

Report of West North West Area Leader

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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To note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
2. This report updates the Committee on community events, local projects and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Main issues

3. The Outer North West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates six sub groups: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy. Since the last meeting of the community committee the following sub groups have met:
4. Environment & Community Safety

This sub group has met twice since the last community committee, the first meeting focused on community safety issues and the second on environmental issues.

Community Safety

The sub group discussed a bid from Care and Repair for a burglary reduction scheme in outer north west, following CASAC, the previous target hardening provider, going into liquidation. It was agreed that Care & Repair should work with the Community Safety Coordinator on a new target hardening proposal, for the full community committee to consider.

A Community Speedwatch Scheme for the outer north west area was discussed. Community Speedwatch is a scheme run by volunteers with the support of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams. The aim is to deter drivers from speeding in 30 and 40 mph zones. It was agreed that Communities Team officers will work with the police to draft a menu of options to tackle speeding traffic, for the sub group to consider.

The sub group has chosen Road Safety as the topic for the next Community Committee workshop. The event is being planned for early October with officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Community Safety, Highways & Transportation and the Communities Team.

Environment

The Environmental Locality Team manager gave an update on the work of the new zonal teams and informed the meeting that the Bulky Waste Service will be provided by the Locality Team from the 27th July. A draft of the 2015/16 Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA) was circulated. The final draft will be brought to a future community committee meeting for consideration. The Locality Team has secured funding for an additional 2 littering signs per ward. Members were requested to advise the Locality Team of where they wish the additional signs to be sited.

An officer from Waste Management provided an update on the work of their service, which included information on alternate weekly collections (AWC). These continue to be rolled out with 65,000 properties now on AWCs. Information on the new incinerator was provided which should be complete by October 2015. The sub group requested a paper from Waste Management for the next meeting, outlining possible options to extend the garden waste collection service for outer north west.

5. Employment, Learning & the Local Economy

The sub group led on the Neighbourhood Planning topic for the community committee meeting on the 8th June. Representatives from the local neighbourhood planning areas attended a couple of sub group meetings and discussed priorities, successes and challenges in delivering a local plan. These discussions help feed into the topic discussions and colleagues in Forward Planning will continue to offer support to the groups.

At the last meeting in August, Members asked for further discussions on local employment opportunities and what help there was locally for supporting people back into work. This topic area will form part of the agenda for the next meeting in November.

6. Children's Services and Family Health

The sub group has met twice since the last update and discussed a number of issues. P.C Sally Bissett one of the Safer Schools officers for the area attended the meeting in July and talked about the challenges of her role and the methods of dealing with issues in school with children and supporting families in the home environment.

Gill Hunter, Community Safety Coordinator talked about Domestic Violence. An ongoing piece of work will focus on obtaining the quality mark for Domestic Violence training in Aireborough schools. Training will be based on the types of issues that are prevalent in the area. Having more skills and knowledge and able to signpost appropriately is the aim and the quality mark will demonstrate a level of competence.

Youth Service has been awarded £645k across the city from the Schools Forum to deliver work in schools. Approx. 1/3 work will take place around schools but there are no firm plans as yet; it could be after school clubs, group work or 1 to 1s, and will link in with Safer Schools officers.

7. Adult Social Care Health & Well-being

This sub group has met once since the last community committee meeting on the 8th June. The Deputy Director of Commissioning, Leeds North Commissioning Care Group (LNCCG) was invited to attend the meeting and provided an update on their priorities, these include: supporting families to have the best start in life; helping children to live healthy lifestyles; supporting people to be active and healthy; increase early detection of health conditions and improve care for people with long-term conditions; support carers and improve end of life care. The sub group welcomed the communication links which have been established between the community committee and LNCCG.

A representative from Leeds West Commissioning Care Group (LWCCG) presented information on the work of the Airevalley Medical Group. The group of practices in outer north west Leeds, has pooled funding to employ a team to help identify and work with people who are potentially vulnerable following discharge from hospital.

The sub group continues to explore opportunities to tackle social isolation in the outer north west area. An officer from Public Health presented information on 2 potential projects to help identify those who are socially isolated. The sub group agreed that both initiatives should be explored further and a report on the findings be brought to the next meeting.

8. Wharfedale Hospital

The Commissioning Care Group has confirmed that they would like to start a new 40-bed intermediate care service at Wharfedale Hospital in Otley. A ward at Wharfedale Hospital has remained empty for a number of years and the Outer North West Community Committee through the Health & Well-being Sub Group, has been campaigning for some time to have the empty ward brought back into use. The CCG confirmed that it is exploring the potential of running a new 40-bed community intermediate care service on the Wharfedale Hospital site. This will increase the number of beds available for short term, non-acute care and ensure easier access for those living in the North and West of the city.

9. Policy

Policy sub group met on the 28th July and discussed a number of subjects including social media with a report of activity for the Outer North West Community Committee Facebook page presented to Members. The Facebook page has grown in popularity but Members were keen to know what impact it has on events that are advertised. It was agreed Members would publicise the page where possible and encourage views. It was agreed that in the case of community centre free lets for Weston Lane Youth Centre and Cross Green Community Centre any applications would be approved or declined by the Otley and Yeadon ward councillors.

A discussion took place on the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) and Members were informed that an additional £52,000 had been added to the £10,000 already available to the community committee. Members asked for further clarification on where the funds had originated from and discussed whether the money should be divided equally between the 4 wards, be split between a central committee pot and the ward which had generated the money or another alternative.

Community Committee topics for the coming year were discussed and may include; the airport link road, road traffic safety measures and parking problems, engagement with young people and a potential celebration event for local voluntary organisations.

10. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Workshop

A workshop for Councillors from the Outer North West and Outer West Community Committees together with representatives from Neighbourhood Planning areas took place on 28th July at Trinity University. Officers from Forward Planning gave a presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy, with an opportunity to ask questions.

Councillors and representatives then sat down to consider set questions on how committees could work together with parished areas to consider and fund local priorities. Potential issues and barriers were considered and what the Neighbourhood Fund Guidance should contain.

11. New Pricing Policy for Community Centres

The new three point pricing policy for community centres within the Citizens and Communities portfolio was implemented for new bookings on 1st May 2015. This was agreed by Executive Board in July 2014. The new policy sets prices at commercial and community rates and allows Community Committees to agree free lettings in their community centres. In order to improve accountability for these decisions, free lettings now need to be agreed for each individual letting. Each Community Committee is able to agree the delegated approval process that best suits their needs.

A second stage review will look at developing the community centre delegation arrangements to increase accountability at a local level. Initial discussions will take place with Community Committee Chairs to scope this work including the possibility of greater budget delegation. The implementation of the pricing review has uncovered a number of deficiencies in the availability of management information relating to the

usage and financial performance of community centres, which is needed to underpin an improved Community Committee delegation. This will be addressed during review of lettings processes, including the move towards online transactions.

A major review is commencing of the service level agreement between Citizens and Communities and Civic Enterprise Leeds covering caretaking, cleaning, repairs, programmed maintenance and building management. Community Committees will be involved in this process as it takes shape.

The new pricing policy for Community Centres only affects Weston Lane and Cross Green community centres in the outer north west area. Following discussions with the Policy sub group a process to approve free lets has been agreed. If an application is received from an organisation requesting a free let the Communities Team will email Otley & Yeadon members with details of the application, to ask them whether they want to approve or not.

12. Yeadon Hub

The newly refurbished Yeadon library re-opened on the 20th July 2015. The library, which is now also a one stop centre has undergone major refurbishment work including the installation of a passenger lift. The improvements have transformed the library into a friendlier user space and will also provide easier access for local residents to a wide range of Council Services.

13. **Conclusions**

The Outer North West Community Committee sub groups provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider information on key areas of work in partnership with officers and community organisations, as well as enabling direct links to be established with the Community Champions and Executive Board Members.

Recommendations

14. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Note the community events, local projects and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
- Agree the process set out at section 11 to approve free lets.

Background information

- Not applicable