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## Annual Report to Full Council

May 2022

***Hello and welcome to our Annual Report. Since we last reported back in November 2020, there have been changes..... to the priorities, the name of our ward and the number of us. What has not changed is our joint commitment. We may come from different political parties but we work together for the benefit of our local community.***

### Our Ward priorities

1. Work with partners, including the local community, to develop a 'Green Corridor' linking Greasbrough Park and Greasbrough Recreation Ground
2. Support activity
  - a. which will help to create sustainable Council tenancies, and
  - b. designed to increase understanding of / respond to the needs of leaseholders
3. Support activities for both young people and older members of the community
4. Support initiatives which make use of our assets; in particular the green spaces, the library and community / neighbourhood centres
5. Ensure targeted engagement; focused in particular on local issues (for example anti-social behaviour, traffic and so on) and on the needs of our older Council tenants

### How our ward priorities were agreed

- We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the new Greasbrough Ward i.e.
  - The new Ward boundaries
  - The new Ward profile which showed e.g.
    - a high number of Council properties,
    - a relatively older population profile and
    - areas of deprivation
- The previous Wingfield Ward Plan's priorities and the actions taken to address them
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
  - We included an article in our ward e-bulletin asking for feedback on the priorities and what we could do in response to them
  - We held a frontline workers' meeting on Microsoft Teams attended by over 25 staff
- Progress of ongoing projects
- Our own aspirations for the Ward
  - As returning Ward Councillors, we were able to draw upon a lot of existing knowledge and experience



internal sources including our devolved budget, to build this new community asset

- This was a real team effort which meets the aspirations of our community including children as evidenced from a survey **We** commissioned by CYPS
- **We** arranged a football tournament involving local primary schools to mark the official launch of the new MUGA in May 2021
- The launch was attended by RMBC's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Tajamal Khan, and RUFC's Assistant Manager, Ritchie Barker
- **We** are planning a 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration on 2nd July, where there will be a range of free activities including, Dog Show, family entertainment, family games, food outlets, children's carousels, craft stalls, information stalls and a picnic area.



### For the really young members of our community

- Open day event held at St Marys Neighbourhood Centre in April 2022 to launch services that will be provided by Early Help.
- Sessions to include Baby Yoga, Baby Massage, Toddler Yoga. This will provide access to services for residents that are local to the centre.
- Residents of the complex would like to see the centre used more and welcomed the opportunity to speak to the officers providing future services.

### For everyone Willow Tree Academy's (WTA) LEAF Centre

- WTA's LEAF Centre will be both a base for providing children with additional support and a hub for community use
- **We** secured £70k Housing funding – given that this will benefit an area with the highest number of Council properties - and this in turn was matched by Special Educational Needs funding. The remaining majority of the funding is being provided by WTA
- The aspiration is that the Centre will be completed and opened operationally over a phased period.

Initial £70k levered in a further £270k to get this project off the ground



#### **4 - Support initiatives which make use of our assets; in particular the green spaces, the library and community / neighbourhood centres**

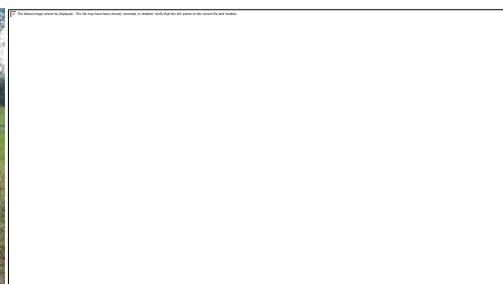
##### **Launch of Charlie's Food Pantry**

- The Food Pantry at the Chislett Centre opened its doors on 8<sup>th</sup> Jun 2021
- The Pantry is different to a supermarket in that people who use it become members through a process where they have indicated both a need for & a wish to use it
- The Pantry is run by volunteers and supported by members of staff from the Chislett Centre. It is open 2 days a week
- Funding towards the purchase of the cabin & to kit out the unit with fridges, freezers & shelving for the pantry has come from many sources including Kimberworth Park Community Partnership, National Lottery and Covid Emergency Fund
- We also provided some Ward Budget funding along with our Councillor colleagues in the neighbouring Keppel Ward



#### **5 - Ensure targeted engagement; focused in particular on local issues e.g. anti-social behaviour, traffic etc, and on our older Council tenants**

- **Meeting our communities during Covid**
  - These have been difficult times in so many ways. As Councillors, **We** would normally be arranging Ward Network events with partners and 40-50 residents / groups. We could not do that but we still wanted to make ourselves available
  - To that end, we held bring a chair meetings – e.g. on Greasbrough Rec and at Church Street – with residents and partners, and we held surgeries on our Friendship Bench in Greasbrough Park (alternative Saturdays, 10-11am)



## And a final word on working in partnership

Without involvement from local community groups and individuals as well as Local Partners we would not have made the achievements we have, so a big THANK YOU to everyone, included those from.....

- South Yorkshire Police
- RMBC – Various
- Friends of Greasbrough Parks
- Greasbrough History Society
- Greasbrough Youth FC
- RUCST
- Individuals – too many to mention individually

