

**Report of: Shaid Mahmood, West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North West Community Committee**

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**To note**

## **Community Committee Sub Group's Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the Community Committee sub groups.

### **Main issues**

1. The Community Committee currently has six sub groups looking at service provision within the functions of: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning & the Local Economy; Children's Services & Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being and Highways & Transportation as well as a Policy sub group.

2. Environment & Community Safety

The sub group met on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and was attended by members and officers from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management, Highways and the WNW Locality Team.

Highways gave an update on winter maintenance and gritting. Highways have been using the quad bike funded by the Community Committee for gritting in the ONW. The gritting routes for the bike is a work in progress at the moment and input about the routes is welcomed from members.

The WNW Environmental Action Team reported that the service restructure is about to enter phase 2. It was agreed that shift patterns would be phased in and now the service is in a position to move forward. This means the restructure will take more time to implement because it's being phased in rather than imposed.

Member asked if services would be overly stretched if Leeds was to bid to be the European Capital of Culture. It was decided the bid was a good idea in principle but more information is needed in relation to budgets and what would be expected of services.

Members felt there needed to be a briefing about the implications of the Tour de Yorkshire in regards to the impact on services.

### 3. Children's Services and Family Health

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January the first Outer North West Children and Young peoples' Engagement event took place at Trinity University. The event was organised in conjunction with the school clusters and the Voice and Influence Team. A total of 17 high schools and primaries attended from across all 4 clusters for a full day of activities. The aim of the event was twofold, to better understand the needs of children and young people in the area in terms of what activities they would like to see taking place over the coming year and to enable the students an opportunity to speak to Councillors, ask them questions and find out more about their roles and local governance.

Richard Cracknell from the Voice and Influence Team led a question and answer session with Councillors from the community committee. The students were asked to put forward questions and the Councillors responded.

The afternoon session saw 8 groups of Councillors and 63 students deciding together how best to spend a potential £56,000 Youth Activity Fund across the area. Some excellent feedback from the groups was received which will help shape future spend of the Youth Activity Fund.

Feedback from all the young people who attended was received and will identify anyone who would like to join the ONW Youth Panel.

A full report will be taken to the next Children's Services and Family Health sub group meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February for discussion.

### 4. Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being

The sub group met on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and was attended by a representative from Public Health and Brainbox Research Ltd. Discussions took place around Patient Forums, Joined Up Leeds and changes to the Blue Badge Scheme.

Joined Up Leeds: Lauren Cafeney a research academic from Brainbox Research explained how they are supporting the Council and the NHS to gather people's views on how their health information is used, who should be able to see the information, what should it be used for and how will people's privacy be protected. Views will be used to shape how services are brought closer together and develop useful health technology in the future.

Blue Badge Scheme: Members raised concerns that Leeds City Council's interpretation of the blue badge guidelines could result in unnecessary problems for the local

Neighbourhood Networks, both to the organisations themselves and also the vulnerable members of our communities who use their services.

## 5. Highways & Transportation

The sub group met on the 20<sup>th</sup> February and was attended by officers from Transport Planning and representatives from Rawdon Parish Council. Members discussed the recently published Options Assessment Report for Leeds Bradford Airport which focusses on connectivity to the airport and raised matters of concern with the Head of Transport Planning. The sub group agreed to write to the airport to clarify the publication date for the yet to be released Airport Masterplan, in preparation for a future Community Committee themed workshop, as it was felt this document would be required prior to any event being held.

## **Conclusion**

6. This report provides Members with an update on recent sub group activity undertaken by the Area Support Team.

## **Recommendations**

7. Outer North West Community Committee is requested to note the contents of the report and comment on any aspects of the matters raised.
8. Chairs of each sub group are asked to provide a verbal update on the work of their respective sub group.

## **Corporate considerations**

9. None applicable.

## **Background information**

Sub Group minutes