

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

- 1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note the discussions of the Inner North West Community Committee sub groups and any key messages.
- 1.3 Members are asked to note the new community centre discounted lettings policy.
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the updated INW community plan and to agree the listed key priorities for 2017/18
- 1.5 Members are asked to note the changes to the Parkswatch service
- 1.6 Members are asked to note the area update newsletter

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 12 April 2017. The Chair of the sub group will provide a verbal update to the Community Committee on 15 June.

3.2 Environment Sub Group

The Environment Sub Group met on 18 April 2017 following a tour of the RERF (Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility) at Cross Green. The following key issues were discussed:

- The Service Manager from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team highlighted the new service structure and name. Discussions took place about priorities for the forthcoming year which will feed into the Service Level Agreement to be brought to a future meeting. Thoughts included use of CCTV, flytipping, the response to dog fouling and damage to grass verges.
- Plans for this year's response to the student changeover period were outlined by officers. These include skip prohibitions in priority areas, additional bin collections, wheel outs, and reminder letters to landlords. Staff will provide a visible presence on street during key weekends. There will be an increase in the number of textile bins provided to 16 (up from 11 in 2016), and discussions on suitable camera locations to monitor fly tipping and tatting activity.
- A review of the waste collection service is underway. It is thought that around 200,000 premises across the city will see a change to their bin collection day. The group discussed the opt-in green bin collection scheme and the scope for extension. The group heard that there are plans to introduce charges for bulky waste collections, along with providing increased support to the city's re-use organisations
- An Officer from Parks & Countryside presented on plans for promoting the North West Leeds Country Park green gateways trails.

3.3 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

- 3.4 There have been no meetings of the Children and Young People's sub group since the last Community Committee meeting in March.

4. Community Centre Discounted Lettings

- 4.1 A decision has been taken to introduce a limit on the value of discounted lettings to be approved by each Community Committee in 2017/18. All hirers will pay a minimum of 25% of the published community rate.

5. INW Community Plan

- 5.1 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 attached at **Appendix 1** the updated community plan and their key priorities for 2017/18.

6. Update regarding the Parkswatch Service

- 6.1 The Parkswatch service transferred to Safer Leeds from Parks in 2013. The service was responsible for patrolling green spaces and parks, locking and unlocking cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions and occasional work with West Yorkshire Police. There have been 6 officers undertaking Parkswatch patrols, delivering this service through 2 shifts. The team undertook a 4 on / 4 off shift pattern working seasonal hours. Over the last few months, intensive work has been undertaken to modernise and redesign the Parkswatch service.
- 6.2 In 2015, LeedsWatch proposed and began the process of undertaking a redesign of the service in an attempt to integrate the Parkswatch service into the wider Safer Leeds Patrol Team. This work has now been completed and commenced in April 2017. The new team comprises of 20 officers (working a 5 shift work pattern) undertaking a wider range of duties including: patrolling of green spaces and parks, opening and closing cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions, patrolling of estates to prevent ASB, responding to LCC alarm calls, routine patrols to LCC assets, patrolling of industrial estates where this is a paid for service and partnership working with other services including West Yorkshire Police. Work has also commenced on joining up the work of the Safer Leeds Officer Patrol Team with the Councils ASB team in an attempt to find sustainable solutions to some of the ASB type problems the team encounters.
- 6.3 The redesigned service provides a more flexible approach that can better respond to the needs of residents, businesses and partners. The service will be delivered using both cars and off-road bikes with LeedsWatch livery. The service seeks to continue with this approach but has identified that the use of cars will be more predominant than the use of off-road bikes. Work has been undertaken to check access to all our parks and green spaces and where operationally necessary some Safer Leeds Officers will continue to use off-road bikes. Work with partners, including West Yorkshire Police, will continue and actually be enhanced through the wider remit of the team and increased partnership work with LASBT.

7. Area update newsletter

7.1 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. Attached at **Appendix 2** is the latest INW area update newsletter, attached for Members information.

8. Corporate considerations

8.1 Consultation and engagement

8.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

8.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

8.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

8.3 Resources and value for money

8.3.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

8.4 Legal implications, access to information and call in

8.4.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

9. Risk management

9.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

10. Conclusion

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

11 Recommendations

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