

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 to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Main issues

Updates by theme: Children and Families: Councillor Karen Bruce

Children & Families Sub Group

2. The Children & Families Sub Group met on Wednesday 8 February 2017. Minutes will be circulated in due course. Key highlights include:
 - Approval of the Terms of Reference
 - Cluster Out of School Activities wellbeing project evaluation for 2016/17. Due to a refocus of work in schools it was agreed that officers would explore options for future Wellbeing projects and bring proposals to a future Community Committee for consideration
 - Engagement plans for children & young people in 2017/18
 - Outer South Community Committee Children & Parks workshop feedback
3. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9 March and will consider and agree Youth Activities Funded projects for 2017/18.

Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety: Councillor Karen Bruce (Environment)

Outer South Environmental Sub-Group

4. The Environment sub group received an update on the agreed **domestic waste policies** signed off at Executive Board. It was noted that a more robust approach would be undertaken with the minority of households who do not comply with the terms of the service. This will include penalty charges where needed. **Highways and transportation** colleagues discussed some of the key issues in the community committee area. In the case of the issues at **Wood Lane, Rothwell**, a report setting out options will be considered by the service. There were positive reports from Housing Leeds and Parks and Countryside about the progress of local schemes such as community action days and section 106 funded improvements at Parks.

Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin

5. In partnership with its police partners LASBT has recently secured a five-year injunction to prevent **anti-social motorcycling** in Leeds following the unauthorised 'ride out' through the streets of Leeds that occurred on Halloween last year.
6. The injunction secured on 10 January 2017 replaces the earlier interim injunction secured on 9 December 2016 and will be in place for 5 years, covering the whole of the Leeds City Council area. It prohibits anti-social driving (as defined in the order) by anyone after service of the order on them. Officers from LASBT are working closely with police colleagues to identify specific individuals who are being served with copies of the injunction to warn them of the consequences of a repeat of the events of 31 October 2016, described by the presiding Judge as being 'highly dangerous to the riders themselves and members of the public'.
7. LASBT South has led on the delivery of a **case training programme**. During the last year all ASB case officers have attended this training and have been updated on investigation techniques, and the new ASB legislation. This training will ensure that all those involved in our ASB case investigation will receive the best possible service from our officers.
8. Ward officers from Outer South Partnership Working Area have worked in partnership with officers from the Youth Offending Service and the Leeds ASB Team to combat **ASB in the Drighlington area** involving a small number of local youths. Residents had been subject to ASB, damage and other criminal matters. As result of the joint partnership working, ASB warning letters and an ASB injunction have been issued to those involved.
9. The Outer South Team will continue to work with the **Safer Project** to highlight to retail premises and service providers an awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and what to look out for. Outer South ward officers and safer schools officers will continue to provide inputs to primary schools and academies in relation to cyber-crime and CSE related subjects, this is an ongoing programme supporting local schools.

10. Crime prevention work is ongoing in relation to **thefts from motor vehicles**. Many victims suffer from this type of offence, it appears, as a result of leaving their vehicle insecure or unlocked. Another prevalent type of offence, which is occurring in many West Yorkshire police districts, is the **theft of power tools from commercial vehicles**. The outer south crime prevention officer is working hard to educate owners of the need to remove items when vehicles are left unattended and ensure that items are suitably marked in an effort to identify them if stolen.
11. Safer schools officers conducted an **off-licences test purchase operation** between 28 and 30 December 2016 to combat underage drinking/ selling in both Inner and Outer South
- Total premises tested: 69
 - Total passed: 63
 - Total failed:6
 - Outer south 30 shops tested 1 failed
 - Inner south 39 shops tested 5 failed
- All three shops that failed the test purchase in November were retested and passed this time around. Of the premises that failed the sellers were eligible for a community resolution, with the condition that they attend at Elland Road Police Station for a meeting with the licencing department as part of an educational strategy.
12. Ward officers in partnership with patrol officers, safer roads team and district crime teams have worked hard in an effort to reduce the number of **burglary dwelling offences** that have recently spiked in the months of December and January. Particular areas have been targeted and as a result of this initiative 19 different offenders have been arrested with a further 11 awaiting trial and court attendance. Others have been bailed pending further enquiries.
13. A further **Cold Calling Zone** has been set up in the Haigh Terrace area and surrounding streets of Rothwell, in addition to the one conducted in December around the Churchfields area. Officers have worked in partnership with West Yorkshire Trading Standards and funding secured through local councillors.

Updates by theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson

14. Within the Community Committee area, there are **540 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)** as of September 2016, which is a 32.08% (255 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. However, this is offset by a rise in the number of people claiming **Employment Support Allowance (ESA) - 2,330 people** as of September 2016, which is a 4.48% (100 people) increase compared to the same period last year.
15. From April to September 2016, there have been 427 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 129 supported to secure employment and 209 to improve their skills.

16. **The Personal Work Support package** (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support, is working well. Since it commenced in April 2015, 1,509 have attended and 339 (22%) have secured employment. There are currently 33 Outer South residents engaging with this programme.
17. One of the key developments for the city was **Victoria Gate**, and there was numerous community events held throughout the city to promote the development and provide information about the employment opportunities, which 434 people attended. John Lewis recruited 499 members of staff, with 60% (306) were from Leeds, 18 residents from the Outer South secured employment.
18. **The Point** at the White Rose Centre offers Jobshop provision, skills delivery to supports customers to gain employment, and work specifically with the retailers within the White Rose Centre to support their recruitment needs. From April to December 2016, there have been 2,563 visits to the centre and 354 people have been supported into work.

Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Bruce (Health and Wellbeing); Councillor Karen Renshaw (Adult Social Care)

Leeds South and East CCG – Health Inequalities Fund

19. **Healthy Lifestyles work programme** – The delivery of the enhanced community offer for Leeds Let's Get Active began in January 2017. Leisure Services are embedded within local partnerships to help shape development of the offer and identify need across the area.
20. **Best Start work programme** – Touchstone, which will be working with Women's Health Matters and Leeds Community Healthcare (health visiting), have been awarded a contract for three years to deliver a Best Start Peer Support service across the LSE CCG area focussing in areas of high deprivation. The service will recruit, train and support volunteers and paid sessional workers to develop and deliver activities and key messages aiming to support parents, parents to be and carers to give children the best start in life.
21. **Leeds South and East – reducing smoking prevalence rates.** Promotion of the Today is the Day campaign continues with additional resources being placed in local areas to highlight the campaign. Use of bus shelters and back of bus advertising is in place across the South East locality and the Today's the Day self-help app recently launched and is being promoted to service users.
22. Leeds South and East CCG have secured £75,000 from Public Health England to support work on maternal smoking. Work programmes around this issue are now underway with the involvement of LSE CCG, Public Health, Maternity Services, Leeds Community Healthcare and Leeds University.

23. **Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Service.** The new service is due to start on 1 April 2017, with a launch event taking place on 21 February 2017 at the Civic Hall. The event will provide an opportunity to understand the aims of the service, meet the service providers and hear more about delivery plans in the local area. Discussion will take place on working well together to make Leeds a healthy and caring city for all ages, improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Councillor Charlwood will be opening the event.

Adult Social Care

Older Persons Working Group

24. The Outer South Community Committee Older People's Working Group met on 10 January 2017 at Northfield Community Centre, Rothwell. Highlights included the availability of **Winter Friends Training**, a discussion on the lack of public transport in the area and a need to advertise widely events in the area. Public Health provided some information on the impact of alcohol on older people. It was agreed to support training for Winter Friends and a project through Age UK. Members are reminded that the Community Committee workshop on support for unpaid carers will be held on Wednesday, 8 March 2017, 5.00 to 6.30 p.m. at Morley Town Hall. Refreshments will be available from 4.30 p.m.

25. **Garden Maintenance Scheme 2017/18** Morley Elderly Action presented the proposal for the 2017/18 Garden Maintenance Project. The Outer South Older Person's Working Group agreed to support the project and noted the match funding applications to the Housing Area Panel and the Police Safer Leeds Fund.

Outer South Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor David Nagle

26. The last meeting of the Community Centres sub-group was held on 31 January 2017 at the Windmill Youth and Community Centre. The minutes will be circulated by email along with the work plan. Highlights include the plans to paint inside **Windmill Youth and Community Centre** in February during school half term with some funding from the Housing Advisory Panel, a discussion on plans for a mobile stage for Morley Town Hall and an update on Drighlington Meeting Hall.

27. **Gildersome Youth Centre** has now been sold allowing plans to be made to improve Gildersome Meeting Hall, which will allow the groups who were using the Gildersome Youth Centre and currently using a local school, to begin using the venue.

28. The Communities Team is working with the Trustees and the Management Committee of **St. Gabriel's' Community Centre** 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 16th January 2017 with the Management Committee and the Trustees, where a way forward was agreed.

Community Centre Pricing Policy

29. 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 September 2015. The total value of free lets authorised to date is £50,631. The total additional free lets approved in the Outer South area thus far this financial year is £4,964.50, giving a total cost to date of £55,595.

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For the period from February 2016 – February 2017

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	15.04.16	£82.50
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley CC	Dance Action Zone	15.08.16	£60.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley CC	Tingley TRA	29/10/16 22/12/16 17/04/17	£150.00
Morley South	Lewisham Park	LCC Youth Service	03/08/16	£208.00
Rothwell	Windmill Youth Centre	LCC Youth Service	14/09/16 – 31/03/16	£2,775.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	St. Gabriel's CC	Baby & Toddler Group	01/09/16 – 31/03/17	£1,050.00
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley CC	Tingley TRA	29/10/16 – 29/10/16	£45.00
Morley South	Lewisham Park	Morley Blind Group	08/12/16 – 30/03/17	£510.00
Rothwell	Windmill YC	Connect for Health	14/02/17 – 28/03/17	£84.00
Outer South Total				£4,964.50

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

31. The Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) meets to review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is represented by four Outer South Ward Members, Councillors Jack Dunn, David Nagle, Shirley Varley and Robert Finnigan. The panel have a budget to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects that are in line with local priorities. The 2016/17 funding priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page'; these are to support projects that help:

- Enhance and improve the environment
- Promote people's health and wellbeing, in particular to tackle isolation
- Benefit younger tenants, in particular those projects delivered by Youth Services in partnership with the Community Committee.

- Promote employment and skills

32. The panel's budget of £75,778.37 has now been fully committed on 42 different community and environmental related projects. Some examples of funded projects include:

- £1,400 Denshaw Grove Birds-mouth Fencing
- £5,000 towards the Dementia Café
- £500 towards Community Heroes event
- £2,294 Baker Street Tarmacking
- £4,800 Youth Connect Project
- £3,198 Springfield Street Paving Improvements
- £500 East Ardsley Gala
- £4,523 Morley Elderly Action Gardening Project
- A number of tenant and resident groups have been funded for seasonal or social activities and events for residents, especially more elderly residents to tackle social isolation.

33. The OSHAP forward plan includes a regular review of housing performance with a senior housing officer.

34. 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.

35. The next Panel meeting on the 7th March 2017 will include consideration for a fresh 2017/18 partnership with West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Services, commonly known as 'Community Payback'. This citywide partnership has worked effectively in the Outer South area, returning activity to the value of £23,652 over the last 20 months, from a total partnership cost of £12,503. This has resulted in the completion of 44 different cleaning up, cutting back, tidying up and clearance type of environmental jobs in communal/open spaces across the area in line with the HAPs local priorities.

Outer South Community Committee Communications

36. 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. Appendix 2 details recent social media activity for the Outer South Facebook page.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

38. The community committee is asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

39. 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.