

Reducing Social Isolation priority discussion – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

5 With reference to the minutes of 20th November 2019, when the Partnership requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities to arrange a meeting with community facility staff to understand the reasons why there was a lack of service provision at the weekend, in relation to the format of information available within the Ward that adults 25+ years old could access, the Partnership heard a verbal update by Andrew McMillan, Community Empowerment Services.

After discussion and consideration, the Partnership

- (1) agreed the launch of the Socially Connected initiative, with leaflets and posters being circulated to a number of stakeholders to spread the information as wide as possible and that this would be the first phase of this initiative, with phase 2 being a more targeted approach;
- (2) noted the various reasons for the lack of service provision at the weekend which included funding, staffing and self-generating income;
- (3) welcomed the launch of the Socially Connected initiative; and
- (4) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities contact Housing Associations to ascertain their community input beyond housing and any engagement that they had undertaken to determine demand for adult provision in the evening and weekends.