

PUBLIC APPENDICES

Appendix B

Community Development

1. SCDC's Communities Team provide a generalist community development support function at Northstowe, with two full time community development officers employed (via s106 funding from Phase 1 and Phase 2 respectively), facilitating the formation of the social networks and community groups that assist new arrivals to integrate with the new community and overcome the challenges of relocating to a new town that, at five years old, is still at a very early stage in its development. Historically, this early community development support has been shown to be vital to establish a flourishing and cohesive new community.
2. The Communities Team has provided day to day management of the Community Wing, the key venue for community activity within Northstowe and are currently engaged in transition planning to secure and relocate to the interim community facility recently secured by the Council.
3. The team conducted the Community Governance Review for Longstanton and Oakington & Westwick Civil Parishes and facilitated the establishment of the resultant new Town Council.
4. Governance arrangements for all community assets, including sports provision, open spaces and all forthcoming community buildings across Northstowe will also be part of the team's remit.
5. The Communities Team has liaised with the planning service and developers to ensure provision of appropriate community infrastructure throughout the planning process and that these requirements are embedded within s106 agreements.
6. The service also had responsibility for programme management for the Healthy New Town initiative and continues to facilitate its legacy projects, and to ensure that the Healthy Living Strategy is delivered as the new town develops.