

Statement by the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Leisure Services

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The income generated for the Customer and Leisure Services Portfolio as a whole and at the end of Quarter 2 is on target. There are, however, two relatively minor issues with expenditure relating to Performing Rights Fees and CCTV, otherwise financially my Portfolio is performing well.

“Take that step” has been launched and has been an immediate success in helping combat adult obesity, the scheme is supported by 100% of the GP’s in Hambleton.

The Hambleton Sports Awards held in October were a very successful evening celebrating the success of the voluntary sports sector, over 105 people attended and 30 of who received awards.

The next event is in March 2015, this is the annual Community Awards. Nomination forms are out now and need to be returned by 9 January 2015.

The new Hambleton Community Safety Partnership has begun life by exploring two new initiatives: a “Business Watch” scheme and a scheme to provide up-to-date advice to business relating to fraud and scams which are becoming prevalent in society.

A new pilot initiative to combat loneliness and isolation has begun in Hutton Rudby and Husthwaite, supported with £15,000 from North Yorkshire Sport, the initiative targets people in rural areas who live alone and combines sports/games with social activity. If the pilot is successful it will be rolled into other communities.

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