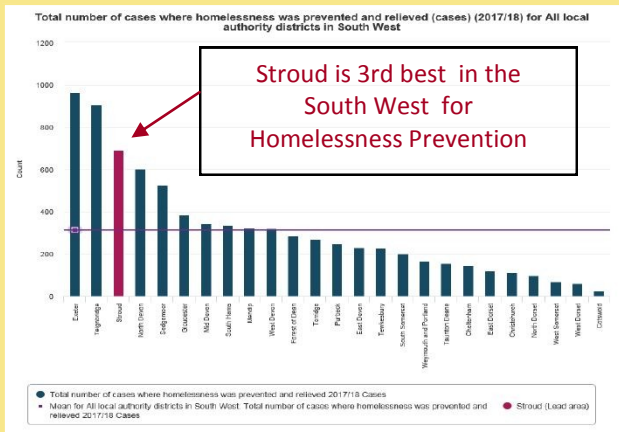
Support with benefits

SDC have a small team of benefits officers who manage the budget to support people who are eligible for housing benefit or reductions in their council tax. They are also available for advice and support for those affected by the benefits cap, bedroom tax or the changes brought in by Universal Credit.

Homelessness Prevention

SDC offer a variety of support for people at risk of being made homeless where a council property is not an option. The Housing Advice team can fund temporary rented accommodation, offer free relationship counselling to avoid family break up, support with deposit costs and agency fees and help to resolve a number of tenancy issues.

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Safeguarding

As part of District and County Safeguarding Boards and groups SDC are helping to raise safeguarding concerns using the county safeguarding systems and supporting vulnerable members of the public where appropriate.

Business Licensing.

Fulfilling our statutory duty to issue and enforce licenses for a variety of businesses for example, taxis, bars, street traders,

Food Standards

Fulfilling national Food Standards Agency requirements for food premises registration and food safety inspection. SDC also offer food safety advice for businesses. The service carries out the food hygiene ratings to help the public make informed choices about where they eat. Posting high rated premises on the SDC Facebook page helps to promote the District's independent food providers who are doing a great job of protecting their customers.

Pest Control

Providing an economically priced pest control service for both residential and business clients in the District. As a semi-rural District with many food and agriculture businesses this service is in high demand.

Stroud Rural Sustainable Drainage (RSuDS) project

The award winning Stroud RSuDS project is an innovative six year Natural Flood Management project working to reduce flood risk and restore biodiversity throughout the catchment of the River Frome and all its tributaries. SDC are working with landowners to implement natural flood management techniques and restore natural drainage where it is safe and feasible to do so. This includes working with local community flood groups, land owners, farmers and partner organisations to implement a range of measures that will reduce flood risk but also improve water quality and enhance the biodiversity of the streams, brooks and the wider River Frome catchment.



Green Infrastructure, Sport and Recreation Study

The Council believes that providing a wide range of good quality open spaces and recreational facilities of this kind is essential for the health and wellbeing of local people and is working with Ethos Environmental Planning to carry out a District wide Green Infrastructure, Sport and Recreation Study. This covers a wide range of recreational open spaces, parks, natural green spaces, playing pitches, outdoor sport facilities and children’s play spaces; as well as indoor sports halls, swimming

Canal Restoration

The next phase of canal restoration will link Stroud to the rest of the national waterways, which will make a momentous shift in the usability and appeal of the District’s canal. A complex piece of work that will involve re-routing of waters systems and re-building of bridges, the Stroud Connection project will renovate disused parts of the canal system and create opportunities to engage with the surrounding nature and history of the waterways in the new improved sections of the canal.



Environmental Protection

Enforcement against ground, air and water, pollution and noise nuisance. This is a statutory function for a district council and requires careful customer service skills to deal with complaints as well as working with professionals from the Police, Environment Agency and health services.

Household Waste Recycling

Since Stroud District Council radically changed the way waste is collected in 2016, recycling rates have shot up and the amount of residual waste thrown away has plummeted. Stroud District Council work with Ubico to provide environmental services that benefit residents, visitors and business. Our 61% rate of recycling is one of the best in the country, whilst we send the least amount of waste, per household to landfill. The District wide, resident waste and recycling scheme, has recently been nominated for two performance related awards and the council has been praised by Government chiefs for its ‘comprehensive’ recycling service.



Animal Welfare

District Councils have a number of statutory duties in relation to animal welfare, including the licensing of businesses involving live animals and the responsibility for stray dogs. Stroud introduced it’s own Animal Welfare Charter in 2017 to cover all aspects of the Council’s Animal Welfare policy which include dealing with anti-social behaviour orders for pet owners and making preparations for animal welfare in a civil emergency.



Canal Restoration and Health & Wellbeing

A report on Scottish canal regeneration estimated that for every £1 invested in the canal towpath network there is a return of £7 of health benefits. Well connected canal towpaths are extensively used for different forms of active travel e.g. walking, jogging and cycling and allow access to nature for people with mobility issues who may find woodland or hill paths impossible to access. In addition to increasing outdoor exercise, the reports also suggests that the activities of Scottish Canals are helping to reduce deprivation in some of Scotland's most disadvantaged communities. Engagement with voluntary and community sector organisations helps to get more local people involved with the canal restoration. They make communities more attractive, engage residents and foster civic pride.

In Stroud District, thriving canal and towpath activities will develop communities and help to address concerns about social isolation and physical activity levels for all ages.



Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy

2017-2021



Stroud District Community Safety Partnership

In 1998 the Crime and Disorder Act placed a legal obligation on the District Council, the Police, the Health Authority and the County Council to work together in reducing crime and disorder, and the fear of crime.

The Partnership's first strategy was written in 1999 and had been reviewed on a regular basis since that time.

The strategy for 2017 - 2021 is aligned to the Police and Crime Commissioner's plan (PCC), but also incorporates specific issues that cause concern to Stroud District residents

For example SDC are undertaking a new collaborative working approach with Community Safety colleagues, with joint operations involving Neighbourhood Management Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens tackling instances of fly tipping, anti-social behaviour and drug misuse.

SDC also work with Gloucestershire Constabulary to identify cases involving 'County Lines' criminality, which seeks to exploit children and young people in the selling of drugs.

Three Year Focus for Priority 4: Protecting the Public and the Environment

Homelessness Prevention

Develop better temporary housing options for homelessness prevention to reduce the use of unsuitable and high cost temporary accommodation.

Target: 2019 Convert an SDC property to provide three units of temporary accommodation.

2020-21 Explore the possibility of purchasing or building bespoke temporary accommodation within the District.

Stratford Park Lido

Respond to consultation by submitting Heritage Lottery to make improvements.

Target: 2019 Submit HLF Bid with hope of winning £250k.

2020-21 If successful, begin small scale improvements to Lido before swimming season. Carry out large scale improvements once swimming season ends in September.

Community Safety—Intensive Engagement Project

The Community Safety Partnership has commissioned a two year partnership project to bring agencies including the police and the District council, together with the community. The project will create relationships and deepen knowledge about a neighbourhood in an attempt to find different, more sustainable solutions to cycles of anti-social behaviour and other community concerns.

Target: 2019 Create partnership to focus on chosen area—The Park Estate, Stonehouse. Collate local knowledge and useful contacts and deepen working relationships between agencies.

2020-2021 Develop new approaches using new partnership and improved relationships with community members.

Protecting Tenants

Safeguard tenants who are the victims of abuse.

Target: 2019 Create a Policy supporting the victims of Domestic and Mental Abuse.

Increase the Health & Wellbeing Benefits of the Canal Restoration to Local Communities

To increase the wellbeing impact of the canal project, SDC have commissioned local community development organisation “Creative Sustainability” to deliver a series of community-led, inclusive events. The aim of these initial engagement events is to support local people and communities in engaging with the canal and wildlife heritage and ensuring that they are involved in all the project’s activities. People will find out more about wildlife conservation along the canal banks, the old canal archives, their local built heritage and engineering projects.

Target: 2019 Deliver initial community engagement events within the canal project area.

2020 Build on interest gathered during initial events to create more community-led canal projects.

2021 Include new canal community groups in next phase of restoration.

Why...

The use and cost of temporary accommodation has escalated. The temporary accommodation currently available in the District is not sufficient to meet demand. Use of accommodation such as Travelodge and Premier Inn has increased. At times, there has been no accommodation available within the District and families have had to be placed as far away as Bristol.

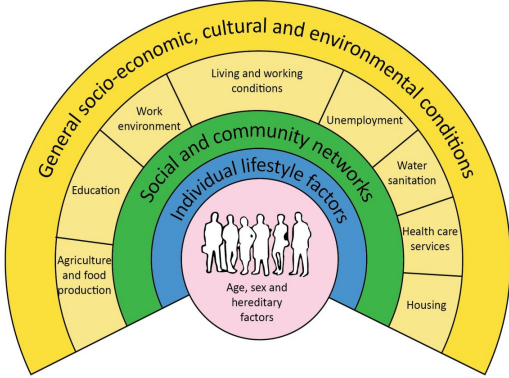
In 2017 residents responded overwhelmingly to a consultation on the future of Stratford Park Lido. The listed outdoor pool is much loved and users stated improvements they would like to see, including heating the pool and renovating the pool side.

Community policing approaches across the country are shifting towards greater collaboration with partners and more resident-led solutions to what were traditional police issues.

Currently victims of domestic abuse are at risk of losing their tenancy if they choose to leave their property to escape an abusive partner.

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded £842,000 development funding to continue work on the canal restoration project ahead of an application for a full grant of £9 million in 2019. The next phase requires that the health and wellbeing benefits of the canal be further developed in collaboration with nearby communities and canal users.

Priority 5: Partnering the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors



What we do now

Stroud District Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The partnership has over 190 members from the voluntary and statutory sectors. It offers networking opportunities for front line staff to share local challenges and opportunities find project partners and pass on information quickly. The Partnership e-mailing list is one of the most used conduits for local information in the District.



Partnering Adult Social Care

SDC support Gloucestershire Adult Social Care to disseminate funding that will support the VCS in the District. SDC also co-chair the Know Your Patch networking events are being funded through Adult Social Care as a way to encourage their front line staff to connect with the voluntary and community sector who support their clients. In Stroud we have been able to promote this widely through our existing Health & Wellbeing Partnership.



Pooling County Health and Social Care Resources

In Gloucestershire the District Councils, Health providers and County Commissioners have pooled resources to create the Better Care Fund, a joined up approach to improving aspects of health and social care by working together across the whole system.

In particular Stroud District's Housing Improvement team and Health & Wellbeing team work closely with Commissioners to improve housing for vulnerable residents and to create community fitness classes to promote self management of long term conditions like frailty.

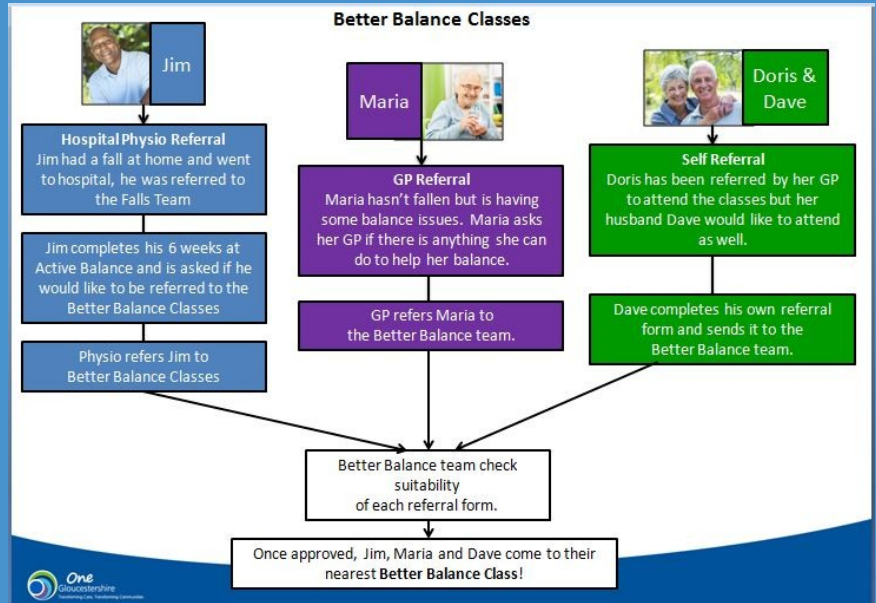
Integrating with NHS Partnerships

In Stroud, the District Council has been recognised for integrating well with our NHS partners to help them to understand aspects of the population outside of their health remit and to create prevention and self management activities that compliment NHS services. Our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme is a perfect example of how this can work well.

Moving forward NHS colleagues have now asked to join other District partnerships as a recognition of how much they impact the wider determinants of health

Healthy Lifestyles Scheme

Many aspects of the SDC Healthy Lifestyles Scheme are delivered in partnership with clinical professionals like GPs and Physiotherapists as well as fitness instructors, gyms and leisure centres. Without partnership working the scheme would not be possible.



Action on ACEs—Adverse Childhood Experiences

The Gloucestershire Health and wellbeing Board is championing a campaign to raise awareness of the impact of ACEs and how taking a trauma-informed approach may improve outcomes for the public.

SDC are supporting the campaign and will be promoting their work. IN 2019 a film introducing the campaign was shown in Stroud to around 200 people.



Action on ACEs film

Dementia Friendly Communities.

SDC are working with the voluntary organisation Fair Shares and the county Dementia Education and Training Service to support local towns to become dementia friendly.



The work is all led by volunteers with an interest in dementia. Residents are setting up memory cafes, promoting dementia activities through social media, delivering training, creating a dementia friendly business scheme and working with GP surgeries to be more dementia friendly.



Our partnership has 190 members from voluntary and statutory agencies. With a small amount of officer time, we host five themed forums a year to discuss local priorities, a busy email information exchange and special networking workshops.

This year our Partnership helped to disseminate one-off Adult Social Care funding which resulted in more projects being funded in Stroud than any other Gloucestershire district.



Strengthening Communities
Strong communities are healthy communities. Our residents and community groups are a fantastic resource but they need development and support to work well with the voluntary and statutory sectors. Our partnerships and community projects help the Council, residents, health services and the voluntary and community sector make best use of local resources and influence health decision makers to improve wellbeing in our district.

"This networking workshop has been incredible. I have met all kinds of community organisations with expertise that my clients need. I feel like I don't have to carry it all on my own. Adult Social Care doesn't have to provide all the answers."
Local Social Worker



The Stroud District HWB partnership is great to keep the community connected and updated on what we are all doing; it's also a chance to build partnerships and work on bids for joined up services across the district.

The partnership is responsive to what we need, we're involved in raising issues and setting the agenda for relevant discussions, it is co-production in action.

Also, so many of us smaller charities don't have all the in-house expertise we need to deal with increasingly complex issues, so this is an opportunity to access the expertise from across the community.

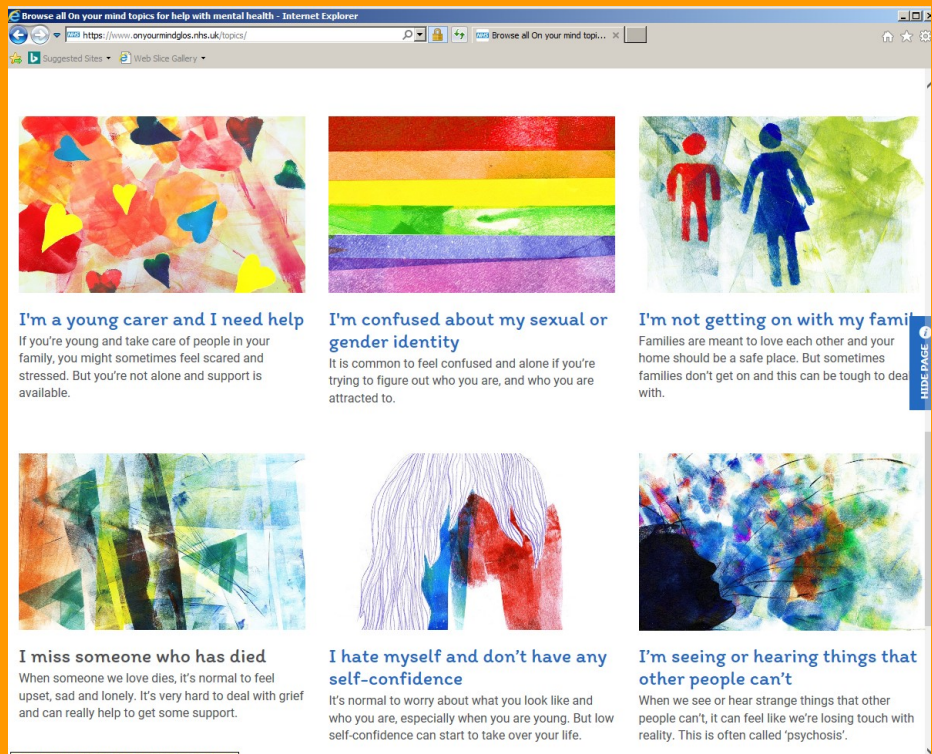
Indigo Redfern, GL11 Community Hub, Cam.

Mental health website to support young people and parents.

Stroud District's Youth Council partnered with the Clinical Commissioning Group to work on a website that would provide information and advice on a variety of mental health subjects for young people and parents.

Dr Jeremy Welch, Clinical Lead for Children and Young at NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group said:

"Young people in Gloucestershire told us they often find it difficult to talk about their mental health; they worry that people will judge them and treat them differently.



We found that children and young people want to know what help and support is available to them locally and nationally. They want to know how they can help themselves and which websites they can trust. That is why we have created the On Your Mind website."

The resulting website www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk is a thorough directory made accessible through language that ordinary people can understand and images created by the young people and a local artist.

Three Year Focus for Priority 5: Partnering the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors.

Increase Health and Social Care participation on relevant District partnerships

NHS colleagues are now looking to integrate into our District partnerships.

Target: 2019 Invite Lead Commissioner to Community Safety Partnership and Health & Wellbeing Partnership.

2020-21 As new Primary Care Networks are formed, establish which operational NHS staff members should usefully attend District partnerships to both feed in and out of the groups.

Continually grow HWB Partnership and Know Your Patch Network to include health and VCS sector across District .

The Voluntary Sector needs per support, access to NHS partners and the strength that comes from working effectively together with one voice.

Target: 2019-21 Continually promote partnerships and keep events relevant and useful by preparing topical content and responding to member feedback.

Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance

The national Dementia Action Alliance initiative is a vehicle for good partnership working around dementia. The Forest of Dean are leading on this to create an action plan for Districts, community and health partners.

Target: 2019 Support FoD In setting up DAA and recruiting members.

2020-21 Input to DAA plans and share good practice from Stroud Dementia Friendly work.

Raise Awareness of Mental Health Issues and Support

Working with NHS and VCS partners around mental health across the District.

Target: 2019 Use National Awareness Days to promote awareness, prevention and support.

2020 Promote improvements in MH services for young people through HWB Partnership. Ensure MH staff attend Know Your Patch networks to meet VCS partners.

Develop Dementia Walks in partnership with Fair Shares

Following from the success of their Gentle Park Walks and Using funding from Adult Social Care, Fair Shares are supporting volunteers to develop their own dementia friendly walking groups. Walking gets people into nature and create supporting relationships for carers.

Target: 2019-21 Develop 6 news walks in with residents in the District.

Partner the VCS to develop a Skate Park

Community Roots developed a successful skate park user group in Gloucester Park who raised funding for a total renovation.

Target: Employ Community Roots development worker to get to know regular skate park users and explore issues.

2020 Develop Friends of the Skate Park group so the young people can plan and carry out their own park improvements.

Why...

With decreasing resources and rising demand, the health and care services have been through a transformation to meet their future challenges. In Gloucestershire this has highlighted the need to be more involved with services outside of the NHS who are tackling or preventing problems that impact health.

The Health and Social Care agenda in Gloucestershire is increasingly focused on keeping patients at home, away from acute health care and managing their own conditions better for longer.

As dementia rates rise with the ageing population, a collaborative approach is needed between statutory and community partners to enable people to live well with dementia for longer.

With one in four people living with a mental health issue at any given time, awareness raising is needed to encourage people to de-stigmatise the subject, know how to get help and self manage.

Evidence shows that accessing nature is fundamental to wellbeing and can be difficult for people living with dementia and carers. A recent national survey highlighted that carers are likely to be isolated and have no peers to talk to about their caring challenges.

Anti social behaviour and dangerous vandalism to the flood lights in Stratford Park Skate Park was causing problems for the users and costly repairs for the Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

30 MAY 2019

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WORK PROGRAMME

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered (ie insert report/project title)	Notes (eg lead member & officer)
5.9.2019	Work Programme	Chair/Head of Community Services
	Member Reports: a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park c) Police and Crime Panel d) Performance Monitoring e) Gfirst LEP - Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group	Cllr Steve Lydon Cllr Nigel Prenter Cllr Mattie Ross Cllrs John Jones and Sue Reed Cllr Gordon Craig
	Budget monitoring report 2019/20	Accountant
	Director of Public Health annual update	Sarah Scott
	Street Trading Policy Report	Principal Licensing Officer
	Health & Wellbeing Plan Report	Health & Wellbeing Development Co-ordinator
	28.11.2019	Work Programme
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Budget monitoring report 2019/20		Accountant
Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Update		PCC
Neighbourhood Warden & Careline Service Presentation		Senior Community Service Officers & Senior Neighbourhood Warden
SLM progress on Contract		SLM Area manager

23.1.2020	Work Programme	Chair/ Head of Community Services
	Member Reports: a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park c) Police and Crime Panel d) Performance Monitoring e) Gfirst LEP - Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group	Cllr Steve Lydon Cllr Nigel Prenter Cllr Mattie Ross Cllrs John Jones and Sue Reed Cllr Gordon Craig
	Museum in the Park Update	Museum Manager
	Youth Service Update	Senior Youth Officer
26.3.2020	Work Programme	Chair/ Head of Community Services
	Member Reports: a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park c) Police and Crime Panel d) Performance Monitoring e) Gfirst LEP - Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group	Cllr Steve Lydon Cllr Nigel Prenter Cllr Mattie Ross Cllrs John Jones and Sue Reed Cllr Gordon Craig
	Budget monitoring report 2019/20	Accountant
	Update on The Pulse, Dursley	General Manager
	Health and Wellbeing Plan update	Health and Wellbeing Development Co-ordinator

Date sent (& reference no)	Topic	Notes (eg responsible officer)
C-2019/2020-001	Update on The Pulse Performance Since Opening	Manager of the Pulse
C-2019/2020-002	Annual update on service functions, highlights for 2018 and key projects for 2019	Head of Community Services/Revenue and Benefits Manager
Future Members' Information Sheets		
Annual Members' Information Sheets	<p>June/July 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensing - Safeguarding - Abandoned vehicles - Customer Services <p>Oct/Nov 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stratford Park Leisure Centre - Community Safety - Health and Wellbeing 6 month update - Museum 	<p>Principal Licensing Officer Sport and Health Development Manager Snr Community Services Officer Customer Services Manager</p> <p>Facilities Management Officer Snr Community Services Officers Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator Museum Manager</p>

List of Outside Bodies within the remit of Community Services & Licensing Committee

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Organisation	Representatives 2019/20
Cowle Trust (Museum in the Park)	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Kingshill House Charitable Trust	Councillor Trevor Hall
Stroud & Rodborough Educational Charity	Councillor Nigel Cooper (4 yearly term)
Stroud Citizens Advice	Councillors Gordon Craig and substitute Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
Stroud Festival Limited	TBC
Stroud Road Safety Liaison Group	Councillors John Jones and Ken Tucker
Woodchester Park Mansion	Shared between Councillors Sue Reed and Steve Robinson - TBC
Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Mattie Ross
Older Peoples Forum	Shared between Councillors Gordon Craig and Steve Robinson
Youth Council	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Stroud District Council Health and Wellbeing Partnership	Councillor Sue Reed and substitute Councillor Norman Kay
Homestart	Councillor Sue Reed
Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group	Councillor Gordon Craig