

Report of: The South East Area Leader

Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)

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For decision

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF KEY WORK

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention a summary of key work which the Communities 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 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

3. Children's Services' profile for Community Committees: A first draft of a 'Children's Services profile for Community Committees' is being prepared which is planned to be produced every 6 months. It is anticipated that an annual update report will be presented to Community Committee in autumn. Members will be kept up to date as this work progresses.

Youth Engagement

4. At the Community Committee Champion's meeting on 12th January it was agreed to trial engagement events between young people and Ward Members. Communities Team South East will work in partnership with Youth Service and Clusters to develop a proposal, with the first being held in Temple Newsam ward.

Updates by theme: Employment, Skills and Welfare

Junction 45

5. A major development is being proposed for the east of Junction 45 (M1) to the south of Pontefract Lane. This includes:
 - up to 1,100 dwellings,
 - a food store (possibly 2,000sq.m,)
 - local centre
 - school
 - areas of public open space
6. Officers are working with the developers to explore employment and skills opportunities. The outline planning application is now publicly available with reference number 15/07655/OT.

South Leeds Debt Forum

7. The forum was formed in 2013 to deliver localised action around debt, money management and financial literacy. The Communities Team South East has been tasked with re-establishing the forum. Elected Members will be kept informed of developments as the project develops.

Money Buddies

8. At the Outer East Community Committee in December 2015, Members requested an update on the roll out of Money Buddies.
9. The scheme went live in October 2015 and services now operate from Osmondthorpe and Garforth One Stop centres and 14 other outlets around Leeds. Since its roll out in Outer East the two Money Buddy centres have recorded:
 - Financial gains for clients as a direct result of seeing a Money Buddy = £20,498.23
 - Financial gains as a result of being referred for legal debt advice = £15,969.00
 - Total Financial Gains in the Outer East are = £36,067.23
 - Overall financial gain in Leeds last year was = £574,000
10. In terms of other centres being provided in Outer East, Money Buddies is investigating needs and potential. Communities Team South East will continue to liaise with Money Buddies and keep Members informed of progress.
11. The Money Buddies Operations Manager has indicated that whilst the results are encouraging, there remains considerable scope to promote the service. Communities Team South East has offered use of notice-boards, increased promotion on

Facebook and whatever other assistance they can. This will include highlighting the offer to colleagues in appropriate organisations.

Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Update

Leeds South and East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Third Sector Grants

12. NHS Leeds South and East CCG has announced that a further 14 projects will benefit from its £1million Third Sector Grant Scheme, following on from 24 awarded last year. The grants will help the CCGs deliver ambitious plans to improve health and wellbeing, prevent ill health and ultimately enable local people to lead healthier lives across the South and East of the city. The second round of the programme closed in December 2015 with 46 applications received. Of the applications received, 10 of the 38 schemes costing £50,000 and 4 of the 8 schemes costing £5,000 were approved with a total of £400,043 allocated.
13. Successful applicants demonstrated that they met needs of the CCG population and could address key population health issues as well as key NHS challenges e.g. reducing A&E attendance. The panel included patients, GPs and representatives from the CCG, Public Health and the Third Sector. The announcement follows the first round of the programme which closed in June 2015 and resulted in 24 organisations receiving almost £600,000.

Social Prescribing

14. Connect for Health, the Leeds South and East CCG commissioned social prescribing service, launched on 23rd November 2015 following recruitment of a Project Manager, Team Leaders and Wellbeing Coordinators. The teams' focus has been to engage GP practices and compile a list of activities available to signpost or refer into. Between the launch date and the end of 2015 the service has seen 40 people. The main issues raised have been around mental health and social isolation. The service's website is live and organisations are encouraged to register their services, groups and activities on the site: <https://connectforhealthleeds.org.uk/>

Smoking Cessation

15. The Leeds South and East CCG have set a local target of reducing smoking prevalence rates. In March 2015, the Centre for Health Promotion Research, part of the Institute for Health and Wellbeing at Leeds Beckett University were commissioned by Leeds South and East CCG to undertake the Smoking Insight Evaluation.
16. The overarching aim of the evaluation was to gain a comprehensive understanding of how stop smoking interventions can be tailored to reduce smoking prevalence in the Leeds South and East population. Following on from this report, a group have formed and are leading on:
 - Joint working between primary care engagement team and smoking cessation advisors to promote services to GP Practices
 - The development of a local media campaign to promote local smoking cessation advisors
 - Ways local people can be supported / accessed to try to stop smoking and a potential Cut Down to Quit Programme.

Integration and Social Isolation

17. Reports on the integration of health and social care and also an update on work to address social isolation in the Outer East will be presented to the June Community Committee meeting.

Updates by theme: Community Safety & Environment

Community Safety

18. From 15th February 2016 West Yorkshire Police implemented a new operating model which will form the central plank of the Community Committee workshop: The new model will see a change to the work undertaken by Inspectors, Sergeants and Police Constables. The aim is to better meet calls for service and local demands. The changes will mean:

- Inspectors taking on a locality based role and thematic responsibilities across the locality, deploying response Officers across the locality and maintaining a footprint at a Partnership Working area level (Community Committee area)
- Sergeants in charge of the local Partnership Working Area Neighbourhood Teams
- Police Constables becoming ward managers, managing and deploying PCSOs to local problem solving
- The new structure will ensure greater flexibility in meet existing and future challenges, whilst maintaining and building on the neighbourhood policing structure.

19. There will now be a brief Powerpoint presentation on the changes.

Halton Moor public house (asb in area)

20. Youths have been causing a nuisance / anti-social behaviour around and beyond the Halton Moor Public House. This has led to ongoing problems including buses being damaged, stones being thrown at vehicles and a taxi-drivers' protest gaining media coverage.

21. The youths are believed to have formed a gang and use the vacated Halton Moor pub as base for their activities. Communities Team South East has co-ordinated a series of meetings to explore solutions. Tasking has identified new perpetrators and Ward Members have held a meeting with the Police, Localities, Youth Service, Housing and Regeneration requesting the Derelict & Nuisance team, accompanied by the Police, should meet with the site owners to try and agree sale of the site.

Strong and Resilient Communities: Prevent

22. To support delivery of the Prevent programme, it has been agreed that related activity delivered through the Council will transfer from Safer Leeds to Citizens and Communities. This will improve the link between Prevent and locality working and help develop closer, more joined up service development and delivery.

23. On the 19th October 2015, the Government published its National Counter Extremism Strategy which seeks to tackle all forms of extremism: violent and non-violent; Islamist and neo-Nazi, and to improve the understanding of the causes and impacts. The strategy's four main strands are:

- Counter the extremist ideology
- Build a partnership with all those opposed to extremism
- Disrupt extremists
- Build more cohesive communities

24. The strategy followed the introduction of the Prevent duty on 1st of July 2015, as part of the government Counter Terrorism and Security Bill 2015. This places a statutory duty for certain specified authorities, including local authorities, to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism. This means local authorities, schools, HE and FE establishments, probation, prisons, and the police must:

- Assess risk of radicalisation in their area or institution
- Develop an action plan to reduce this risk
- Train staff to recognise radicalisation and extremism
- Work in partnership with other partners
- Establish referral mechanisms and refer people to channel
- Maintain records and reports to show compliance

25. Implementation of the duty will be inspected by the Home Office who will: oversee compliance; gather data from specified authorities above; and issue direct guidance if there is non-compliance with the duty.

26. All specified authorities, as a starting point, should demonstrate awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation in their area, institution or body. This risk will vary greatly and can change rapidly; no area, institution or body is risk free. Whilst the type and scale of activity that will address the risk will vary, all specified authorities will need to give due consideration.

27. Since July 2015, work has been taking place with schools, further and higher education institutions and front-line workers, to build confidence and raise awareness of the duty and statutory obligations of key institutions.

28. Prevent training sessions have been organised previously for elected members but engagement has been low. Moving forward, we hope that Community Committees will play a much more active role in the delivery of Prevent through the Strong and Resilient Communities programme and ideas about how this work be taken forward within localities are sought.

Austhorpe Road Improvement

29. Following the tragic death of a pedestrian who was hit by a lorry in 2014, the Austhorpe Road Improvement Scheme in Cross Gates town centre is now underway with completion scheduled for early May.
30. For the first 6 weeks of the programme, kerbing and footway works mean the main road will be one-way from Station Road to Church Lane between 9:30am and 5pm. (Diversion via Church Lane, Manston Drive and Ring Road.) Full road closures are also being introduced at junctions for certain works. Some are taking place in the early evening and Sundays to reduce disruption.
31. The final 2 weeks of the project sees installation of power supplies, works to the traffic signals and resurfacing and lining. Carriageway resurfacing and road markings will be carried out under full road closure with the resurfacing of Tranquility being carried out during the working week and Austhorpe Road being resurfaced on a Sunday when the traffic is lighter and the majority of businesses are closed.

Outer East Environmental Sub Group

32. The Outer East Environmental Sub group met on 15th December and the next meeting will be held on 19th April. Minutes of the meeting were previously circulated to members by email.

Flooding

33. Twenty nine request forms were returned at the December 2015 Community Committee and these are being individually assessed and affected residents contacted. The response was affected by the major flooding which hit parts of Leeds at the start of this year. As problems in the Outer East generally arise through flash flooding and the Christmas issues arose from rising river levels, Outer East Leeds escaped the Christmas flooding.
34. The Action Plan arising from the December Workshop is attached as *Appendix 1*.
35. During the Christmas flooding around Leeds, Cross Gates Brownies and Guides provided support in the city centre by volunteering to help in whatever way they could. Meanwhile Garforth Flood Alleviation Group played a key role in organising the Flooding Exhibition including seminars/talks and presentations in the centre of Leeds from the 19th-21st of January. Subsequently the group has produced a Yorkshire Flood Firm Register (unendorsed) with helpful contact details for people in the throws or aftermath of flooding.

Community Committee Champions

36. The Community Committee Champions' met on 12th January 2016. A special meeting of Community Committee Champions was held on 9th February 2016 where applications to Youth Activities Fund were considered. Details of applications and decisions features in the Wellbeing Report.

Community

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

37. Funding transfers will be twice yearly with the next update in March 2016. Since October 2015 £0 has been allocated to the Outer East.

38. The Community Committee is asked to consider establishing a CIL sub group which will set out a plan for local delivery and explore how local infrastructure plans and priorities are determined and aligned to the release of CIL funds. It is proposed all Members of the Community Committee can attend alongside key partners from Town and Parish Councils, an Area Planning Officer and Area Officer. The Chair of the Community Committee should also chair this sub-group.

Commemorating the First World War: Somme 2016

39. At the Executive Board Meeting on 10th February 2016, the Director of City Development submitted a report which sought to recognise and promote the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme, together with the involvement of the Leeds Pals. 1st July 2016 marks the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The report highlighted the planned programme of activity in the city and also reviewed the success of the programme of events which commenced in 2014.

40. On 1st July at 7.30am (the exact time when the first soldiers scaled the trench walls) bugle players, posted at a number of locations around Leeds, will play a piece of music. There is £1,000 earmarked for each community committee area for events to commemorate the Somme.

Communications

Facebook and Twitter

41. Social media from the Outer East continues to achieve the highest take-up of all communities teams in the city. This is attached as *Appendix 2*.

Outer East Community Committee Newsletter

42. The Communities Team produces a newsletter highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting and workshop. The Communities Team circulate the newsletter to their contacts and via social media. This is attached as *Appendix 3*.

Community Centres

43. In July 2014, it was agreed Community Committees would consider free lettings based on the priorities for their area. Community groups complete an application which is forwarded to the Communities – SE team. This is then sent to Ward Members so they can advise Communities – SE who then passes the information to the Lettings team for action. Below are the details of all free lets this financial year:

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Dates	Value
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	YMCA – Teenage Parent Programme	09.09.15 to 31.07.16	£2,535
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme	2015 - 2016	£17,936
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Field Head Carr	Youth Service	29.07.15	£48
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	Youth Service	12.08.15	£88
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Field Head Carr	Youth Service	28.10.15	£100
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours (SGNS) – Knit & Natter	03.02.16 – 20.07.16	£600
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	SGNS – keeping warm	02/03/16 - 02/03/16	£66
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	All Children Play (formally the Swarcliffe and St Gregory's Playscheme)	12.02.16 – 18.02.17	£7,732
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater Youth & Community Centre	Allerton Bywater Craft Class	10.09.15 to 31.08.16	£800
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater Youth & Community Centre	Allerton Bywater Women's Group	07.09.15 TO 31.07.16	£800
Kippax & Methley	Methley Village Hall	Methley Mites	07.04.15 to 28.03.16	£6,600
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Tenants & Residents	03.10.15	£22
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Drop In	02.09.15 to 27.08.16	£500
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Beaver Scouts	09.09.15 to 27.07.16	£700
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Scouts (Cubs)	07.04.15 to 28.03.16	£882
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Youth Club	03.10.15	£3,276
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Tenants & Residents Hallowe'en	31.10.15	£18
Kippax & Methley	Methley Village Hall	Methley Youth Club	02.09.15 to	£2,028

Methley			27.08.16	
Kippax & Methley	Kippax Youth Centre	Drop in Group	09.09.15 to 27.07.16	£2,040
Kippax & Methley	Kippax Youth Centre	Kippax Kabin Ladies Group		£1,040
Kippax & Methley	Kippax Youth Centre	Kippax Kabin Ladies Craft Group		£1,040
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater Community Centre	1 st St Mary's Scouts	04.01.16 - 31.12.16	£1,780
OE Total				50,631

Corporate Considerations

44. **Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process.
45. **Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.
46. **Council policies and city priorities** - The themes in the Business Plan mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

Conclusion

47. The work of the sub groups is essential in the delivery of the Community Committee priorities. This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team.

Recommendations

48. The Community Committee is asked to:
- Note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.
 - Consider establishing a CIL sub group to set out a plan for local delivery and explore how local infrastructure plans and priorities are determined and aligned to the release of CIL funds.
 - Note the funding available for commemoration of the Battle of the Somme and involvement of the Leeds Pals.

Background documents

There are no background documents associated with this paper.