

Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader

Report to: Inner East Community Committee - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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Area Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides a brief update on the work programme of Inner East Community Committee.

Main issues

2. At the July meeting a workshop session was held on four key themes, re-engaging young people, health (with a focus on mental health), the environment and jobs & skills. The purpose of this workshop was to shape the engagement programme for the Inner East Community Committee over the coming year.
3. The key issue notes from the workshop session held at the July meeting are appended to this report for information at Appendix A.
4. Whilst the primary focus for the Community Committee over the summer period has been the topic of how best to re-engage young people (subject of a separate report submitted to the Inner East Community Committee), actions have been progressed on a number of issues raised in that workshop session.
5. In terms of health there is the proposal for a pilot to be developed in Inner East Leeds for a Multiagency Referral Scheme (MARS) which would see partners working together to create a network of services that can be accessed by local residents.
6. The idea behind the scheme is that each partner involved would act as a gateway, referring people to information and services that may enhance their lives in a range of ways.

7. Issues raised on the environment table were taken onboard by the members of the East North East Locality Team and other partners present. The specific of examples of littering have been subsequently earmarked for action.
8. The Inner East Environmental Sub Group met on 19th September to discuss issues around the ongoing restructure to the Locality Team, progress with the Environmental Improvement Zones and refuse issues. The sub group involves representatives from the council's East North East Locality Team, Refuse Service, Parks & Countryside Service, Housing Leeds, East North East Area Support Team and local Ward Councillors.
9. A dedicated Employment and Skills Board is soon to be established for the East North East area to address issues of unemployment and skill deficits in the wedge, with the inaugural meeting likely to take place in late October. This board will oversee the development and implementation of an Employment & Skills plan for the East North East area, with a particular focus on the Inner areas.
10. The Inner East area will be represented on that board by the Community Champion for Employment, Skills and Welfare Councillor Ron Grahame.
11. The Inner East Planning Sub Group met on 15th September and discussed issues relating to significant projects in the Inner East area including the Echo Phase 3, Dog & Gun, Gate Pub, Ellerby Road and Wild, Wild West sites. The sub group consists of representatives from the council's Planning service, East North East Area Support Team and local Ward Councillors.
12. Since the last meeting on 17th July, both a Facebook and Twitter page has been established for the Inner East Community Committee as a new means for communicating with partners, 3rd sector organisations and local residents.
13. At the time of writing the Inner East Facebook page has 69 Likes. The East North East Area Support Team has posted over 60 items that have had total reach of over 3,000 people (although it should be noted that this will include a high proportion of re-visits to site from the same people). The most popular posts have proved to be those that have included photographs, particularly of local events and projects.

Options

14. The Inner East Community Committee agreed to focus its work on the theme of health, specifically mental health and social isolation, following the meeting in October.

Conclusion

15. There are a number of actions on-going to achieve the Community Committees' priorities and fulfil its work programme but despite this, the Community Committee recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

Recommendations

16. That Members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

Background information

- Link to the Facebook Page for the Inner East Community Committee:
<https://www.facebook.com/LCCInnerEast>
- Link to the Twitter Page for the Inner East Community Committee:
https://twitter.com/LCC_InnerE_CC
- A link to the Community Engagement Strategy for the Inner East Community Committee: <http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s118674/13a-%20draft%20IE%20comm%20eng%20strat%20v1.pdf>