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COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET (NO.10) FEBRUARY 2022

<u>The Pulse</u>

The Pulse has opened and closed its doors 3 times due to covid since March 2020.Despite the disruption there have been some key achievements on the road to business recovery.

The key achievements in 2021

- 1. Successfully re-opening after the 3rd lockdown for the leisure industry and welcoming back both old and new customers
- 2. Increasing memberships from 700 in the height of covid, to 1200 at the end of 2021
- 3. Achieving 'very good' in the latest Quest assessment (industry kite mark for the leisure industry) with all the covid measure in place
- 4. Delivered a full and varied programme to meet the needs of the local community
- 5. Increased availability of swimming lessons and capacity above pre covid levels
- 6. Trained four mental health first aiders
- 7. Created strong internal links with the health and wellbeing team and supported the HAF project
- 8. Finished the year with both CHP units working.

Key priorities for 2022

- 1. Increase the number of Healthy lifestyle trained instructors to fully support increased participation in the scheme with a view to working out in the community
- 2. Maximise income, bringing it back to at least pre-covid levels, whilst stabilising expenditure to reduce the subsidy to the council
- 3. Increase membership base to 1400 members
- 4. Support the delivery of the Leisure and Wellbeing strategy
- 5. Continue to work closely with the health and wellbeing team to support the health and physical activity action plan
- 6. Stabilise the management structure at the Pulse with the right resource in the right roles
- 7. Continue to work with Swim England to deliver courses for swimming teachers as there is currently a national shortage