

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Minutes Action Log

This is the Committee's updated minutes action log, and it captures the actions arising from recent Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee meetings and updates Members on the progress in complying with delivery of the necessary actions.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 1 November 2022

84.	Household Support Fund (October 2022 to March 2023)	G Porter / L Riddle	Monitor the patronage of libraries during colder months in order to identify to what extent people were using them as warm hubs.	While visits to libraries were higher than in 2021/22, it is not possible to attribute improving performance to the Council's warm hub offer, as visitors visiting libraries to keep warm cannot be distinguished from people visiting for other reasons. The Library service has shaped a distinctive 'warm offer', including hosting Cost of Living sessions in all major sites in partnership with district councils and other partners, and putting a warm wrapper around the existing programme of events and activities, such as offering warm drinks, board game cafes, etc.	Action Complete
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Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 23 March 2023

109.	Household Support Fund 2023/24	L Riddle	Provide clarification on whether the Council had been able to retain data on pensioners who had previously been supported in arrears on their water bills.	The agreement with Anglian Water and Cambridge Water was a short-term piece of work where a set amount of funding was allocated to support residents in arrears. The Council did not receive person specific data, and instead each company allocated the funds, providing postcode level data confirming the number of individuals awarded.	Action Complete
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				The ringfenced pensioner element was removed in October 2022 with the launch of Household Support Fund 3. Due to the effective Age UK offer of a dedicated front door to people of pensionable age, this partnership continues and will be maintained throughout 2023/2024 and Household Support Fund 4.	
111.	Cambridgeshire Skills Six Month Review	T Molloy	Include additional information on the joint working of Cambridgeshire Skills and the Council's Traveller Health team in the next iteration of the report.	This will be included in the next Cambridgeshire Skills report.	Action Ongoing
112.	The Council's Approach to Supporting Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Migrants	L Riddle	Investigate whether City of Sanctuary UK would consider developing a County of Sanctuary pledge.	Officers have contacted City of Sanctuary UK to request this.	Action Ongoing
		L Riddle	Establish whether any Migrant Champions in other local authorities were officers, rather than Members.	According to the Joint Council for Welfare of Immigrants, who set up the Migrants Champion's network, the network was set up to 'support local councillors to champion the rights of migrants in their local areas and beyond.' All the wording refers to councillors, rather than officers.	Action Complete

113.	Cultivate Cambs – Endorsement of Recommendations (March 2023)	A Garford	Confirm whether the Groundwork East project would deliver home energy-efficiency advice and support to vulnerable households in just Cambridge or across the whole county.	The project will support 500 households in Cambridge.	Action Complete
115.	Finance Monitoring Report – January 2023	L Riddle	Provide clarification on the role and functions of Cultural Services.	The service areas and related budgets that sit within Cultural Services as detailed in the Finance Monitoring Report are The Library Presents staffing and cultural offer and Museum Support.	Action Complete