

Report of: the South East Area Leader

Report to: Outer South Community Committee (Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell)

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For decision

Outer South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention a summary of key work which the Area Support Team is engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Background information

2. The Community Committee has a Community Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Community Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Community Committee, Community Champions roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme: Children's Services

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Bob Gettings

Children & Families Sub Group

1. The Children and Families Sub Group met on 25th February 2015. Draft minutes will be circulated to members once approved by the chair. Highlights include:
 - a. Youth Activities Fund: an invitation to apply for Youth Activities Funding went live on Monday 6th October and the closing date for applications was Wednesday 5th November 2014. The Children and Families Sub Group reviewed applications, taking into account feedback from children & young people.
 - b. a review of the Action Plan.
2. The next meeting is scheduled for 10.00 am on 16th June 2015 at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre.

Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Neil Dawson

South Leeds Debt Forum

3. The South Leeds Debt Forum next meet on 14th April, 2pm at BITMO Gate.
4. The focus of the 23rd March Community Committee Workshop was on Achieving Positive Outcomes in the Labour Market for those with disabilities. An update on the outcome of the workshop will be provided at a future Community Committee.

Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Karen Bruce

Outer South Environmental Sub Group

5. The Outer South Environmental Sub Group met on 28th January 2015. Draft minutes have been circulated to all Ward Members.

Community Safety

6. The South East Locality Safety Partnership held a priority setting partnership event on 20th January 2015. The event included presentations from a number of partners covering various topics such as: Legal High / New and Emerging Drugs, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Anti Social Behaviour, Environmental Issues and Child Sexual Exploitation. The aim of the event was to set three priorities to focus on over the coming year. The three remaining Locality Safety Partnership meetings will each focus on one of these priorities:
 - Environment and Anti Social Behaviour

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Domestic Violence and Abuse

Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing Update

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Lisa Mulherin

Social Prescribing Programme

7. The following work provides an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place:
8. As outlined at a previous Community Committee, plans to progress the Social Prescribing programme (helping primary care to refer patients into local community and voluntary sector activities) are well underway, with high levels of interest and engagement from the voluntary sector following discussions at the South East Health and Wellbeing Partnership Forum event that was held in November 2014. A funding bid has now been submitted to LSE CCG to support the development of the social prescribing project in the Leeds South and East area.

Childhood Obesity Programme

9. A programme co-ordinator is now place for the Food Dudes Childhood Obesity Programme which is running across 4 areas (Armley, Bramley, Open XS and Morley and Tingley). Schools have been identified and the co-ordinator is looking to attend Cluster meetings to promote the programme.

Wellbeing Packs for vulnerable adults

10. Wellbeing packs continue to be distributed to vulnerable adults and older people via local neighbourhood networks, integrated health and social care teams, GPs, Care and Repair, Trading Standards scams and frauds team, Age UK, British Red Cross hospital to home service and the Fire Service.

Obesity & Physical Activity

11. Information has been shared with agencies and organisations across Leeds to encourage people to sign up to the 'Sugar Swaps' campaign. This new Change4Life campaign is focusing on reducing the amount of sugar consumed during the day. To support the campaign Leeds has organised a Smart Swapathon to encourage people to make swaps to reduce, not only sugar, but also fat and salt from everyday foods, or to think about ways to be more active. The Smart Swapathon will run from 19th January until the end of February and the number of swaps made in Leeds will be recorded in an online totalizer.

Mental Wellbeing Activity

12. Public Health has commissioned training programmes for localities including South East for local people affected by mental health and for frontline workers. This includes access to:

- **SafeTALK:** a half a day introduction that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. SafeTALK-trained helpers can recognise indicators and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST;
- **3 SafeTALK courses ran in South Leeds during November and December with 57 people attending the 3 courses. 50 out of the 57 people worked or volunteered for a South based agency or had a citywide role.**
- **ASIST** (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training): a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first-aid. ASIST trains participants to reduce the immediate risk of a suicide and increase the support for a person at risk. The workshop provides opportunities to learn what a person at risk may need from others in order to keep safe and get more help and is aimed at all kinds of caregivers - health workers, teachers, community workers, youth workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. **Bursary places are still available for the ASIST course**
- **Oblong:** a 7 week programme helping families rebuild, renew, and strengthen relationships impacted by parental mental health challenges.

Updates by theme: Adult Social Care

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Older Persons Working Group

13. The Outer South Community Committee Older People's Working Group met on 18th February 2015. Highlights include:

- a. An interim evaluation of the Wellbeing packs;
- b. An evaluation report on the Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme

14. Draft minutes and the Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme evaluation have been circulated to Members. The next meeting will take place on 15th June 2015.

Integrated Locality working

Neighbourhood Improvement Officer (NIO)

15. The NIO work programme has been approved by Ward Members. Planning is underway to deliver a series of events in all four wards. Updates will be provided to Members through the planned cycle of Ward Based Briefings and email.

Community Centre review

16. The "Community Centre Review – Proposals to Consult" paper was agreed at Leeds City Council Executive Board on 19th November 2014. Among other things, the Executive Board agreed a 12 week consultation to consultation on future options for those facilities in the Outer South. The consultation process formally started on Monday 15th December 2014. Due to the Christmas break the consultation period was extended by 2 weeks and ended on Sunday 22nd March 2015.

17. Local residents and partners were invited see the centres and discuss the options for their future. Consultation events took place as follows:

Centre	Ward	Consultation event	Options
St Gabriel's Community Centre	Ardsley & Robin Hood	3 rd March	<p>1. As the building is not owned by the Council, it could be passed back to the church for the Trustees to determine its future.*</p> <p>2. The building to be passed back to the church, with joint exploration of an operating model based on the current Management Committee supported by the Trustees and a diminishing grant investment from the Council. The Management committee to become a constituted body enabling them to access charitable funds. Development support via Voluntary Action Leeds or Locality.*</p> <p>3. The Council to retain the building with most of the responsibilities, but with increased usage and lower running costs and a strengthened partnership led by the Management Committee and Trustees.</p> <p>*it is likely that these options will require the building being returned to prelease condition.</p>
Gildersome Youth Club	Morley North	26 th February	<p>1. The proposal agreed with the community groups using the Youth Centre at Gildersome, which has the support of Gildersome Parish Council is to move all groups to an extended Meeting Hall facility on Town Street. Capital cost of this to be covered by the sale of the current youth centre building.</p> <p>2. Leeds City Council would save on all current revenue costs (around £30,000+). New groups would be encouraged to become key holders to reduce related costs. It might be expected that any additional revenue cost of the Meeting Hall would be marginal and covered by grants from Area Housing Panel, Community Committee or the Parish Council.</p> <p>3. The informal planning view is sympathetic to the proposal and the Council owns much of the area behind the Meeting Hall which could accommodate the extension.</p>
Lewisham Park	Morley South	10 th March	<p>1. The Lewisham Centre is taken over and operated by a Management Committee (which already exists and has charitable status). This group will work to embrace other community groups and probably Morley Town Council.</p> <p>2. A full repairing lease arrangement to be put into place with negotiations between the Council and the Management Committee on</p>

			<p>the level of rent and the condition of the building. The Management Committee is a registered charity so rates could be fully rebated.</p> <p>3. Morley Town Council and Housing Area Panel could be approached for costs of future repairs, as an independent body the management committee could apply for charitable grants which are not available to Leeds City Council.</p> <p>4. The management committee will be able to run the building more efficiently, the property recharge of around £10,000+ a year would be removed, bringing savings to £15,000+ of the total running costs.</p> <p>5. The Centre to receive a time limited grant from LCC to support the revenue costs including caretaking costs in recognition that it will not be possible to continue to operate without such a grant. This is the only community facility in Morley South and serves the most deprived neighbourhood in Outer South.</p>
Windmill Youth Centre	Rothwell	19 th February	<p>1. Close building and Trustee owners agree to sell it. Reinvest proceeds in developing community facilities in Rothwell.</p> <p>2. Local organisation partners the current Management Committee in operating and developing the facility.</p> <p>3. Council continues to manage and operate the building, but seeks a stronger Rothwell based partnership. Key holding to be introduced across all users and volunteer support to reduce costs to Council to an acceptable level. This option necessitates operating as a generic community facility to increase use.</p> <p>4. It has been suggested that by utilising upstairs space for office use, this could generate income to support the centre. Information received from Asset Management indicates that to convert space to office accommodation and make the upstairs DDA compliant it would cost £250k - £350k. This is not affordable.</p>

18. The product of the consultation was presented to the Outer South Community Centres Sub Group for consideration on Thursday 12th March 2015 before being presented to Outer South Community Committee, through this report and then reported back to the Councils Executive Board with timescales for further action.

19. Members are asked to note the consultation results and make recommendations as appropriate.

Localism

Community First Grants

20. The Community First Grants programme has now come to an end. Work is underway to pull together an evaluation of the scheme. The outcome of this will be shared with at a future Community Committee.

Conclusions

21. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

22. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.