Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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Title: Community Hubs in North Tyneside

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Service: Environment

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report and the linked presentation is to give the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee an overview of proposals for a new Community Hubs strategy.

2. Recommendations.

2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to note the report and comment on contents of the presentation at the meeting.

3. Information.

- 3.1 Cabinet agreed to the development of Community Hubs in May 2019 and again in February 2021 as part of the wider customer services programme.
- 3.2 The idea of a hub is a one stop shop for the community offering not only advice and information but services and activities that meet the need of locals.

We have four Customer First buildings and two further large community centres across our borough.

3.3 The pandemic has shifted the way people use these buildings and why they use them. We need to change and adapt to ensure these buildings are still relevant and still meet local need.

In addition, in Our North Tyneside Plan, we have made a commitment to be "value for money" and to ensure that the way we work offers best value.

- 3.4 The presentation will cover:
 - How we got to where we are in the development of Community Hubs and why now
 - What our vision of what a Community Hub should be
 - What we have done so far and what we plan to do next.
- 3.5 Members of the committee are invited to comment on our emerging plans as part of a wider engagement process as we develop the new Community Hub strategy.