

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

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To note

Area Update Report

1. Purpose of report

This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.

- 1.1 Members are asked to note the discussions of the Inner North West Community Committee sub groups and any key messages.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note free lets that have been agreed under the new pricing policy for community centres.
- 1.3 Members are asked to note the update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the area update newsletter
- 1.5 Members are asked to note the update from Keepmoat regarding progress on the progress on the Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck (LLBHH) Housing Regeneration Project.

2. Background information

- 2.1 An area update report is submitted at every cycle of community committee meetings, unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and council services may also contribute information to the area update report.

3. Main issues

Forum and Sub Group Key Messages

3.1 Planning Sub Group

The Inner North West planning sub group met on 9 November 2016. They will also meet on 14 December, the Chair of the sub group will report back to the Committee meeting.

3.2 At the meeting on 9 November the following was discussed:

- Andrew Hall, Head of Transportation, attended the sub group meeting to deliver a presentation and seek views on how the allocated £173.5m of central government money should be spent in the city. There was a general consensus that this would be well spent on bus improvement schemes.
- The group discussed that the government has now published guidance on the HMO rules and expanded the definition of mandatory licencing to include 5 or more people. There is a consultation which closes on 13 December.
- Concerns were raised about the potential development of the former Liberal Club, off Willow Road in Burley.

3.3 Key Messages

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

- That the sub group wishes to send a message to the Planning team; that it is of the opinion that enforcement should not be delegated to non-planning officers.
- That the facts be established regarding the proposed development at the former Liberal Club site near the railway line at Willow Road.

3.6 Environment Sub Group

The Environment Sub Group met on 25 October 2016. The following key issues were discussed:

- Localised graffiti in Headingley and Hyde Park continues to be an issue with the Royal Parks, Brudenells, Harolds and Thornvilles areas particularly affected.
- Locality zonal teams are now working on leaf removal with Continental providing support.
- The Head of Service for Waste Collection attended the sub group to raise awareness of the Council's policies in relation to the management of domestic waste and to explain what the policies are principally aiming to achieve in the Wards covered by the Inner North West Community Committee, and to highlight that how the delivery of services varies over the city. There was some discussion around local challenges.
- The opt-in green bin service has been extended to cover the upper Cardigan Road area of Headingley as of September 2016.
- BBQ Patrols on Woodhouse Moor over the summer months were successful, with no reported fires or calls made to West Yorkshire Fire Service.
- There was some discussion around expanding the range of events held in our public spaces and parks and how residents are consulted on any proposals.

- Concerns were shared about antisocial behaviour during the Varsity Rugby match on October 5th which was attended by 15,500 people. The event is managed by both Leeds University and Leeds Beckett Student Unions and the Event Manager was in attendance at the sub group. It was proposed that in future years the event should be marshalled, the cleansing zone around the stadium should be widened, and that Headingley stadium be more engaged in the wider organisation of the event. It was also suggested that the scale of road closures be increased.

3.7 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group and receive any verbal update, at the Community Committee, from the sub group chair.

Children & Young People Sub Group

- 3.8 The next meeting of this sub group will take place in early January 2017 where Members will consider Youth Activities Fund applications for February half term and the Easter break.

4. Free lets

- 4.1 Under the new pricing policy for community centres, free lets are now agreed on an individual basis. The table below details the free lets that have been agreed in the Inner North West area since this new policy was introduced and the financial value that this represents to the council:

Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	09.06.16	09.06.16	£42.00
Meanwood CC	Playscheme	Weetwood	04.04.16	08.04.16	£55.00
Little London CC	RETAS Leeds	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	23.02.16	Jan-17	£1,000.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	21.04.16	21.04.16	£9.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	06.05.16	06.05.16	£24.00
Meanwood CC	Leeds Woodcraft Folk	Weetwood	28.04.16	22.12.16	£2,080.00
Meanwood CC	Leeds Youth Service	Weetwood	05.04.16	31.03.17	£1881.60
Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	22.06.16	14.12.16	£312.00

Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	22.06.16	22.06.16	£5.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	07.10.16	07.10.16	£24.00
Little London CC	Little London Art	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	19.07.16	25.07.17	£1,170.00
Little London CC	NW1 FamilyService Team	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	12.09.16	19.12.16	£161.25
Meanwood CC	Meanwood Valley Woodcraft	Weetwood	19.09.16 & 31.10.16	17.10.16 & 12.12.16	£264.00
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	Weetwood	17.10.16	12.12.16	£75.00
Little London CC	Bahar AFG Womens Association	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	07.11.16	29.03.17	£3,622.50
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	Weetwood	23.11.16	23.11.16	£10.00
Little London CC	Community Action LL & Servias	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	12.11.16	25.03.17	£75.00
Total Charges Waived					£10,809.75

5. Update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

5.1 Across Leeds there are 11 local Housing Advisory Panels (HAP's) who work closely with local housing and other Council teams to support community and environmental projects; tenant engagement activity and to help monitor and shape local housing services to meet the needs of local tenants and communities. HAP's are tenant-led forums with local Ward member representation – one member for each of the Wards within the scope of the Inner North West HAP (INW HAP).

The INW HAP recently updated their 'plan on a page' to ensure funding priorities are reflective of current local need and also contribute to both housing and wider best city priorities.

For 2016/17 the INW HAP received a delegated budget of £93,068 towards community and environmental initiatives that benefit Council tenants and their communities.

Within these wards the INW HAP has so far financially contributed towards the following activities and projects;

- Little London Community Day in July,
- a resident parking permit scheme in the St Johns area (underway)
- a community garden project at Iveson Primary school (underway)
- extra refuse solutions at Ireland Crescent sheltered housing,
- new fencing and gates at Parkstone Avenue flats,
- a planter and gardening tools for Eltham Court sheltered housing residents.
- Resurfacing of a garage site at Fillingfir Road (underway)

- A multi-agency Operation Champion action day in the Hyde Park area.

Also the INW HAP has contributed funding towards the extension of the city-wide 'community payback' scheme and a Parenting Programme due to start in February 2017 in the INW area.

The Panel meets every two months and will consider funding applications that meet the HAP criteria throughout the year.

Housing Leeds continue to work closely with the Communities Team colleagues and other statutory and voluntary sector partners to identify opportunities for joint projects to maximum impact for tenants, residents and communities.

6. Area update newsletter

- 6.1 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. At **Appendix 1** is the latest INW area update newsletter, attached for Members information.

7. Progress on the Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck (LLBHH) Housing Regeneration Project

- 7.1 Members will find at **Appendix 2** an update on progress on the Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck Housing Regeneration Project. The Community Liaison Manager from Keepmoat will be in attendance at the meeting to add further detail and answer any questions.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 This report provides members with an update on recent sub group business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team West North West.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 Members are asked to:

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