



## AGENDA ITEM:

### SUMMARY

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Housing and Community Overview &amp; Scrutiny</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>5 September 2018</b>
<b>PART:</b>	
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Quarter 1 Performance Report – Children Services and Community Safety Partnership, The Old Town Hall and Community Partnerships</b>
Contact:	Cllr Neil Harden, Portfolio Holder for Resident and Regulatory Services Author/Responsible Officers: Linda Roberts (Assistant Director, People Performance and Innovation) Matt Rawdon (Group Manager – People and Communities) Joe Guiton (Community Safety and Children Team Leader) Sara Railson (Arts Team Leader) Alex Care (Community Partnerships Team Leader)
Purpose of report:	Monitoring and information
Recommendations	That Members note the report and identify any areas where they require additional information
Corporate objectives:	Building strong and vibrant communities Delivering an efficient and modern council
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> Within existing budgets
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> Services are regularly reviewed to ensure they are efficiently delivered and commercial opportunities are actively sought.
Risk Implications	None at this stage.
Equalities Implications	None at this stage.
Health And Safety Implications	None at this stage.
Consultees:	Service Team Leaders
Background papers:	Nil

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 This paper will provide an update on service performance over Q1 2018/2019 and also highlight key achievements over this same period.

## **2. Performance Reports 18/19 – Quarter 1**

2.1 Quarter 1 report - See appendix 1

## **3. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Achievements**

3.1 The following achievements are a sample of the projects/work undertaken by this group of services during the quarter 1 in 2018/2019.

## **4 Children Services and Community Safety Partnership**

- a. The implementation of the playground operational changes has commenced and the commercialisation project is underway to increase the number of private hirers.
- b. The Verge Hardening project has recently seen the conclusion of 4 site consultations which resulted in a favourable response. The creation of 15 new spaces in Boxted road is now complete and has made a big difference to road safety at the junction of Boxted Road and Hollybush Lane.
- c. Community Safety Partnerships – Additional priorities have been identified and added to the action so we now have five priorities, domestic abuse, violent crime, knife crime, ASB and drugs/alcohol. These will continue to be monitored at the Responsible Officer Action Group (ROAG). The team is now fully resourced as we appointed a lead safeguarding officer and a lead community safety officer.

## **5 Old Town Hall**

- a) Virtual tour of the Old Town Hall has been added to our website.
- b) The first 'HIT Rocks' theatre performance. An inclusive performance by HIT and the young people with learning and physical disabilities, attended by over 60 people
- c) Regular Hires for the quarter were at 51 – which was a 100% increase on last quarter
- d) Achieved a full compliance in the recent COSHH audit
- e) Launched our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary video – available on the Old Town Hall website

## **6. Community Partnerships**

- a) Everyone Active – Hemel refurbishment underway and good feedback has already been received about the new, improved and larger spin studio

(waiting lists have been considerably reduced). Four athletes who train at Jarman Park Athletics Club have been accepted onto the Everyone Active Sporting Champions programme and have received financial investment to help with their training.

- b) Sports and Physical Activity Strategy: Further to feedback, a revised version will be presented at the October Housing Overview and Scrutiny.
- c) M-ask programme; January to May Cohort now completed culminating in the theatre production that the participants had been putting together. It was the best attended M-ask production yet with nearly 70 people watching the show. Over half of those who completed the M-ask project have now moved on to the Social group setting, with parents commenting on the positive behavioural changes that attending the M-ask programme has had on their child.
- d) Pop ups in the park (Inflatables); The first pop up took place in May and the programme is set to provide 9 further days throughout the year. The first pop up was held in Randalls park, Highfield and was attended by over 250 children and parents. Feedback from parents at the event was very positive with people commenting that they thought it was fantastic that Dacorum Borough Council provided these free events.
- e) Armed Forces Day: the event attracted approximately 5,000 visitors throughout the day and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The event was also attended by The Rt. The Hon Earl Howe PC, who contacted us after the event to say: 'Armed Forces Day is a valuable opportunity for the UK to come together to thank our Armed Forces, both past and present, for the work they do to keep us safe at home and abroad. I was delighted to be able to join the community of Dacorum as they showed their support for our Servicemen and women and I thank the organisers for putting on such a spectacular event'.