

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey

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To Note and Approve

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the two sub groups of the Committee: Business, Employment & Skills and Environment.
2. This report updates the Committee on pieces of work and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
3. The Community Committee update report is submitted when there is additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity. Partner organisations and Council services will also contribute information to the Update Report

Recommendations

1. The Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the contents of the report, comment on any matters raised and suggest items for inclusion in future area update reports.
 - Consider creating a General Purposes Sub Group

Main issues

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of progress against the Area Support Team's work programme and local priorities.

2. Community Committees

Business Enterprise and the Economy

The Outer West Community Committee held a workshop last October which focused on delivering actions which support Business Enterprise and the Economy linked with employment opportunities.

It was agreed that any key actions from the October Workshop would be taken to a Business, Employment & Skills Sub Group.

Social Isolation

Partners and representatives met with the Outer West Community Committee to explore the topic of social isolation at a workshop on the 28th January at Pudsey House. There are a number of people vulnerable to social isolation and loneliness. Social isolation and loneliness impact on ones quality of life and wellbeing, adversely affecting health and increasing their use of health and social care services. The Community Committee, with the help of partners, explored social isolation and the impact on communities, how to find people who were socially isolated, establish what the issues are and consider how together they could respond to these issues.

The Area Support Team in partnership with Housing Leeds will be hosting a Big Lunch event at the New Street Grove Sheltered complex on the 7th June.

Further work is currently being explored in partnership with Public Health for the Outer West around Social Isolation.

Activities for Children & Young People

Ward Members, stakeholders and local residents met with young people in an interactive dragons den like workshop exploring activities that children and young people would enjoy. The workshop helped inform decisions made about commissioning projects through the Outer West Community Committee's Youth Activities fund. A number of key themes emerged including engaging with young people in a setting they're comfortable with, using social media to publicise activities, and providing a mechanism for young people to put forward ideas and represent their community.

The Area Support Team will partner with colleagues at working directly with young people from the Outer West area to design a new youth activities offer. A Youth Activities commissioning round is now currently being planned.

3. Sub Groups Update

Environment Sub Group

The Outer West Environmental Sub Group continues to meet to monitor the Service Level Agreement and identify relevant environmental issues. The Outer West Environment Sub Group met on the 19th November 2014 and discussed a report on the number of service requests, fixed penalty notices and legal notices served.

The report included the number of programmed sweeping blocks within this timeframe that had been carried out by the Locality Teams Street Kings and road sweepers in each of the Outer West Ward areas.

Four high visibility patrols had taken place of Victoria Park, with Environmental Action and the Dog Warden team to highlight the Dogs on Leads Order between 1pm-5pm in the park.

Business, Employment & Skills Sub Group

The Outer West Community Committee held a workshop last October which focused on delivering actions which support Business Enterprise and the Economy linked with employment opportunities. Following on from this meeting members decided to set up the Business, Employment and Skills Sub group which would look into taking this piece of work forward. The first meetings is to be chaired by Executive member Cllr Richard Lewis and it has been agreed that there will be 4 meetings held a year.

Members at their most recent meeting set their terms of reference (please see attached Appendix 1) and set out some key actions from the October Workshop that they would like to take forward. These were as follows;

- Supporting local people into employment and providing support to schools around opportunities for apprenticeships
- More mobile library / pop up facilities in areas where there are no services such as Farnley & Wortley
- Revitalising our high street offer and supporting businesses to ensure issues are resolved easily and fluidly

Before any work was to be undertaken members asked to clarify what work was already underway. This included any initiatives taking place citywide and more locally so that the actions could be aligned with existing priorities.

General Purposes Sub Group

Members are asked to consider creating a General Purposes Sub Group which will allow two main purposes:

- To allow Members to have more time to oversee current and future delegated services
- To allow Members to focus on key local priorities with the relevant service managers outside of Community Committee meetings.

Should members agree the AST will arrange a year's meetings in advance and it is suggested they should be held every three months between Committee meetings. Members will be asked to suggest future agenda items.

4. West Neighbourhood Improvement Board

It was agreed at the November 2014 West Neighbourhood Improvement Board that a plan on a page be developed for each of the priority neighbourhoods. Each plan will reflect the key priorities relevant to that neighbourhood. Since the November 2014 meeting, data on each area has been collated and reviewed and consultation with key partners, including Public Health, Employment and Skills, Community Safety, Housing Leeds and Children's Services has been undertaken. Draft plans on a page for seven priority neighbourhoods have been developed and were presented at the February 2015 meeting for consideration and discussion. Discussions have also been held with the Ward Members in Farnley and Wortley and the Inner West Members regarding Chair nominations for the new Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships in the Heights and Bawns, Wythers and Hawksworth Wood.

A paper was also produced to enable a focused look at New Wortley, and Bill Graham attended the meeting to talk about the 'Our Place' partnership work that is underway in New Wortley.

Next steps will be to finalise the neighbourhood improvement plans through the local neighbourhood improvement partnerships and develop a set of targets against actions, along with progressing programmes of work across all priority neighbourhoods.

5. Citizens @ Pudsey & Swinnow Forum – 21 January 2015 & Citizens @ Tyersal Forum – 4th February 2015

Both forums receive an update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, who reported on a series of successful arrests and prosecutions in the area recently. Half of the properties targeted are through insecure doors or windows, and crime prevention advice is provided by the officers.

The meetings have had representation from the West North West Locality Team, Parks & Countryside, Highways, Transportation, Housing Leeds, Planning and Private Sector Housing Team.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

6. Elected members are provided continued updates on the work of the Area Support team and consulted on the content of this report.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

7. There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

8. The Area Support Teams work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

d. Resources and value for money

9. There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

10. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

f. Risk Management

11. There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

Conclusion

12. This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Area Support Team.

Recommendations

13. The Committee is asked to:

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Background information

- **None**