

Catalyst Support

Purpose

To receive a presentation from Gemma Johnston, from Catalyst.

Background

1. In 2017, Catalyst started a new initiative in Surrey Heath that provided a mental health and well-being community football team, called 'the Welcome Wizards' and this is aimed at improving mental health. This scheme operates from Frimley Lodge Park and uses one of the 3G football pitches twice a week to provide this to service to a minimum of 16 people which over the year benefits around 100 people. This scheme is unique to this area in that no other service like it operates.
2. The funding for the scheme ceased in spring 2020 and Catalyst were awarded a Council revenue grant of £4,000 to enable the scheme to continue from April 20 - March 21, however during the lockdown the scheme has not operated. A further application has been received for consideration at the Executive meeting in February 21 for the financial year starting from April 21 of a reduced sum of £1,550. It is worth noting the significant reserves kept by Catalyst, but we are advised that the majority are restricted, due to the delivery of their commissioned contracts.
3. This service is accessed via self-referrals or existing clients. The Welcome Wizards are part of the Surrey FA disability league with Catalyst hosting an annual tournament which is very popular as it provides mental health relief, and exercise to those who can be isolated and vulnerable within our community, and it can often be the start of an improved quality of life, through building confidence and self-belief.
4. Attached is the service level agreement for 2020/21.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the presentation in relation to Surrey Heath any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

Background Papers: Service Level Agreement 20/21

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