

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. The report also updates the Committee on community forums 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.
4. Environment & Community Safety
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The sub group received an update from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. It was reported that recorded crime in the area has increased however this is due to a more stringent approach to recording of crime. The availability of cannabis was discussed and the perception is that cannabis is easy to obtain in the area.

Sergeant Beck confirmed that West Yorkshire Police has a Planning Architectural Liaison Officer (PALO) who comments on the design of new developments from a police perspective. Following the meeting a letter has been issued to the Chief Planning Officer, querying if advice given by the PALO is taken into account when considering applications for new developments.

Leeds Anti-social Behaviour (LASBAT), Housing Leeds and the Community Safety Co-ordinator also provided updates on their respective services.

6. Environment

Parks & Countryside presented a report on burial provision noting that a range of locations have been identified as possible sites for new provision. The sub group noted the information and agreed to forward details of any potential new sites. The Operations Manager also provided details of the changes in work patterns for some Parks & Countryside staff during the winter months and advised Members that seventy-five percent of new apprenticeship staff will be allocated to the outer north west area.

The Locality Manager for Environmental services informed the sub group that leafing work has commenced with the team concentrating on heaviest footfall areas first. The sub group also discussed a range of options to tackle dog fouling and looked at models from other areas. Members raised a number of issues around the frequency of gully cleansing and the Locality Manager agreed to look into this issue and report back at the next meeting.

7. Parks & Countryside Delegation

A special meeting of the Environment & Community Safety sub group took place on the 9th September to discuss the Parks & Countryside delegation. Officers from the service presented information on the delegation and answered questions. Members of the sub group confirmed that they are satisfied with the work of the operations manager and wish to continue as they are for now, subject to receiving exception reports from the Parks & Countryside service.

8. Employment Learning and the Local Economy

The sub group met on the 4th November and the main focus was on young people who were classed as NEET, (not in education, employment or training). Sally Lowe from the 14 – 19 Senior Partnership Team advised members that the numbers of NEET young people in the ONW was low compared with the rest of the city. Sally talked about the work that was done in schools and through Aspire IGEN to help young people to prevent them becoming NEET in the first instance and to provide information, advice and guidance when they had left school with no planned destination.

Simon Betts from Job Centre Plus spoke about the local job centre in Guiseley and its role in helping unemployed local people. He also provided statistics on the number of long term and short term unemployed. The data appears to show that the overall numbers of people who are unemployed for less than 6 months are relatively low and that the numbers of people in long term unemployment are also low.

9. Children's Services and Family Health

The sub group last met on 23rd October and the meeting was attended by Mary Armitage Targeted Services Lead who talked about the citywide priorities for Children's Services and led a detailed discussion on the responsibility for children's mental health services with input from the local clusters.

The sub group has also agreed that the focus of their workshop for community committee in January 2016 will be to engage with children and young people, building on the successful event in January this year. It is hoped young people themselves will have more input into the day and present information to the committee about their involvement in volunteering in the outer north west and on the Youth Activity Funded activities.

10. Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being

The sub group last met on the 10th November. Kath Lindley from Tenfold, the Learning Disability Forum in Leeds attended the meeting to talk about community members with learning disabilities and the issues they face with regards the provision that is available as their carers get older. The sub group was very concerned that some adults with learning disabilities may face eviction from their homes following the death of a parent if their name is not on the tenancy. Members agreed to investigate this matter further and asked that an officer from Housing Leeds be invited to the next meeting of the sub group to provide further information.

Jon Hindley Advanced Health Improvement Specialist informed sub group members that following a suggestion made at the Social Isolation workshop and the subsequent support of this sub group, approval has been given to pilot a mobile phone application that will provide guidance on how to identify socially isolated community members and crucially further assistance will be provided on next steps such as who to refer the person to or which service to inform.

11. **Community Committee Workshops**

The Outer North West Community Committee held a Road Safety workshop on the 7th October 2015. Representatives from 5 local Parish and Town Councils and also local community groups joined Members and officers from Highways & Transportation and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss how they can work in partnership to prioritise and support road safety initiatives. Feedback from the workshop has been referred to the Environment & Community Safety sub group and a number of actions are being explored, including a Community Speed Awareness Scheme and an information leaflet detailing which service to contact with road safety concerns.

12. Citizens@Guiselley & Rawdon Forum

As well as the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Paul Foster Principal Transport Planner came to the September meeting to talk about the work carried out by his team. His team is responsible for conducting visual traffic counts and installing tubes across the roads which automatically measure numbers but can also measure speed. They are responsible for analysing data from traffic accidents and considering ways to deal with identified problems on the roads. A number of local issues were highlighted and potential solutions discussed. The next meeting is on 25th November.

13. Citizens@Holt Park Forum

The forum was held on the 9th September, the main focus of the meeting was the Holt Park District Centre. The Principle Land & Property Officer from LCC Asset Management & Regeneration informed the meeting that in August 2015 LCC entered into an exclusivity agreement with St James Securities. St James now has 9 months in which to enter into discussions with Asda. If Asda do not engage within this timeframe the council will go ahead with selling the land. Residents raised a number of concerns surrounding the retailer and it was suggested that a representative from Asda's head office be encouraged to attend the next forum meeting.

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Environmental Services, Waste Management, Parks & Countryside and Housing Leeds were also in attendance to provide an update on their service and answer questions.

14. Parish & Town Council Forum

Community Committee Members and representatives from 4 local Parish and Town Councils attended the forum meeting on the 13th October. Following a request made at the last forum this meeting was Highway themed. Officers from Highways & Transportation presented information on local highway maintenance priorities and also the proposed airport link road.

15. Housing Leeds Update on Rosemont

Members will recall that in October 2014 the community committee received a deputation from the residents of Rosemont sheltered housing scheme. Following this, Leeds City Council has been considering the future for the scheme and architects have been appointed to work with Housing Leeds to develop options, in consultation with tenants. Architects are now reworking the scheme designs and costs based on the outcomes of topographical and tree surveys. The designs have been shared with the residents and once planning approval has been achieved the scheme will be redeveloped.

16. **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.

17. **Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Note the community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.