

**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**

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### **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 to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

### **Update by theme**

#### **Children and Families - Councillor Karen Bruce**

##### **Children & Families Sub Group**

2. The Children and Families Sub Group met on 11 October 2016 at Rothwell Leisure Centre and minutes will be circulated to the group and Ward Members by email. The agenda included the annual consultation and analysis of youth activities, peer inspections, updating the group's terms of reference and revision of the group's action plan with appropriate city-wide priorities. Good overall attendance at all of the youth activities provided was reported.
3. The group noted that there had been a real improvement since last year, with the Central Peer Inspection team (Citizens and Communities) and Youth Services, Youth Matters team and Youth Services working well in partnership. The next meeting for the group will be on 17 January 2017 in Morley.

## **Environment: Councillor Karen Bruce**

### **Outer South Environmental Sub Group**

4. The last Outer South Environmental Sub Group was held on 21 September 2016 at Morley Town Hall and updates were given by Housing Leeds, the Environmental Locality Team and Parks & Countryside. Minutes and summary of the updates will be circulated to the group and Ward Members by email. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2016 with a proposal to have the subsequent meeting at the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) in March 2017.

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson**

### **The Point Facility**

The Point delivery area has been used to support a variety of sessions, these include:

5. Get into Retail – an 8 week short course including Maths and English for retail. 37 customers have completed the course and 12 have gained employment. The course has now been re-designed and is being delivered over 4 weeks. 15 customers started the new shortened course on Tuesday 27 September 2016.
6. The first Sector Based Work Academy (SBWA), 2 weeks short course, took place in September 2016, with 15 customers attending, 5 have gone into employment. The course includes a half day work experience placement.
7. The second SBWA is now being delivered for Debenhams and McDonalds. An assessment day was held on 25 October 2016 and 9 customers were invited to do a two day work trail with Debenhams. As a result 8 of these customers were successful and are now employed by Debenhams. A further 10 customers have now started on the two week SBWA training; they will do work experience with Debenhams and McDonalds and if successful will be offered employment.
8. Barclays Life Skills are keen to work with The Point. A one day session was held in October 2016 with 25 customers attending. Feedback from Barclays has been positive and further sessions are being developed for the New Year.
9. Plans are in place to host a progression event in partnership with the Council's Electively Home Educated team. The focus of the event in November 2016 will be to provide key stage 4 learners with information about progression routes into further education, employment or training.
10. The Get into Construction session held at the Point attracted 40 young people, resulting in 15 enrolling on the 4 week course.
11. The Point in partnership with colleagues from Community Hubs offered a number of information sessions and ongoing support to 45 BHS staff from the White Rose Centre (WRC) branch facing redundancy.

12. Feedback has been extremely positive and many have now secured employment with other WRC businesses including Debenhams, M&S, and Dorothy Perkins along with John Lewis.

### **Jobs Fair, The Point, 16 August 2016**

13. The Point has hosted a seasonal Jobs Fair in response to requests from WRC businesses for the last 2 years and both have been well attended by retailers and customers. Christmas recruitment can generate in excess of 200 additional vacancies at the White Rose Centre and recruitment for these positions starts in early September 2016.
14. Following an extended period of engagement, 31 businesses attended. In total, this generated over 1,500 vacancies across a range of sectors. Compared with 300 vacancies last year in retail only, this was a significant improvement on the offer.
15. The Jobs Fair attracted circa 700 customers on the day. The majority, 377 (55%) came from the south of the city.
16. The new working arrangement with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) at The Point has brought many additional benefits, including new business contacts. Royal Mail, with over 1,000 vacancies for permanent and Christmas positions is an example. They have given a commitment that all Job Seeker Allowance claimants who complete a basic on line assessment will be guaranteed an interview. As a result of our new working arrangements intelligence on these outcomes will now be shared with Employment and Skills.

### **Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin**

17. The Outer South Community Committee funded Operation Flame in all wards in the run-up to bonfire night and the weekend after. This is a multi-agency coordinated operation to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and environmental issues leading up to and including mischief night and the bonfire period. Various partners work together in the lead up to this period including Fire Service, PCSOs/PCs, Housing Leeds and the Environmental Locality Team. The aim is for partners to report any material which could be used in unofficial bonfires to the Environmental Action Team for removal. PCSOs will direct young people to the youth provision and the ASB Team and Police also undertake pro-active visits to reduce ASB during this period.

### **Health and Wellbeing Update: Councillor Karen Renshaw**

**Leeds South and East Commissioning Groups (LSE CCG) – Health Inequalities Fund Work within this programme covers the South East Leeds (CCG) area only**

18. Work has been undertaken to identify work programmes within three main topic areas – Best Start, Healthy lifestyles and Wider Determinants of Health.

19. Funding has been agreed for an enhanced Best Start programme across the LSE CCG Area. The work will include an enhanced antenatal work programme, a postnatal work programme, a Best Start Peer Support work programme and workforce development activity.
20. Within the Healthy Lifestyles work programme an investment of £122,000 was made to support the continuation of Leeds Get Active in the LSE CCG area until November 2016. Beyond this period funding has been agreed for an enhanced community offer across the LSE CCG area.
21. Funding has also been used to secure two posts to work closely with the LSE CCG Primary Care Engagement Team. The post holders will provide specialist PH advice and will develop, implement and evaluate local work programmes/activity.

### **Leeds South and East – reducing smoking prevalence rates**

22. Early evaluation of the Today is the Day campaign has shown some positive results across the LSE CCG area. Numbers of people engaging with smoking services across the area have gone up since the campaign started and although the numbers are small it is seen as a positive step for the area.. There are still campaign resources available if further promotional sites are identified.

### **Falls Prevention**

23. LCC PH colleagues in the West locality have received funding from Outer West Community Committee to provide free training for SSOs (sheltered support officers - new name for sheltered housing wardens) to become qualified to deliver basic chair based exercise to residents in Leeds City Council sheltered housing and community settings.
24. Five SSOs based in Outer South received this training and are now able to deliver chair based exercise sessions that aim to support residents increase their weekly exercise and also have a chance to meet other residents socially.
25. A DVD has also been distributed to the SSOs, which aims to help people increase their physical activity levels at home. The DVD can also be used for rehabilitation with the aim of increasing a client's strength so they can eventually join a group session.

### **Winter Warmth**

26. Winter Friends training has once again been delivered across Leeds with 3 sessions running in the South East Area. The session for Outer South was attended by 7 frontline workers and all attendees have now been added to the Winter Friends Network. There are a few Winter Wellbeing packs remaining from last winter that can be distributed as crisis packs to those seen by any of the Winter Friends.

## **South East Leeds Debt Forum**

27. On Friday, 7 October 2016 at St George's Conference Centre, 75 people attended the Joint Debt Forum Open Meeting, where all 4 Leeds Debt Forums came together. The theme was Health and Wealth or the impact that poverty can have on wellbeing.
28. The event consisted of a mixture of workshops and talks, with speakers including Cllr Peter Gruen, Pat McGeever, (Health For All) and Sophia Ditta (financial inclusion team). There were 7 different workshops on topics such as universal credit, mental health, food & fuel poverty, housing and breaking the cycle, with workshop facilitators feeding back at the end on behalf of their groups. The information gathered will be collated into a report which will be sent out to attendees.

## **Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw**

### **Older Persons Working Group**

29. The Outer South Community Committee Older People's Working Group met on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre. Highlights included welcoming Age UK and the Ciaran Bingham Trust to the working group, signing off the group's Terms of Reference, the availability of Winter Friends Training and a discussion on the impact of alcohol on older people.
30. Age UK highlighted projects run by themselves which could be supported by the Outer South Community Committee:
- Digital Angels
  - Computer Classes
  - Mission Possible
  - Walking with confidence

### **International Day for Older People Events**

31. The event on 5 October 2016 took place at Blackburn Hall and was delivered by Rothwell & District Live at Home Scheme and the event on 15 October 2016 held at Morley Town Hall was delivered by Morley Elderly Action. Both events proved very successful.
32. 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. Outcomes included 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.

## Garden Maintenance Scheme

33. Morley Elderly Action (MEA) provided an interim report on the current scheme. As the weather has been mild over the summer, monthly gardening targets have been achieved on time and winter gardening could go on to the end of November 2016 and then start up again in March 2017. The scheme continues to receive positive feedback and satisfaction from customers with the work carried out by the gardeners.
34. Out of the 4625 hours allocated to the scheme, 3510 hours have been used, leaving 1115 hours until the end of March 2017. Of the total 468 customers 288 are registered as disabled or consider themselves to have a disability. Any issues regarding the wellbeing of customers brought to attention of the gardeners is dealt with MEA or Rothwell Live at Home Scheme.

## Outer South Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor David Nagle

35. The last meeting of the Community Centres sub group was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at St Gabriel's Community Centre and minutes will be circulated by email along with the work plan. Highlights included a discussion on Gildersome Youth and Community Centre and the detailed arrangements for the relocation of current users of Gildersome Youth Centre before the property is disposed of.
36. 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 took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 with the Management Committee where a way forward was agreed.

## Community Centre Pricing Policy

37. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 £4,370.50, giving a total cost to date of £55,001.50.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	15/04/16	£82.50
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	03/08/16	£208.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	St. Gabriel's	Baby & Toddler Group	01/09/16 to 31/03/17	£1,050.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley	Dance Action Zone	15/08/16	£60.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley	Tingley TARA	29/10/16 22/12/16 17/04/17	£150.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley	Tingley TARA	29/10/16	£45.00
Rothwell	Windmill Youth & Community Centre	LCC Youth Service	14/09/16 to 31/03/17	£2,775.00
Outer South Total				£4,370.50

## Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP) Update

38. The OSHAP meet to review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The OSHAP are well represented by four Outer South ward members, Councillors Jack Dunn, David Nagle, Shirley Varley and Robert Finnigan. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects. The current priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page':
- To enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods, including those that address community safety and security
  - To support applications that promotes and support tenants into the world of work
  - To support applications which will give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of their general health and well-being
39. The OSHAP forward plan includes a regular review of housing performance with a senior housing officer.
40. So far this year, the OSHAP has supported 22 community development projects and 10 environmental related projects and has a number of projects in the pipeline. Some examples of funded projects include:
- £5000 towards the Dementia Café
  - £500 towards Community Heroes event
  - £2182 towards Christmas trees and lights
  - £2294 Baker Street Tarmac
  - £4800 Youth Connect Project
  - £1000 Thorpe PTA event
  - £500 East Ardsley Gala
  - £366 White lines at Elmfield House
  - A number of tenant and resident groups have been funded for Christmas activities and events
41. The panel received a budget of **£75,778.37** for 2016/17. So far the panel has committed **£58,155.23** against match funding of **£74,820.95**. The remaining balance is **£17,623.14**.
42. The OSHAP are keen to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help with community engagement.

## Outer South Community Committee Newsletter

43. 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

44. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

## **Recommendations**

45. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

46. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.