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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Homestart
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	17/5/23
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>As at the May 2023 meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 341 active families and 504 active children under their care● 7.9% children with safeguarding concerns. Although Safeguarding levels have decreased slightly, Homestart will continue monitoring this closely as it is still a real concern.● 58.9% of families have mental health issues and 19.9% are registered with MH services● 63 families are currently receiving Home Visiting support (18.5% of total families)● Referrals to Dad Matters are manageable however the age of the dads either referring themselves or being referred remain young, under the age of 25yrs.39 active Dads – 23.1% under 25 years of age● Current Homestart volunteer numbers are at their alltime lowest. The team continue to try and encourage people to apply to become Home-Start volunteers. Their next course is being run in October.● Tweedy is the new Patron for Homestart and he has chosen them as one of his nominated charities for Everyman Theatre Christmas Pantomime. This will lead to some good PR opportunities and hopefully encourage people to apply to become Home-Start volunteers. <p>Please see the Homestart Annual Report for 2022/2023 this will give you a good idea of how much help and support Homestart have been able to provide families via volunteer home visiting and peer support groups throughout the year.</p> <p>Date of next committee meeting - 27th November 2023</p>	
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Natalie Bennett
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