

**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 October and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Locality Team.
5. An update on Leeds Quality Park (LQP) assessment with an apology offered for the delay in circulating the results to Members caused by staffing changes. Results will be distributed in due course. Grass cutting season ending and contractors now moving onto shrub pruning and mulching.

6. Head of Service for Waste Collection, Tom Smith, also attended to discuss the Domestic Waste Policy and consult the sub group on resource priorities for the Inner North East. Side waste was raised as a particular concern and a priority was set around ensuring households with over 5 residents are given additional bin provision to reduce side waste. Issues were raised about incorrect information being given out by the contact centre regarding charging for additional bins. Tom Smith confirmed this is incorrect and said that this would be followed up to ensure correct advice is given to residents. Continuing issues of missed collections caused by access issues raised with feedback provided on partnership work between police, Waste Management and Localities.
7. In terms of environmental teams, leaf clearing work has started with resource being bought in through the Council's contractor Continental. Ongoing enforcement work is being undertaken to address dumping/tipping on the Beckhills estate but officers reported that only two missed collections had been reported since August. The Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA) will be presented to the committee as part of a separate report.

#### Wellbeing Advisory Group

8. 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 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.
9. Final monitoring is now being collated for the 2016 summer activities funded from the Youth Activities Fund. Along with the feedback from the Peer Inspections, the information will inform a report that will be presented to the Wellbeing Advisory Group in the New Year and then circulated to the wider committee.
10. Members of the Wellbeing Advisory Group recommended setting aside £1,500 of area wide Wellbeing funding to support projects for the 'Domestic Violence – 16 Days of Action' from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10 December. This was supported by the wider committee and the Communities Team have been working with partners to commission projects that will raise awareness of domestic violence and associated issues. Further feedback will be provided after the event and as part of the Community Committee Update report to the committee in March 2017.

#### **Neighbourhood Improvement**

11. Details of the Neighbourhood Improvement work being undertaken in the Inner North East area are contained in a separate report to the committee.

## **Community Champions**

12. Work is ongoing to develop the role of the Community Champions. A Community Champions meeting took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to discuss working relationships, challenges and priorities. Discussions at the meeting have been used to inform this section of the Community Committee Update report.

### Environment Champion – Cllr Hamilton

13. Details in relation to the work of the Environmental Champion are set out in paragraphs 4-7 above. The Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA) - which has been shaped by the Environmental Sub Groups - will be presented to the committee as part of a separate report.

### Community Safety Champion – Cllr Rafique

14. Localised tasking arrangements have continued to tackle community safety issues across Inner North East through close partnership working. A separate Community Safety Update report is to be presented to the committee.

### Adult Social Care Champion – Cllr Macniven

15. 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.

### Health and Wellbeing Champion – Cllr Taylor

16. Ongoing work streams relating to social isolation, health inequalities, and re-commissioning of the Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Service, continues.

### Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion – Cllr Hussain

17. The most recent Employment and Skills Board took place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Discussions included work that is taking place to support those aged 50+ as well as younger people. A young person's event is planned for the Compton Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> November and partners are identifying adequate venues to deliver skills provision. The Board is also starting to look at data sharing arrangements between the Council and Leeds City College to enable better linkages between provision. The Board has also started to consider better publicity of opportunities for example through Fever FM and how the impact of community hubs can be maximised.

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

18. As the Children's and Young People's Champion, Cllr Tunnicliffe is involved with plans to undertake a Youth Summit consultation event where young people will be consulted on what activities they would like to see on offer in the Inner North East area. Planning is underway to deliver the consultation in the New Year in partnership with the Voice & Influence team and the area Advanced Youth Work Practitioner. The results of the consultation will help inform the next commissioning round for projects to be supported by Youth Activity Funding.
19. The Inner North East Children's Data Profile (Autumn 2016) has been provided as appendix 1 to this report.

### **Community Events**

#### 20. WW1 Remembrance Event

On Remembrance Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016, an event was held at The Reginald Centre to remember and honour allied and commonwealth soldiers of all races, faiths and nationalities, for their bravery and sacrifice during the First World War 1914-1918. The event was attended by over 30 members of the local community, faith/community leaders, ward councillors, Fabian Hamilton MP and the Deputy Lieutenant, Major Ashley Rawlins (Rtd). At the event a commemorative bench and accompanying sign funded by Chapel Allerton Councillors was unveiled. The event was well received by the community with lots of positive feedback.

#### 21. INE Festive Lights Switch-on Events

Successful festive lights events were held across the Inner North East in November. Oakwood lights event was organised by OTRA with support from the Roundhay Ward Councillors. This year's event was combined with a festive market and the switch-on was done by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Gerry Harper. Smaller community led events took place at Moortown Corner and in Meanwood, organised by Moortown Community Group and Meanwood Valley Partnership respectively with the support of Moortown Ward Councillors. Finally, the Chapel Allerton festive lights event was funded by the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors. The Chapeltown festive lights will be switched on as part of the Chapeltown Winter Festival event on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The Chapeltown Winter Festival has also been part funded by the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors and is being delivered by New Chapeltown Development Trust, Community Hubs and the ENE Communities Team.

## **Communications & Social Media**

22. 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 393 people, an increase from 365 at the time of the last Community Committee in September 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**

23. Despite the recent developments with Brexit and the ensuing uncertainty, the East Leeds Community Local Led Development (CLLD) strategy was officially endorsed by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on 29<sup>th</sup> October. As a result, the funding offer of £1.5m has been secured for East Leeds pending the strategy being implemented and the subsequent bids coming forward from local groups.

24. The work of the neighbourhood improvement partnerships in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, **Chapelton**, Gipton, Harehills and Seacroft as well as the East Leeds NIB was acknowledged as playing a major role in anchoring this bid. The East Leeds NIB will now consider co-opting members of the Local Action Group (LAG) onto the East Leeds NIB to develop a relationship between the two forums.

## **Conclusion**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

## **Background information**

None