



**Report to South Woodham Ferrers Town Council
For Events Community & Leisure Committee Meeting on 21 March 2023**

Since our last Report in January 2023 the Group has continued to be involved in pursuing a number of initiatives.

Still the most significant has been the ongoing work on engagement and development with the Integrated Care System in conjunction with the local NHS and welfare services. Results of this include an inaugural Mid Essex Area Community Engagement Group meeting on 22 March and progress devising a VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Assembly for Mid & South Essex, which in time will drive down to Alliance (Mid Essex) and neighbourhood levels (Dengie & SWF).

The regular reporting of Covid and influenza and advice to local residents through the media of the website and Focus has continued throughout the period. We are looking at further Social Media options for dissemination and communication.

As predicted last time, on 5th January we held discussions with our colleagues in the Dengie in order to inform the way forward on engagement with our local Primary Care Network (PCN). Since then we have been collecting data from the PPGs (Primary Care Groups) in the Dengie and SWF to inform the work of the masters student from the University of Warwick who is conducting the Survey of the needs of SWF and the Dengie. A project plan has been produced.

On 3rd March our MP, Sir John Whittingdale came to talk to us about four key issues impacting upon our local Health and Social Care services and the welfare needs of the Community. He was accompanied by Dan Doherty from the Integrated Care System. The HSCG Task Force were invited to attend and a number of Town Councillors were present. A precis of the proceedings will be published on our website shortly.

On 14 March 2023 the Chelmsford Cultural Strategy is being launched. We are playing a leading part in ensuring that SWF is fully included in this welcome initiative.

On 22nd March our Chair is attending an “ Attitudes to Women” workshop sponsored by Essex County Council. Invites have been extended to Councillors.

In conclusion we would like still to know if there are any further ways we can help the Town Council in addressing the health and social care of the Town’s population. Also we need please to liaise with the Council as to your requirements of us to ensure the Group’s future sustainability and activities.

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