

Item 103  
Warm Bank / Big Knit

### **Background**

The Town Clerk attended a district wide meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October where we were speaking about the heating crisis in the district and how we may help. Cannock would like to create a district wide knitting opportunity to knit squares / scarves / shawls / hot water bottle covers / fidget mitts for dementia sufferers etc. These would then be distributed to those local people in need.

Other partners from Rugeley were invited including Brereton Millions, The Little Wool Shop, Community Church etc.

### **Proposal**

On a Wednesday we have Afternoon Teas in the Rose Theatre. It is proposed that we continue to promote the afternoon tea but also promote the fact that the Theatre will be a Warm Hub for the day between say 10am – 4pm. If the theatre is free, Cllrs may wish to consider offering old films running continuously for the time that it is open. We could promote to those with dementia or caring for people with dementia to give them some connection. We can then also market this as a knitting group – possibly getting someone in to teach beginners knitting. We could approach existing groups and general public to come in a learn to knit and we will collect their squares and take to those who need them.

### **For Consideration**

Cllrs are asked to consider supporting the promotion of the Rose Theatre as a Warm Hub for Rugeley on a Wednesday which will also include the promotion of the space for old movies, afternoon teas, tea and coffee and knitting club.

Cllr Gaye has requested that Cllrs consider paying for a Citizens Advice Bureau advisor to attend the Rose Theatre for these sessions.