

**Report of: The West North West Area Leader (Citizens and Communities)**

**Report to: The Inner West Community Committee (Armley, Bramley & Stanningley and Kirkstall)**

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**For decision**

## **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: Children and Young People and Environment.
2. This report updates the Committee on community events, local projects and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

### **Main issues**

3. **Children & Young People – Champion: Cllr C Gruen**

The Sub Group met on 12<sup>th</sup> September and heard submissions from all three clusters about the changes to cluster funding and the potential impact on services. Instead of top slicing the cluster funding from the central schools budget, each school now has to 'opt in' and pay directly for the cluster services which includes family support and access to mental health services. It is currently estimated that the majority of schools in the ACES and Bramley cluster are looking to continue funding the cluster, and the picture is unknown for the Inner North West Hub, although it looks likely that a number will opt out. The Chair of the sub group recommended that Ward Members who also governs at schools consider the implications of the request and support the continuation of clusters where possible.

The sub group also looked at the feedback from the Community Committee on young people and crime, and thanked partners for contributing to the consultation. It was agreed that more publicity aimed at young people should be produced, and an application has been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner's grant fund to produce a video explaining the different methods of reporting and busting myths about anonymity and security of data.

The Youth Activities Fund has been fully committed, and the majority of projects were peer inspected over the summer holidays, with a lot of positive feedback. Funding priorities for the 2017/18 funding round will be discussed at the next meeting, based on feedback from consultations with schools and youth groups.

A 'Children and Young People Summit' is being planned for the new year which will invite all schools in the area to bring four of five pupils to participate in a day of consultation, activities and understanding more about local democracy.

4. **Environment – Champion: Cllr Illingworth**

The Sub Group has not met since the last Committee, the next meeting will focus on the new Domestic Waste and Recycling policy.

5. **Health & Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Lowe & Cllr Venner**  
**Rise High project**

Four high rise flats – the Clydes and Wortleys – in New Wortley are low demand housing and have long term issues around low income, low mood, anti-social behaviour, crime and vulnerability. Around 400 people live in the blocks. Over 70% are male and there is a diverse ethnic background. Six months into the 1 year pilot, the project has started to deliver noticeable outcomes and improvements for people in the flat.

6. The project was launched at the beginning of December 2015. It has had a successful start, with over 50 referrals and positive changes for people involved in the first 6 months. LCC Public Health has led on the implementation of the project. LCC Housing / Inner West Councillors invested in the Rise High project. It has influenced the Supported Housing Public Health Contracts, which start in April 2017. This approach will be taken in over 20 similar flats citywide. These include Burnsall Grange (Armley) and Raynville Court (Bramley) in Inner West Leeds.

7. **Meeting between NHS LWCCG, IW Cllrs and Public Health**

NHS Leeds West CCG & Leeds West Cllrs are meeting to discuss New Models of Care. This work is currently being piloted in Armley, New Wortley and starting to emerge in other localities. This meeting will be held in the Conservatory, St George's Centre, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DL, 19 October 2016 12:30-14:30. A sandwich lunch will be offered on arrival. Access to the room will be from 12 noon onwards.

8. **Re-commissioning of the Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Services**

BARCA Leeds have been awarded this Public Health contract for West and West Leeds. This provides an important outreach role to improve health and wellbeing for citizens who live in the most deprived areas in Inner West Leeds.

9. **Citywide Initiatives:**

**GP appointment. Don't need it? Cancel it!**

We know people forget things, cancelling GP appointments being one of them. It's easy to forget things from birthdays, your keys or even people's names. Some research was done recently to find out why people did not attend (DNA) their GP appointments and the biggest reason for this was that people had simply forgotten about it. In fact almost 4 in 10 people had forgotten to do this. You can help us and other patients. If you cancel a GP appointment you no longer need it means someone else can have it.

10. **Employment, Skills & Welfare – Champion: Cllr McKenna & Cllr Heselwood**

6.1 Three English / ESOL classes ran on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays at Armley Hub. Each class had around 12 learners registered with attendance about 9 each week, this is a bit lower than the college average but felt this was to be expected as a high proportion of learners had childcare to consider and would not ordinarily be able to access main stream provision. The Thursday group studied towards exams with two learners wishing to complete at Level 2.

The Tuesday and Thursday learners asked if they could have some more tutor hours and this was accommodated in July to help to support the established groups with development for exams.

The tutor reported that learners really enjoyed the sessions had been asking about next year and any further provision so it is clear the appetite is there from learners.

- we are continuing to look at the Adult Learning offer for the area in particular Bramley
- The development of a Bramley Hub offers a good opportunity to deliver an adult learning offer in the community of Bramley.
- Work is being taken through the Employment skills and Welfare Board to focus on unemployment, health and welfare reform agendas have been set.
- ward profiles have been delivered to ward members to inform and update on the unemployment data and these will be looked at to better inform priority actions moving forward.
- Armley Hub hosted the Hammersons Roadshows for recruitment at Victoria Gate and the Casino which were well attended.

## **11. Community Safety**

### **Armley**

There has been ongoing work around tackling anti-social behaviour and street drinking around Armley Town street. There has also been a focus on cohesion /and engagement and in particular tensions following an incident on Armley Town street. A local meeting has been arranged on the 4th October which is encouraging the Eastern European community and the wider community to attend to discuss tensions, how to report hate crime/other crimes and to listen to concerns. On-going partnership work include addressing concerns around a number of homeless people living in the area and alcohol related ASB . There are 6 weekly tasking meetings as well as a regular multi-agency partnership meetings and an action plan to address this. The police and partners are arranging an action day to focus on and work with on off licence premises around the sales of alcohol. Other work include additional resources for New Wortley to deal with the issues of ASB/and criminality. Incidents have reduced since the closure of the shop on the Holdforths, however there are still ongoing issues, particularly around nuisance motorbikes that are been ridden dangerously in the area that still need addressing . Work continues in the area and to address this and the proposed camera should help the police to identify the offenders. Currently funding from Housing and Armley Tasking budget has been secured to work with young people at risk/involved in ASB through a project run by Leeds United, and a basketball project supported by youth service and the police is due to commence the beginning of October.

### **Bramley**

Following issues around Bramley shopping Centre and an arson incident, a number of young people were identified and actions taken. There are still some issues with young people throwing stones at cars and a recent incident at Bramley Tesco's. Some of the young people causing problems are from Pudsey/Swinnow and are linking in with ASB issues around Bramley shopping Centre, measures are in place to address this. There is also a link to the arson of the empty building behind Bramley shopping Centre in which there is an ongoing investigation by CID.

Some funding from the tasking budget/Community committee was targeted for a diversionary project and BARCA has completed the first cohort of young people. There was mixed success with 2 young people completing the sessions, some who's behaviour was disruptive and it was felt that a different approach was needed and rather than run a second group, agreed that we needed to look at something different, so currently exploring some boxing sessions.

BARCA is looking at a restorative approach with the young people. Leeds City Council, along with Bramley Cluster are funding some work around the restorative approach and looking at a pilot for Bramley. It was felt that this approach would fit in well with the target of young people identified on the action plan. The sessions consist of mediation and conferencing. The consultants that will be developing the session will be getting to know the young people and then working with partners and the community/individuals around the impact their behaviour has on the individual, businesses and the wider community.

AIM outlined the proposal for the youth provision that will run in September from their Stanningley Site. During the summer Aim carried out sports sessions on Stanningley park which run until the end of September to engage and build up relationships so that young people will attend youth provision in September. He has sent out invites via Facebook.

On the latest Partnership Ward Area report which came out on the 23rd September, Bramley Park/Moorfields, Granthamthorpe, and Westover Road area have been raised as areas of concern for youth nuisance and nuisance motorcycles.

### **Kirkstall**

The main area of concern for Kirkstall have been around the Hawsworth estate and the Butcher Hill area. Following a public meeting on the Hawsworth estate with Police and Ward members, concerns were highlighted around the activities of individuals and activities that are causing some real confidence issues on the estate, a place where reporting of crime verses real offending levels and intelligence is already low. Many of the complaints are centred around young people who are causing major problems and in order to address this a multi-agency action plan has been developed. The action plan focusses on:

- Additional Police patrols around the local area.
- Obtaining evidence/intel of breaches of control measures/offender management activity in respect of alleged perpetrators.
- Obtaining intelligence to disrupt the local drug trade.
- Dedicated resources from the Police team funded through the Housing Revenue Account have been to target the problem and address issues alongside the neighbourhood police team and partners
- Planned partnership day of action on the estate.
- Youth engagement . To look at programmes that can be delivered via Safer School Officers around areas of weapons awareness; causes and consequence of behaviour; risky behaviour etc. for early intervention within the 3 target High schools: Lawnswood; Ralph Thoresby; and Abbey Grange.
- To look at the feasibility of an additional CCTV camera

A further meeting with the public, ward members and the police took place in September and the general view was that things had improved in both the Hawsworth Estate and the Butcher Hill area following the partnership actions. It has been difficult to identifying /engage with appropriate young people and develop activities for the youth diversion work, however a meeting with the Cluster, Police/safer schools officers and youth service has been arranged for the beginning of October to progress this stand of the action plan. There will be a further update of all stand of the action plan in October. From the latest Partnership Tasking report for 23rs September 2016, showed a marked reduction in the number of ASB youth related incidents for both Hawsworth and Butcher Hill area, the main issues raised was nuisance motor bikes in these area which has been passed onto the off Road Bike team to investigate.

## **12. Planning Sub Group – Inner North West**

8.1 The Inner North West planning sub group met on 13 July 2016 and 10 August 2016. They will also meet on 14 September; the Chair of the sub group will report back to the Committee meeting.

At the meeting on 13 July the following issues were discussed:

- An update on neighbourhood planning in each of the areas was received. It was agreed that it would be useful to share data for the production of the plans.
- A ward breakdown for CIL monies was requested.
- Concerns were raised about the number of illuminated signs in the area.
- The application for the changes to Headingley stadium and proposals for the Tetley Fields site were discussed and concerns raised about development on greenbelt land.
- That the length of time that members of the public have to speak at Plans Panel is not sufficient.
- Concerns were raised about the increase in density of building developments in the area. A meeting had been requested with the Planning department to discuss this further.

### **8.2 Key Messages**

The Community Committee is asked to note the following key messages:

- There is a large amount of LED signage currently in the area and more details were requested from Planning regarding the policies for such signage.
- It needs to be considered how public rights of way can be integrated across wards.
- There needs to be a shared approach to processing and using data for the development of neighbourhood plans.
- More information was requested regarding Planning's approach to the increasing density of building developments in the inner areas.

8.3 At the meeting on 10 August the following issues were discussed:

- Each area gave a neighbourhood planning update.
- Concerns were raised about building developments that commence and then stop before completion, leaving a site partially developed.
- Clarification of what should be defined as a 'minor material amendment' was requested.
- There was a discussion about student bed spaces in the area currently exceeding demand and concerns raised that, despite this, developers are still applying to develop student bed spaces. Concerns were further raised that different planning conditions are attached to student developments and that when these developments can't be filled with students, these developments are subsequently let out / sold without certain provisions.

### **8.4 Key Messages**

The Community Committee is asked to note the following key messages:

- Highways and Planning are asked to consider the cumulative impact that planning applications can have on an area.
- It was requested that a response be sought regarding the Boston Exchange development.
- That it be ensured that the protocol for speaking at Plans Panels be applied consistently across all Panels.
- That the effect that HMO regulations can have on care costs be explored further.
- Student accommodation issue – to raise with Planning the issue of empty student properties and how these might be used in the future. Parking issues also need to be raised.

### **13. Armley Forum –**

At the forum on 20<sup>th</sup> September the following issues were discussed:

- 9 arrests have been made following the attack on a Polish man on Armley Town Street on 9<sup>th</sup> September. A listening event has been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> October by partners including the Police and All Together Armley.
- There is ongoing discussion about the benches on Town Street and whether they should be removed as they attract ASB. There is mixed feelings locally about this but the Police are keen to see them removed.
- A new Friends of Armley Park groups is being established with the first meeting at the end of September. Anyone interested in this or with any ideas for the park is encouraged to attend.

### **14. Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum**

At the forum on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 the following issues were discussed.

- The Chair of Trustees of Bramley Elderly Action attended the forum to ask for residents view on the proposals for Bramley Elderly Action to take on Bramley Community Centre. Members of the forum thought that this would be a positive outcome for both the centre and the community.
- A representative from CEG, the developers of Kirkstall Forge provided an update. Kirkstall train station is now open and seeing around 180 users each day. The outline plan is for 1,000 houses which is over 4,000 square feet of residential space. The building will take place in pockets with the first phase seeing around 300 homes built. Developers are keen to include a primary school as part of the scheme.
- Managers from local organisation BARCA attended the forum and provided an update on their history and the services that they provide.
- 3 co-opted members of the Inner West Community Committee talked about their experiences and work with the Community Committee.

The next forum is on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **15. Kirkstall Town & District Centre Scheme**

The hard landscaping outside the leisure centre is due to be carried out in the winter months. A shortlist of 3 artists who have applied to create a new piece of public artwork for Kirkstall will be interviewed in October.

#### **16. Newsletter**

Attached is the latest copy of the Inner West newsletter. Through discussions at area chair's forum, it has been agreed that update newsletters be produced for each of the community committees as a means of communicating business to the public. A PDF version of this will be circulated from the Communities Team to local contacts and organisations.

#### **13 Inner West Community Plan**

As part of the community committee constitution, there is a requirement that community committees have a community plan which outlines the committee's work programme and priorities for the year. Please find a draft version of this attached for discussion.

### **Corporate**

**17. a. Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Community Plan process.

**18. b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.

**19. c. 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**

**20.** The work of the sub groups are essential in the delivery of the Community Committee priorities. The Communities Team continues to look at opportunities to develop projects and promote new ways of working to achieve the objectives outlined in the Community Plan.

### **Recommendations**

**16.** To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups and approve the new Community Plan

### **Background information**

- None