

**Report of: West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North West Community Committee**

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**To note**

**Community Committee Update Report**

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### **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 asks the community committee to agree the Elected Member representation to each sub group for the current municipal year, attached at **Appendix 1**.
3. The report also updates the Community Committee on community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

### **Main issues**

4. 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.
5. Sub group meetings are informal meetings and not open to the public, however local residents or representatives of other organisations may be invited to attend and speak at the discretion of the chair of each sub group.
6. Key principles for the sub groups include:
  - Each sub group to meet a maximum of 5 times per year (4 if there is no delegation attached to the work of the sub group).

- The sub group will consist of one elected member representative from each ward however sub group meetings are open to all members of the Outer North West Community Committee if they wish to attend.
  - Co-optees may be invited onto the sub group subject to agreement from the Community Committee.
  - Recommendations to Community Committee will only be made by the sub group members or in the event of their absence, a nominated ward colleague.
  - All decisions or recommendations made by the sub group must be referred to the Community Committee for approval.
  - Venues for sub groups are to be accessible and cost free i.e. Otley Children's Centre, Yeadon Town Hall, Henshaw Depot, Weetwood Police Station, Otley Police Station or Horsforth Library.
7. The current membership of all six sub groups is attached at **Appendix 1**. Members are asked to agree the Elected Member representation to each sub group for 2016/17.
8. At present, where possible the Community Committee Champion has been aligned with the relevant sub group chair and in consultation with the theme leads have provided the following updates:
9. Environment & Community Safety
10. Community Safety

#### Community Speed Watch

The Neighbourhood Policing Team along with ward councillors has been exploring options to involve local communities in a Community Speed Watch Scheme. A volunteer co-ordinator is now in place and working with Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) officers on developing how the scheme will operate in the outer north west area.

A training package, risk assessment and associated process paperwork has also been developed. All four NPT ward officers have been formally trained in the use of the Speed Indicator Device (SID), which includes the ability to train new volunteers.

It is hoped that a pool of trained volunteers will shortly be in a position to perform speed watch duties and a specific email account for speed watch referrals is being created.

#### Guiseley Anti-social Behaviour

Additional meetings outside of the regular Tasking meetings have been held with partners to manage the ongoing youth nuisance issues at Westside Retail Park, Guiseley Retail Park and around Aireborough Leisure Centre. The meetings have focussed on targeting individuals and or families. Police operations include Dispersal Orders and working with the businesses through a newly formed business watch scheme. As a result of various actions and interventions, complaints of anti-social behaviour have reduced from 24 incidents reported in March to 8 incidents reported in May.

#### Target Hardening Project

Funding from the Outer North West Community Committee has supported target hardening in all four outer north west wards. Monitoring information on the number of properties receiving this service and amounts still available to spend will be discussed at the next Community Safety sub group.

## 11. Environment

The Environment sub group last met on 29th March 2016. Parks & Countryside gave an update on the grass cutting contract; the option for a 5 year extension to the contract is to be taken up and this is going through the legal process. There has been a 79.6% reduction in complaints regarding the grass cutting contract.

The Locality Team updated the sub group on requests for service since December 2015 and there have been 2669 requests in that period; 12 legal notices have been issued and 1 prosecution for a non-payment of a fixed penalty notice. Members discussed the citywide range of initiatives to tackle dog fouling and it was agreed that they would pass details of local groups who may be interested in being involved to the Locality Team.

The Waste Management Team gave an update on the work surrounding the Tour de Yorkshire and the affected bin collection routes in Otley.

The Parks & Countryside officer gave an update on ongoing work and advised the meeting that street spraying was due to start on 11th April, weather permitting. The focus for the service has been grass cutting, and cemeteries, along with normal maintenance work.

## 12. Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care

Annual Lunch Club Grants will be funded by Public Health, Leeds City Council for 2016/17. The aim is to increase the support to all lunch club providers in relation to supporting older people to keep properly hydrated, to eat healthily, to be a healthy weight and have the help and support they need. Therefore all lunch club providers have been invited to become members of the Older People Food Matters Group (OPFMG) led by Public Health. Members can access free resources, attend network events and training that will increase their knowledge in four key areas. The management of the annual lunch club grant is now carried out by Leeds Community Foundation.

OPAL Luncheon Clubs	£1,731.05	Adel and Wharfedale
Pool and Arthington Lunch Club	£2,217.30	Adel and Wharfedale
Horsforth Live at Home Scheme	£3,462.10	Horsforth
Otley Action Tues Lunch Club	£2,217.30	Otley and Yeadon
Otley Action Weston Friendship Club	£2,217.30	Otley and Yeadon
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,845.05</b>	

- Care View is a community phone app developed by the Outer North West Adult Social Care Health and Well-being sub group continues to develop well. The main objective of the app is to locate people who may be socially isolated. It is currently being piloted in Horsforth.
- Public Health officers are arranging chair based instructor classes for workers at sheltered housing complexes in Outer North West. Residents can benefit from these classes and older community members from outside the complex can participate.

- NHS Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group (LNCCG) has recently appointed Community Links to provide a social prescribing scheme called Connect Well to Outer North West GP practices covered by NHS LNCCG. Further details can be found at <http://www.commlinks.co.uk/connectwell>. The aims to improve the wider health and well-being of patients by providing GPs with a link to refer patients to local groups, services and community activities.
- Outer North West Practices covered by NHS Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group (LWCCG) will be covered by social prescribing scheme called Patient Empowerment Project (PEP), which is provided by Barca. Public Health is ensuring that both schemes work closely together, so that there is 'no wrong door,' for residents using either service.
- Adult Autism was discussed at the last meeting of the sub group. Adult Social Care works with numerous partners to improve opportunities and support adults on the autistic spectrum. Members were advised that:

Autism is a neuro developmental condition which effects communication and understanding

It is estimated that around 1.1% of the population has some form of autism

Further information is available on -

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Autism.aspx>

### 13. Children's Services and Family Health

The Outer North West contains 10.6 per cent of the Leeds under 19s population, an estimated 18,317 children and young people. Free school meal entitlement is significantly below the city average, at 6.5 per cent in primary schools (19.9% at city level), and 5.7% in secondary schools (18.5% at city level).

At the end of December 2015 the number of children looked after in the area was 41, a small rise of six compared to the previous December. Despite the small rise, this is only 3.3 per cent of the overall looked after cohort, far lower than the area's share of the 0-19 population. The number of children subject to a child protection plan safely and appropriately reduced over the same period, to 30 (5.3 per cent of the overall child protection cohort) from 44. There has been a small increase in the number of child protection and safeguarding contacts being made to the council's Duty and Advice Team (Child Protection Front Door). More individuals and organisations are seeking advice and information at the Front Door, with helpful support being provided without the need for social work involvement. However, the number of these contacts that then became a referral to be followed up by social care slightly fell, suggesting no increase in need, this is consistent with city-wide patterns.

In 2015, 77.2% of five year-olds living in the outer north west reached what is known as a good level of development, up almost seven percentage points from 2014. This result is the highest of all community committees, and significantly above the 61.7 % city average. In terms of age related expectations at 11 (year 6 end of key stage 2) and 16 (year 11 end of key stage 4) the outer north west performs strongly when compared to the city average, the area also saw an improvement in its 2015 performance from 2014. 84.7% of the area's year six children achieved level 4 or above in reading writing and mathematics and 70.3% of those in year 11 gaining five or more GCSEs at A\*-C including English and mathematics.

As at December 2015, 97% of primary schools (an eight point rise since the previous December), and 100% of secondary schools (up by 33 points) are rated as good or

better by Ofsted. (Figures will not include any sponsored academies awaiting their first inspection).

Leeds attendance levels remained high for the 2014/15 academic year although they were, due to illness, marginally down on the previous year. Attendance levels in the outer north west were stable, with the primary rate of pupils living in the area at 97.1 %; secondary pupils show an attendance of 95.3%. Both figures are above the city averages of 96.1 for primary and 94.3 secondary. However persistent absence (pupils missing at least 15% of the school year) has increased amongst the area's children at both primary (up 12 to 54 or 4.3% of all PA across the city) and secondary schools (up 29 to 187 or 7.2% across the city).

The number of NEET young people 16-18 in the area, and those whose status was not known, reduced from December 2014 to December 2015. 2.6 per cent of the area's young people are NEET, well below the city average of 6.5%.

The number of 10-17 year olds committing an offence reduced by eight, to six, reflecting the trend across the city.

#### 14. Leeds Bradford Airport Masterplan

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Community Committee invited representatives from Leeds Bradford Airport to speak to local residents at Yeadon Town Hall about the Airport Masterplan. Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director, presented the details of the Masterplan and answered questions from residents.

#### 15. Community Committee Newsletter

The second addition of the Outer North West Community Committee Newsletter is attached at **Appendix 2** for Members information.

### **Conclusions**

16. 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**

#### 17. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups and areas of partnership working since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Agree the Elected Member representation to each sub group for the current municipal year.