

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 Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention an update of the 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.

Main issues

Children and Families: Councillor Karen Bruce

Children & Families Sub Group

2. The Children and Families Sub Group met on 17th May 2016 at St Gabriel's Community Centre and minutes will be circulated to the group and Ward Members by email once approved by the Chair of the group. Highlights included discussions on future consultation of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) and proposal for an event in October 2016 to look at how children and young people can be involved in local decision making. The next meeting for the group will be in September 2016.
3. Community Committee Workshop: Your Parks... Your Space, Local People have their say on how we use Parks & Green Spaces in the Outer South Leeds Area. Over 50 people, including local Councillors, attended the Your Park... Your Space event on Monday, 11th July 2016 from 6-8pm at the Windmill Youth & Community Centre, Rothwell. Local Ward Members and officers from Leeds City Council's Parks & Countryside shared some of the achievements so far and were keen to find out how young people could get involved with shaping the future use of our local parks and green spaces. The event went very well and young people were keen to get involved and have their say.

4. As part of a research project about parks in Leeds, the University of Leeds and University of Bradford are conducting an online survey in partnership with Parks and Countryside:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/leedsparkssurvey>

5. Make Your Mark is the UK Youth Parliament's (UKYP) annual ballot for young people 11 to 18 years old. Last year the local and national campaign young people voted for was "Tackling Racial and Religious Discrimination" and a record 970,000 young people in the UK took part, including an impressive 16,343 young people from Leeds. This year the target is for over 20,000 young people from Leeds taking part.

In September 2016, young people from across the UK will be asked to complete a Make Your Mark ballot to vote for the youth issue they feel is most important to them. Ten topics will be available to choose from, the top 5 issues are then taken to the House of Commons in November 2016, where Members of Youth Parliament debate and discuss them before voting for the UKYP national campaign.

Further information can be obtained from the Voice and Influence Team on vic@leeds.gov.uk

Environment: Councillor Karen Bruce

Outer South Environmental Sub Group

6. The last Outer South Environmental Sub Group was held on 13th February 2016 and updates were given by Housing Leeds, the Environmental Locality Team and Parks & Countryside. Minutes will be circulated to the group and Ward Members by email. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2016.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson

7. The Jobs Fair is being held on Tuesday, 16th August 2016 with over 25 retailers from the White Rose Shopping Centre recruiting to both permanent and temporary Christmas vacancies, In addition the following employers will also be attending:
 - Royal Mail - 1,000 vacancies within South Leeds
 - Morgan Sindall - contractor for the White Rose extension and have a variety of training and future job opportunities
 - Northern Rail - over 100 vacancies across the region
 - 247 Professional Health
 - New Day- over 100 call centre vacancies
 - First Bus - over a 100 vacancies

The event has been widely publicised and it is anticipated there will be over 700 customers attending.

Personal Work Support Programme (PWSP)

8. Below is the most up to date information on the PWSP

Ward	Engaging	Exemptions	Non engaging	Total	Job Outcomes
Ardsley and Robin Hood	7	3	1	11	7
Morley North	6	3	2	11	3
Morley South	8	5	6	19	3
Rothwell	6	3	0	9	3
	27	14	9	50	16

Engaging - those who attended initial introduction session and who have continued to receive support

Exemptions- those who are exempted from participation due to for e.g. approaching pension age, imminent hospitalisation, imminent work programme referral etc.

Non Engaging - those who did not attend the introduction session and/ or any subsequent appointments

The Retail Offer

9. The new retail offer will commencing in September 2016, with a two week Sector Based Work Academy (SBWA) which will include one day's work experience. Many of the retailers within the White Rose have offered work experience opportunities, these include Nandos, McDonalds.

The Point

10. The Point, based in White Rose Shopping Centre, is an initiative established in partnership with Leeds City Council, Leeds City College, Job Centre Plus, Land Securities and the National Careers Service. It offers free impartial careers advice and support for all ages including writing CVs, help with application forms, interview techniques, information, advice and guidance and courses to develop skills to secure employment.

11. The Point has now established links with Ground Work (Morley). From October 2016 Ground Work, in partnership with staff from the Point, will deliver employability training to learners on the Ground Work training programmes.

12. On 23rd August 2016, The Point will be hosting a 'Get Into Construction Taster Day' in partnership with Morgan Sinall & Construction Housing Yorkshire. Specifically for unemployed people aged 16-25, attendees from the taster day will have the opportunity to start a 4 week course on Tuesday, 30th August 2016.

Women into Engineering

13. The Communities Team will be working in partnership with Women In Science, Technology & Engineering (WISE) campaign, NG Bailey plus other local employers, Ahead Partnership and schools to put a workshop in November 2016 to attract more young women into engineering careers.

Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin

14. Throughout the summer months, the neighbourhood policing team have attended various local community events to engage with members of the public to:

- reinforce the message that, with summer months comes an increased chance of sneak in burglaries
- ensure visitors to these events keep their valuables out of sight
- have positive engagement with those attending the events

15. Members approved funding for a Cold Calling Zone on the Elmroyd Estate in Rothwell. A Cold Calling Zone aims to stop unsolicited callers from calling at properties in the designated area. The aim is for rogue traders and bogus callers to stop operating in the area. Residents are provided with stickers which can be placed in windows and, street signs are also used to highlight the area. Trading Standards, West Yorkshire Police, Housing Leeds and the Safer Leeds will work together to deliver the letters and stickers to residents to get the scheme operational.

Health and Wellbeing Update: Councillor Karen Renshaw

Leeds Health and Wellbeing Forum

16. The last Forum meeting was held on 13th July 2016 and included presentations from both Leeds South and East Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and Leeds West CCG. The aim was for the organisations to present their operational plans for the area and then for those attending to have a chance to discuss and ask questions linked to these plans.

17. The main questions were related to General Practitioner (GP) shortages, access and capacity for appointments. More in depth discussions followed to highlight the issues the CCG faces especially around GP shortages. Within the session the CCG's General Practice Strategy was highlighted which looks to tackle some of the issues discussed.

Leeds South and East - Reducing Smoking Prevalence Rates

18. There was a launch of the 'Today is the Day' campaign at the South East Health and Wellbeing Forum on 13th July 2016. The Forum event started with a presentation on the campaign and there were promotional materials for people to take away. The campaign aims to encourage people to make a quit attempt by engaging with Leeds Smoking Services and uses local residents' stories to highlight the benefits of stopping smoking and using the service to support the process.

Leeds West CCG Social Prescribing

19. The Patient Empowerment Programme (PEP) is commissioned by Leeds West CCG and delivered in the West Leeds locality which includes the Morley and Tingley areas. The service is a partnership of Better Leeds Communities, Leeds MIND and Touchstone and is led by Barca-Leeds.

20. There has been a recent re-procurement of the PEP. The new contract will be in place for three years and begins on the 1st September 2016. PEP will be working with the other Social Prescribing services, including South East CCG's Connect for Health service, to ensure that joined up working and appropriate support /signposting is available to all.
21. When a GP sees a patient who does not require a medical solution, but is asking for help of some kind, then the GP makes a referral to PEP. The PEP worker will arrange to see that person in their own home to hear about the issues that are affecting them, and then they help them to develop an action plan give support, and if required, to achieve their plan. Since January 2016 PEP 62 people aged 18 to over 75 years have been referred to the PEP.

Leeds South and East CCG Social Prescribing – Connect for Health

22. Connect for Health continues to offer 1:1 services in a variety of Outer South Venues to support people to improve their overall health and wellbeing. To date there have been 660 referrals to Connect for Health and the main gap that has been identified is a befriending service for people experiencing social isolation.
23. There are still some GP surgeries that are not sending referrals to the service. It has been agreed that partners, especially Housing, would promote the service as widely as possible and that a session would be held with housing staff to provide information on the project.

South East Leeds Debt Forum

24. After the workshop with voluntary, community, third sector and council colleagues in April 2016 re-establishing the forum, the second meeting took place in June 2016 and included a presentation of the main points from the workshop:
- Networking and sharing information
 - Linking into local/national campaigns e.g. illegal money lending
 - Making the service local by consulting with local people
 - Breaking the cycle, prevention and tackling stigma
25. In addition, work will focus on savings and good sources of credit through organisations such as Leeds Credit Union. A services matrix will be uploaded to the South East Debt Forum Facebook page, which partners, colleagues and elected members will be able to access.
26. The Employment, Skills and Welfare Champions were invited to the meeting on 11th August at St George's Centre, Middleton. Cllr Dawson talked about his role as champion for Outer South and how the debt forum can help him.
27. The **Third Sector Leeds Goes Local** event was held in June and focused on the impact of austerity measures on local communities. Presentations from Christians Against

Poverty (CAP), Citizens Advice and Green Doctor were informative and well received. After reviewing the feedback the SE Debt Forum action plan will include:

- older people and debt (often following a bereavement); and
- mental health issues around debt leading to substance/alcohol abuse

Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw

Older Persons Working Group

28. The Outer South Community Committee Older People's Working Group met 22nd June 2016. Highlights included reviewing the success of the Winter Warmer Packs and discussing the way forward for winter 2016/17, reviewing and finalising the group's Terms Of Reference and agreeing new partners to invite to the working group.

29. After some discussion it has been agreed by the Working Group would look at alternative options in providing support for those who are socially isolated other than Wellbeing Packs. As the 2015/16 Winter was mild, there are 174 packs still available, which can be used in conjunction with the city wide project that Public Health will be managing during the 2016/2017 winter period. The following suggestions were discussed:

- The new dementia friendly project for labelling Libraries Leeds has developed and is available in some of the larger Libraries
- The 'Soup and Smile' project where volunteers are matched to the vulnerable and they share home-made soup and bread
- Winter Friends recruitment
- Funding help-line volunteers
- Clinical Commissioning – skills matching

International Day for Older People Events

30. The aim of the events is to celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to our society and the economy. Older People's Day supports the campaign to challenge negative attitudes and out-dated stereotypes. The events are market-place in style and provide information, advice and guidance to participants.

31. The event on 5th October 2016 will be held at Blackburn Hall delivered by Rothwell & District Live at Home Scheme and the event on 15th October 2016 held at Morley Town Hall will be delivered by Morley Elderly Action.

32. Outcomes include a day of entertainment and fun for older people and an opportunity for them to gather information from various organisations about the services they provide.

Outer South Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor David Nagle

33. The last meeting of the Community Centres sub group was held on 19th May 2016 and minutes will be circulated by email. Highlights included a discussion on the refurbishment and improvement of facilities at Morley Town Hall, internal decoration of Windmill Youth &

Community Centre, events stewarding and relocation of current users of Gildersome Youth Centre before the property is disposed of. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in October 2016.

34. St Gabriel's' Community Centre - the Communities Team is working with the Trustees and the Management Committee to improve the number of paying users. It has been agreed to improve the external signage to highlight the location St Gabriel's. A meeting has been arranged on 17th August 2016 with the Management Committee to discuss the way forward.
35. The Outer South Community Committee capital funds funded a glass cleaner and warming oven for the kitchen for Morley Town Hall's Large Banqueting Room. These have been installed and in full use.

Community Centre Pricing Policy

36. In July 2014, it was agreed Community Committees would consider free lettings based on the priorities for their area. This came into effect for letting renewals starting on 1st September 2015. The total value of free lets authorised to date is was £50,631.00. The total additional free lets approved in the Outer South area thus far this financial year is £500.50, giving a total cost to date of £51,131.50.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	15/04/2016	£82.50
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	03/08/2016	£208.00
Ardsley & Robin hood	Tingley	Dance Action Zone	15/08/2016	£60.00
Ardsley & Robin hood	Tingley	Tingley TARA	17/04/2016 29/10/2016 22/12/2016	£150.00
Total				£500.50

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP) Update

37. The Tenant & Community Involvement Team and the Communities Team have regular meetings with a view to identify joint funding projects and areas of work where they can support each other. There is a good working relationship between all officers. The Tenant and Community Involvement Team have had some staffing changes within the team to enable us to effectively support tenant engagement across all areas of the city.
38. With effect from 25th July 2016:
- The Outer South HAP will be solely supported by Rukhsana Mahmood.
 - Support for Tenants and Residents Associations by Adele Britton.
39. Both are existing Tenant and Community Involvement Officers and in terms of the regular commitment of supporting the OSHAP, Rukhsana has been co-leading in this role for a number of months. Having a different lead for these two aspects of the role is working well in other areas of the city as it helps both the staff concerned focus on specific activities in greater detail.

40. Ward member's representatives on the OSHAP Councillors Jack Dunn, Cllr Finnigan, Shirley Varley and David Nagle. We have a number of tenant vacancies now due to resignations and will be actively working to recruit new OSHAP members.
41. The OSHAP forward plan includes the regular review of housing performance with a senior housing officer. Recent OSHAP discussions included the performance of the local Housing teams on rent arrears and annual home visits. The annual report was shared with the panel at the meeting in May 2016.
42. The OSHAP has supported 21 Environmental and Community projects this year so far.
43. The panel received its new budget of **£75,778.37** for **2016/17**, a reduction of around 30%. Match funding has been essential to ensure the money goes further and supports a wide range of projects. So far the panel has committee **£47,520.19** and match funding of **£43,423.11** has been received. The remaining balance is **£28,258.18**.

Morley Empty Shops Fund

44. The Empty Shops Fund has been available for shops in Morley and landlords can apply for a maximum of £2,600 towards the costs of replacing shop fronts. An application has been submitted by True To You Skin Clinics for a new shop front at 4 Queen Street. A project summary will be submitted to Morley Town Council's planning meeting on 20th September for consideration and approval.

Outer South Community Committee Newsletter

45. A copy of the most recent Outer South Community Committee Newsletter highlighting key aspects of Community Committee activities is attached for information (**Appendix 1**). The Communities Team will be circulating the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.

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.