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Report to: Inner North East Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay

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Area Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

2. At the October meeting a workshop session was held on employment in the Queenshill and Brackenwood estates. The workshops discussed recommendation made in a report presented to the Committee based on research and engagement with local partners. The purpose of this workshop was to prioritise which recommendations should be taken forward first. The workshop gave residents, partners and local third sector organisations the opportunity to influence and shape work taken forward by the committee.
3. The notes from the workshop session held at the October meeting are appended to this report for information at Appendix A.
4. The strategic recommendations and priorities that came out of the workshop have now been built into the ENE Employment and Skills Board Action Plan for further consideration.
5. Councillor Hussain (Inner North East Community Champion for Employment and Skills) chairs the Board and represents the Community Committee. Members of the Board include elected member representatives from the Inner East and Outer East, officers from Employment and Skills, the Area Support Team, Children's Services, Department for Work and Pensions and Leeds City College.

6. A draft ENE Employment and Skills Plan was agreed by the Board, with priority actions agreed for each Community Committee area and across the whole ENE area. These reflect discussions at the Inner North East Community Committee workshop session in October and issues emerging through other partnerships across the area. A further meeting of the Board is scheduled for early January to explore how actions have been progressed.
7. Three Headspace courses are currently being planned as per the recommendations. One is to take place at Northcall Community Centre on the 12th January at 12:30pm. An additional course is being planned to start in February and a venue is currently being sought. Discussions are ongoing to deliver a course in the Brackenwood estate.
8. Moortown Ward members agreed to fund a laptop to increase capacity at the job club being held at the Marjory Arnold Ziff Community Centre. Since this decision was made staff at the Marjory Arnold Ziff Community Centre has advised the laptop is no longer needed. This is because Leeds College of Building are delivering a city wide provision for over 50's on a Monday which was the same target for the job club. New provision has also been established at Northcall and Moor Allerton Library which has reduced demand.
9. The Moortown Community Group presented a deputation to the Community Committee to create a new community space at Moortown Corner. The aim of the proposal is to create a community space and kick start closer working with the local traders with the end objective of creating a town team.
10. Moortown Ward members have met with the Moortown Community Group, Area Support Team and staff from the Regeneration Team to discuss the proposal. The Regeneration Team are in the process of drawing up a feasibility study. In addition Moortown Community Group were provided with information relating to the establishment of Town Teams.
11. A member of the Friends of Allerton Grange also presented a deputation and proposal to the Community Committee on transport and economic prosperity of the Brackenwood Estate. Cllr Bill Urry sent the report to Cllr Richard Lewis (Executive Member for Transport) and John Henckle, Acting Director, Transport, West Yorkshire combined Authority. John has advised he will review and feedback to the Committee later this year.
12. A Third deputation was received from Woodhouse Ridge Action Group (WRAG) to create a new pedestrian crossing on Meanwood Road. The deputation has now been passed to Highways for investigation. A full survey will be done of the site to analyse the traffic and footfall. Further feedback will be provided to WRAG and the Committee once the survey has been completed.
13. Progress has started in a number of areas to address feedback from the October meeting: costs for a Microphone/PA system is being looked into, the meeting time has been brought forward to ensure there is enough time for public questions and twitter is now live.

14. Discussions have taken place with Job Centre Plus to create a jobs board at Community Committee meetings as suggested. We have been advised by Job Centre Plus this is not possible as jobs are advertised electronically using universal job match. This means vacancies are filled very quickly and any paper system will be outdated.
15. Since the last meeting on 6th October there has been an increase in those accessing the Inner North East Social Media Pages. Since the beginning on December the Area Support team have been actively seeking to create a Twitter profile (@LCC_InnerNE_CC). At the 5th of January the Committee has 41 followers and is following 61 accounts.

Conclusion

16. The Community Committee is making progress towards improving the way it engages and works with local stakeholders and partners. Feedback from the meetings and partners is that the new format and approach is welcomed and we are starting to give a higher profile to local issues.

Recommendations

17. 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/LCCInnerNE>
- Link to the Twitter Page for the Inner East Community Committee:
https://twitter.com/LCC_InnerINE_CC