

Report of: The South East Area Leader

Report to: The 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

3. The Children and Families Sub Group met on 18th June 2015 and minutes have been circulated to the group and Ward Members by email. Highlights include:
 - a. Outer South Clusters presented an out of schools activities evaluation with regard to the Youth Activities Fund. Copies available to Members on request.

- b. Children's Services provided information with regard to Children & Young People Engagement and an update on the development of the Peer Inspection process
- c. The Action Plan was reviewed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.00am on 10th November 2015 at Morley Town Hall.

Fostering Events

4. Following a request from Councillor Bruce (Chair of the Outer South Community Committee) and Councillor Gettings (Outer South Children's Champion) the opportunity to host two Fostering events in Rothwell and Morley was pursued. As a result, two Fostering events have taken place on 30th July 2015 (Rothwell Library) and 10th September 2015 (Morley Town Hall).
5. At the time of writing this report, the Rothwell event had taken place however attendance to the event was poor. The Communities Team South East will be working with the Children's Champion, Leeds Fostering Service and Ward Members to promote attendance at the Morley event.
6. Leeds Fostering Service is looking to expand the hub service and have 3 prospective Fostering Hubs around the city and is currently looking for venues in the South and East areas of the City.
7. The Fostering Team will be invited to the next Outer South Children's & Families Sub Group to provide an update and evaluation of the events.

Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare Community Committee Champion: Cllr Neil Dawson

8. The Community Committee Employment, Skills and Welfare themed workshop was held on Monday, 23rd March 2015 and focused on achieving positive outcomes in the labour market for disabled people.
9. The Communities Team South East collated information from the round table discussions and developed a local action plan. Following the appointments of Community Committee Champions in June 2015, the action plan of this and other workshops will be circulated and monitored through Community Committee Champion's meetings, the first of which is on 14th September 2015 with updates subsequently provided through the Summary of Key Work report.

Money Buddies Project

10. Outer South Community Committee approved £1,995 to deliver the project across the Outer South area. Ebor Gardens Advice Centre (EGAC) first piloted the Money Buddy service in 2012. Since then, the Money Buddy project has not only developed but increased in staff size. In addition, demand for the Money Buddy service by clients and other service providers in Leeds has increased significantly.

11. Leeds Money Buddy project continues to be developed; currently there are 12 Money Buddy outreach services, with seven more in the process of being set up and three more in the process of being sourced.
12. To date, Money Buddies are active in four centres in the South East wards: Morley One Stop Centre (OSC), Dewsbury Road OSC, St George's Middleton OSC and Osmondthorpe OSC. The synopsis of achievements for South East to date is given below:

Number individual Clients interviewed in full	Total Financial Gains* (£)	Number Sessions to date	Average Financial Gain per Client	Average Financial gain per session	Clients in debt because of low income %	Returning clients %
59	62370	88	1057	708	64	5

* As result of e.g. utilities switch / utilities arrears / debt consolidation etc.

13. In addition, 33% of clients interviewed were identified as requiring specialist legal debt advice. They were referred to debt advisers, where an additional £8229.24 has been written off or saved as cash flow.
14. A further three venues have been confirmed for South Leeds: Rothwell OSC, Garforth OSC and Beeston Library with venues at East Ardsley and Robin Hood to be confirmed. A Money Buddy for Rothwell OSC has been recruited and scheduled to start early October 2015. To date, over half the Money Buddy volunteers recruited have succeeded in gaining full time employment.
15. Regular updates on number of Money Buddies recruited, numbers of people supported and type of support given will be provided to members through Ward Based Briefings and/or Community Committee meetings.

Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety Community Committee Champion: Cllr Karen Bruce

Outer South Environmental Sub Group

16. The Outer South Environmental Sub Group was held on 13th May 2015 and updates were given by Housing Leeds, the Environmental Locality Team and Parks and Countryside. Minutes have been circulated to the group and Ward Members by email. The next meeting is scheduled for 4.00 pm on 23rd September 2015.

Community Safety

17. The Community Committee Environment & Community Safety themed workshop was held on Monday, 29th June 2015 and focused on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), what it is and what the Council and partners are doing to tackle it. Workshop follow up actions are highlighted below:

- Power Point presentations circulated to all attendee's via email
- Details of schools and clusters in Outer South provided who have been resistant to the approaches of Blast, Basis and the CSE team
- Details of the CSE reporting process including appropriate links and pictures of website emailed to Ward Members
- In addition to Basis and Blast, information emailed to Ward Members regarding the CSE projects carried out by Shantona and Getaway Girls
- Source information about local CSE work and provide the information to Ward Members
- Provide details of organisations that attend the practitioners meeting

18. Members have funded a Wellbeing Project with regards to a number of crime reduction items which included holiday packs containing timer switches, television simulators and motion detector alarms to help reduce burglary. These packs have been purchased and distribution across the four wards has started. The aim is that the neighbourhood watch co-ordinators will be the custodians of the packs and loan some of the item out to members within the watch (for example the TV simulator). Other crime reduction items were also funded such as bike security skins, shed alarms, marking kits and number plate screws. These items will be distributed via events across the four wards over the coming months. The South Housing Leeds Area Panel have also matched some of the items, funding additional vehicle packs to help reduce vehicle crime.

Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing Update Community Committee Champion: Cllr Lisa Mulherin

The following work provides an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place:

Social Prescribing Programme

19. The NHS and Leeds South & East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is delighted to announce a winning bidder for its new 'social prescribing' service, which will act as a single point of access to a wide range of community groups and activity with the aim to reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing.

20. The innovative service will be delivered by the mental health charity Leeds Mind, working in partnership with voluntary sector support groups Touchstone, BARCA, Leeds Irish Health and Homes, Hamara and Better Leeds Communities (BLC).

21. The winning bid was identified following a rigorous tender process which was assessed by a panel of health experts and patient representatives. The CCG is working through the implementation of the service with the lead provider Leeds Mind and it will launch late autumn. Further stakeholder communications and engagement around the service will be made in subsequent summary of key work reports, including a media opportunity in September 2015, branding exercise, and awareness raising activity with health professionals and the public.

Winter Wellbeing

22. A meeting of the Older Person working Group in July received confirmation that that Public Health was working on a citywide offer for Winter Wellbeing Packs (containing food and warmth resources) for socially isolated people to be used as an engagement tool. The packs will be made available to a variety of organisations for distribution. To support this, a 'Winter Friends' training session will be delivered to organisations distributing the packs. Organisations will receive an invite to the training and an update on pack allocations. The training will allow Winter Friends to:

- learn signs and symptoms of isolation
- signposting and referral opportunities
- high impact interventions for support
- links to Leeds-wide Winter Friends media campaign and
- provide a networking opportunity for organisations to understand capacity and challenges in reaching isolated people

23. There is a potential for 121 for each Community Committee area. Therefore, to complement the city wide approach, it is left to the discretion of each Older Persons Working Group to arrange complementary winter support which may include the additional purchase of winter warmth packs from the preferred provider.

24. This year the Community Committee has ring-fenced £4,000 for Wellbeing packs and based on Public Health's costing, that would allow the Outer South Community Committee to purchase an additional 269 packs, giving a total of 390 packs.

25. At the Housing Advisory Panels (HAPs) Cross City Chairs Group on 9th September 2015, Chairs were advised that Public Health will be promoting a citywide approach this year and was asking each of the HAPs for £2K. This would provide approximately 134 packs which will be delivered to Council tenants via the local housing offices.

26. The impact of this to Outer South is likely to be an additional allocation of 134 packs which together with the 390 mentioned above would give the Outer South 524 packs.

27. Given concerns in previous years about people getting more than one pack, difficulties in identifying vulnerable and isolated people and the poor distribution of packs, it might be that 524 packs targeted through Housing, Public Health and local elderly networks and supported by 'Winter friends' would be sufficient.

28. CCG Commissioned First Aid Courses – Leeds South & East CCG have funded 130 first aid courses to run across the area. The courses are being organised by Children's Services with the aim of reaching parents, grandparents and carers. To date, 87 courses have been booked with the delivery of 27 started in June and July 2015.

29. Leeds South & East CCG has committed to fund recurrently additional welfare advice sessions with Citizens Advice Bureau for patients. Venues in Outer South have now been confirmed. The sessions that have been running for a few weeks now and are proving successful and sessions yet to start are beginning to attract customers.

30. Food Dudes Project – The project co-ordinator and team have been working with schools and clusters in all the areas to engage them in the programme. Contact has been made with 14 schools in the Morley, Ardsley and Tingley areas. Two schools are set for the programmes to start in September 2015 with a further 4 joining in January 2016. Of the remaining 8 schools, 4 are hoping to join the programme once funding is secured and the other 4 have declined taking part.

Updates by theme: Adult Social Care

Community Committee Champion: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Older Persons Working Group

31. The Outer South Community Committee Older People's Working Group met on 15th June 2015 and minutes have been circulated by email. Highlights included working with Public Health with a view to taking part in the city wide offer and the collation and distribution of Winter Wellbeing Packs (as above). Ward Members will have received information via email regarding this. The next meeting of the group will take place on 14th October 2015.

32. International Day of Older People – two events are planned: 30th September 2015, Blackburn Hall, Rothwell, facilitated by Rothwell & District Live at Home and 14th October 2015, Morley Town Hall, facilitated by Morley Elderly Action and an update will be given at the next meeting.

Outer South Community Centres Sub Group

Chair: Cllr Bob Gettings

33. The Community Centres sub group met on 9th June 2015 and minutes have been circulated by email. Highlights include the revised Community Centre Pricing Policy (see below) and a review of the Action Plan. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 3rd November 2015.

Community Centre Pricing Policy

34. At Executive Board in July 2014, it was decided that Community Committees would approve free lettings based on the priorities for their area. Under the new process organisations making bookings will be advised of the cost of their booking at the point of enquiry. If they are willing and able to pay the fee then their letting will be processed as quickly as possible. If they are requesting a free letting then they will be asked to complete an application and this will be forwarded to the appropriate contact for the Community Committee where the decision will be made by a Delegated Decision Notice process seeking approval by email with Ward specific Members giving at least 2 weeks' notice.

35. A breakdown of free lets since July 2015 is summarised below:

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Dates	Value
Ardsley and Robin Hood	St Gabriel's Community Centre	Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL)	01/09/15 to 31/08/16	£475.00
Ardsley and Robin Hood	Tingley Community Centre	Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL)	01/09/15 to 31/08/16	£1,235.00
Morley South	Lewisham Park	Kids For Kids	01/09/15 to 31/08/16	£10,816.00
Morley South	Lewisham Park	John Brian Appleyard (Mental Health)	01/09/15 to 31/08/16	£1,749.00
Morley South	Lewisham Park	Leeds Youth Service	05/08/15	£100.00
Morley North	Gildersome Youth Centre	4th Morley (Gildersome) Scouts	01/09/15 to 31/07/16	£1,520.00
Morley North	Gildersome Youth Centre	4th Morley (Gildersome) Scouts	01/09/15 to 31/07/16	£1,280.00
Morley North	Gildersome Youth Centre	4th Morley (Gildersome) Beaver Scouts	01/09/15 to 31/07/16	£912.00
Rothwell	Windmill Youth & Community Centre	Rothwell & District Gateway Club	01/09/15 to 31/07/16	£3,100.00
Rothwell	Windmill Youth & Community Centre	Rothwell Judo Club	01/09/15 to 31/08/16	£1,287.50
			Total	£22,474.50

Community Committee Champions

36. The Outer South Community Committee, at its meeting on 29th June 2015 considered a Forward Plan Report and agreed its recommendations. The report confirmed the Community Committee Champion role would aim to provide local leadership for each theme, whilst acting as a critical interface with services. Meeting on a quarterly basis, Community Committee Champions, along with Service Leads would be well placed to shape the local agenda around each theme. Themed workshops were introduced to provide a forum for Councillors, residents and services to consider issues affecting their communities and find solutions. The topics would be determined by Committee Champions in collaboration with Service Leads. The Outer South Community Committee held the following workshops in 2014/15 covering key issues in the area. These were:

- Children's Services: (Children & Families Working Group) Things for Children and Young People To Do (October 2014)
- Health & Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: (Older Persons Working Group) Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness (February 2015)
- Employment, Skills & Welfare: Achieving Positive Outcomes in the Labour Market for Disabled People (March 2015)
- Environment and Community Safety: Child Sexual Exploitation (June 2015)

37. The next Community Champions meeting is planned for 14th September 2015 and the agenda and short action plans developed following each of the above workshops have been circulated. It is expected that services and key partners would follow up the delivery of these workshop action plans. It is envisaged that some of this work summarised in the action plans would be pursued through the Community Committee Sub Groups as well as through discussions with Community Committee Champions. Following future workshops, updates will be provided through the Summary of Key Work report.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

38. The Community Infrastructure Levy allows local authorities to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area. The funds raised will go towards a wide range of infrastructure that is needed to support the city wide development such as transport improvements, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health/social care facilities, park improvements, green spaces and leisure centres.

39. The CIL is applied as a charge on each square metre of certain types of new buildings. It replaces the current method of requesting amalgamated contributions from developers, called Section 106 planning obligations.

40. The Leeds CIL Charging Schedule was adopted by the Council on 12th November 2014, and charging was implemented on 6th April 2015. It applies to all relevant development after this date.

41. Two CIL information workshops were held on 15th and 31st July 2015 and a summary of key issues discussed will be shared with the Community Committees by the Council's Planning Team.

Communities Heroes Event

42. A celebration event took place on 10th June 2015 at Blackburn Hall, Rothwell to honour the groups and individuals who have worked hard to help the people of South Leeds and make it a better place to live.

43. The celebration recognised the work of local people who are committed to improving their neighbourhoods and making a difference. Special guests included the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Judith Chapman, the Chief Executive, Tom Riordan and Ward Members.

44. Representatives from community groups were presented with chocolates by Councillor Karen Bruce, the Chair of the Outer South Community Committee and certificates by the Lord Mayor for their work. The work of the Outer South Community Committee was also highlighted to show some of the great initiatives it has supported over the past year and how it helps shape local services.

45. The event gave residents and groups an opportunity to share information, network and also visit information stalls from organisations such as Housing Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, Morley Elderly Action, Rothwell & District Live at Home Scheme and many more.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

48. 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.