

**Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader**

**Report to: Inner North Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay wards**

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**to note**

## **Community Committee Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides an update on the work programme of Inner North East Community Committee, its recent successes and current challenges.

### **Main issues**

2. Since the last Community Committee, work has progressed in a number of areas, including through the Committee's sub groups and local partnerships for Chapeltown and Meanwood, which are currently evolving into Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.

### **Sub Groups**

3. The main issues discussed at the sub groups recently are set out here:-

#### Environmental Sub Group

4. The most recent Environmental Sub Group took place in July and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Locality Team. In terms of Parks and Countryside, an update was provided on the Quality Parks Assessments, with the encouraging news that all the parks in the Inner North East area look like they will now meet the standard and once the final results are collated they will be circulated to Members. Roundhay Park has also retained its Green Flag status and Allerton Grange Fields has also retained its Green Flag Community Award.

5. In terms of Waste Management, an update was provided regarding ongoing work in the Beckhills estate which was showing signs of improvement following collaborative working between Waste Management, Locality Teams, Housing and the ENE Communities Team. Feedback was also given on the Garden Waste collection service which due to hot and wet summer had seen the highest volume of waste since 2008. In spite of this, the service was still coping well and any failures were being recovered within 48 hours.
6. The Sub Group were also briefed on proposed staffing changes to the ENE Locality Team details of which will be circulated to Members once they have been finalised. There was also an item on the Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA) for 2016/17. Members of the subgroup agreed that there would be no changes to the 2015/16 SLA but that any amendments to the agreement for 2017/18 would be progressed via the Environmental Subgroup.

#### Wellbeing Advisory Group

7. The Wellbeing Advisory Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met twice considering applications for funding and making recommendations to the INE Community Committee. Recommendations on the applications considered at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June were consulted with the Committee via email and then approved through the delegated decisions process. Details of the projects and funding are contained in the Wellbeing Report including applications that were declined.
8. At a further meeting of the Advisory Group on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, recommendations were made on a number of applications and these have been brought to the committee in the Wellbeing Report for approval.

#### **Neighbourhood Improvement**

9. At the East Leeds Neighbourhood Improvement Board's last meeting in July, an update on the local Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships (NIPs) was received. It was noted that all NIPs now have draft action 'plans on a page' which are focused, realistic and deliver tangible outcomes.
10. The Board had very productive discussions around the Keep Harehills Tidy campaign and localised refuse service which has been accelerated by the work of the NIP. A second discussion focused on Young People and Community Cohesion, particularly in relation to Harehills and raised the profile of some work secured through Foundation for Peace around community cohesion. The Board's third discussion topic focused on the challenge of how to respond to the volume of private sector housing issues. Members have been particularly vocal on wanting to see an impact quickly. The Board is due to meet again in October.

## Chapeltown

11. The Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership meeting, “Working together for Chapeltown”, took place last year and established priorities for the area. This was attended by around 35 Council staff, third sector partners, ward councillors and West Yorkshire Police. The priorities are:
  - Increased resident engagement
  - Greater collaborative working and partnerships in the area
  - Support for older people
  - Engaging young people
  - Housing issues including the standard of private rented sector housing and houses of multiple occupation
12. The Chapeltown Neighbourhood watch group for the Mexboroughs and Saviles is meeting monthly and reporting crime and environmental issues through to the relevant services. The group has expanded since starting and are holding a social event on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September to engage with other members of the community. This will include activities, food, local ward councillors and West Yorkshire Police. The Newton Park residents association has also been established and their first community environmental clean-up has been arranged. A residents meeting will also be taking place with members from the Buslingthorpe Lane area to discuss their views and issues in the area.
13. The Chapeltown News website has been launched as a partnership with Chapeltown CAB, RJC Dance, East Street Arts, Leeds Black Elders, Community Hubs, Public Health, Feel Good Factor and BHI. This will show events and activities taking place in the area to enhance attendance but also show the wealth of different projects in Chapeltown.
14. A working group focused around young people is being arranged with key partners to take a more joined up approach to ensure activities are taking place in Chapeltown that represent what young people want. This will incorporate the Voice and Influence Team and youth summits launched in the area. Longer term the group could start looking at offering a carousel of activities and possibly utilising a range of funding sources.
15. The Strictly Come Business Event took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and was an opportunity for local aspiring people to put forward their business idea to a panel of local judges from Chapeltown. The event was a great success with 5 applicants putting their ideas forward and the judges deciding on the winning idea. The winner was awarded a prize package that helped to kick start their business. The event was opened up to local people to attend, sit in the audience and enjoy some music and refreshments.
16. A working group will come together around the International Day for Older Persons to look at putting on an event in the area on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. This then has the potential to develop into a working group who will focus on support for older people in Chapeltown.

17. The Chapeltown Housing Investment Strategy has been reviewed and re-focused, with housing associations, Leeds City Council and the 3rd sector working in partnership to update and streamline an action plan to combat housing related issues in the area. There will also be a workshop arranged for frontline Housing Association staff to put forward their ideas and views from working in Chapeltown, which will contribute towards the action plan.

#### Meanwood

18. The Meanwood Seven Estates group is primarily concentrating on the Beckhill and Stonegate estates due to ongoing issues. Team Beckhills has now been established which is a group of 12 residents who are taking ownership of their estate and are keen to run community meetings, cascade messages throughout the estate to other residents, be involved in planning for events and activities and help develop the progress of environmental improvements and the regeneration.

19. The Beckhills #CommunitiesCan event took place on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and was organised with various different partners including Housing, Police, Stainbeck Church, InterAct, Sports and Active Lifestyles and the Youth Service. Team Beckhills also played a large role in this. Despite the weather, this was a huge success with stalls, activities, performances and ending with a tea party with the Lord Mayor. The next step for Team Beckhills and the Meanwood Seven Estates partnership group is to push forward the environmental improvements and ensure the community are kept up to date on progress. The groups will also keep community engagement as a top priority for the estate.

20. Two Stonegates focused partnership meetings have taken place due to recent incidents in the area. The partnership meeting has included WYP, Community Safety, Local Councillors, Unity Housing, Leeds Federated Housing, the Youth Service, Sports and Active Lifestyles, Holy Trinity Church, Stainbeck Church, InterAct, Meanwood Playscheme and Interserve. CCTV quotes have been obtained for cameras to be placed at two points on the estate and work is ongoing to look at covering the cost between WYP, ward members, Leeds Fed and Unity. Extra outreach sessions have been funded and running through the summer holidays. Engagement with young people has been positive and has seen referrals through to Interserve. An action day will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September on the estate with the Police exhibition van which is aimed at speaking to residents and young people to gather intelligence. The group will continue through the Meanwood Seven Estate group and will look at job fairs and events for the estate.

#### **Community Champions**

21. Work is ongoing to develop the role of the Community Champions. A Community Champions meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with all the Community Champions and corresponding Service Leads, to discuss working relationships, challenges and priorities. Following this meeting the Chair has committed to quarterly Community Champions meetings, occurring 3-4 weeks before each Community Committee meeting in order to inform the Community Committee Update report. The Service Leads have

also provided information to the Chair and the relevant Champion on the priorities and challenges for 2016/17.

#### Environment Champion – Cllr Hamilton

22. Details in relation to the work of the Environmental Champion are set out in paragraphs 4-6 above.

#### Community Safety Champion – Cllr Rafique

23. Localised tasking arrangements have continued to tackle community safety issues across Inner North East through close partnership working. Work is underway to develop the ENE Plan on a Page which will deliver locally against the Safer Leeds priorities
24. Stonegates Estate – Details of the partnership work that is ongoing to address recent ASB and crime issues on the Stonegates estate is contained above in paragraph 20.
25. Chapeltown – Details of new Neighbourhood Watch Groups established in Chapeltown are contained above in paragraph 12.

#### Adult Social Care Champion – Cllr Macniven

26. Integration with Health – a colocation site for Chapeltown has been identified at Tribeca House and the necessary work should be complete by the end of the year. At this point, the Chapeltown Care Management Team will move from its current base at Killingbeck Court to Tribeca House as will all the Leeds Community Health staff, which will make communication significantly easier and support the delivery of integrated care.
27. Strengths Based Social Care – This is an approach which aims to be more effective and proactive in prevention, work with people's strengths and the resources in their communities and provide better control and empowerment where long term services are needed. To date, an innovation site has been established in Armley to test out the model with Chapeltown likely to feature in the next stage of roll out, possibly before the end of this year.

#### Health and Wellbeing Champion – Cllr Taylor

28. Work around reducing social isolation in Chapeltown is progressing with the interactive map of places of worship and faith groups produced by Leeds University now completed and out for comments. Discussions to assess the interest of Places of Worship in promoting self-care took place at a public health event in Chapeltown on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Reducing social isolation was also raised and remains a priority for the Chapeltown and Harehills Health and Wellbeing Partnership group.

29. The CHESS Best Start zone has recruited a wider range of partners, including Community Development Workers from Hamara and Touchstone, and Tenant Support Officers. Key priorities around domestic violence, health access and general safety, parent-child bonding and smoking have been agreed. A launch of a breastfeeding 'App' took place in May and was promoted by midwives and Health Visitors at the Chapeltown Health Event. There has been positive feedback from CC managers, but some questions raised over suitability for older mums and in terms of cultural appropriateness for this area (eg language).
30. The re-commissioning of the Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Service, which is currently provided by a number of third sector organisations, is continuing apace. The successful tender, which will be announced at the end of September will cover all the 10% most deprived communities in ENE, including those in Chapeltown and Meanwood.

Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion – Cllr Hussain

31. A separate report is being presented to the Inner North East Community Committee with information on activity and progress of Employment & Skills.

Children's and Young People's Champion – Cllr Tunnicliffe

32. Cllr Tunnicliffe has taken on the role of Children's Champion and has met with officers to discuss current challenges and priorities. Domestic Violence continues to be the single most prevalent issue linked to referrals to Children's Social Work Service. The Breakthrough project focus has seen an improved response at the Front Door to ensure that the right services are identified and support offered after a reported incident. Priority work needs to continue to focus on prevention and awareness-raising of services available to support victims and families.
33. Other priorities include:
- Early Help work and Family Support Services - to provide a 'Think Family' service for 0–19 year old children, young people and their families, working together with cluster Early Start and Children's Centre Services and other partners, to provide early intervention and targeted support to vulnerable children, young people & families to help children improve attendance, behaviour and attainment at school.
  - Emotional Health & Well Being Services & Support - to deliver an early intervention, evidence based mental health support service for schools, pupils and parents to support social, emotional and mental health (including support/advice and training for staff).
  - Developing and delivering training and focused workshops to promote information sharing and closer working in order to enable schools to better support vulnerable children and young people in the identified areas below:
    - Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health
    - Domestic Violence
    - Behaviour & Inclusion
    - Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), PREVENT & E Learning

## **Community Events**

### **34. Beckhills #CommunitiesCan Day**

Details of this successful event are contained above in paragraph 19.

### **35. Strictly Come Business**

Details of the Strictly Come Business event are contained above in paragraph 15.

### **36. Meanwood Village Association WW1 Centenary Event**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July the local community marked the centenary of the Battle of the Somme with an event in Meanwood Park. The event was WW1 themed and Leeds Male Voice Choir, City of Leeds Pipe Band, local groups, authors and schools all helped to make the event a success. The Lord Mayor of Leeds attended and the event was supported with funding from the INE Community Committee.

### **37. Chapeltown Arts Festival**

Chapeltown Arts Festival took place between 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July, celebrating the art, culture and talent of Chapeltown.

### **38. VAL Funding Fair**

The East North East Communities Team was invited by Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) to have a stall at their Volunteers Funding Fair at the West Indian Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The fair was really well attended and members of the ENE Communities Team on the stall were busy throughout the event speaking to various volunteers and groups about the Community Committees and Wellbeing Funding. The event was also an excellent opportunity to increase our contacts list.

### **39. Leeds West Indian Carnival**

Excellent weather meant large crowds turned out for another vibrant and successful Leeds West Indian Carnival. Next year promises to be even bigger as the carnival celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **Communications & Social Media**

40. The Communities Team ENE have continued to use the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page to promote the work of the committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. At the time of writing, the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page had been “liked” by 365 people, an increase from 343 at the time of the last Community Committee in June 2016. The Facebook pages continue to be an important communications tool between the council and local residents, and work is ongoing as to how this resource can be further utilised.

## **Challenges and Opportunities**

41. The East Leeds Community Led Local Development (CLLD) bid was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> August following approval by the Local Action Group (LAG), comprising of public sector, private sector and third sector representatives. A decision as to whether the strategy has been accepted is due in October, at which point a formal bid will be prepared to be submitted in November.

## **Conclusion**

42. The report outlines a wide range activities being undertaken by the Community Committee.

## **Recommendations**

43. That members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

## **Background information**

None