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Report to: Inner East Community Committee – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills. Killingbeck & Seacroft wards

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To Note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

This report provides an update on the work programme of the Inner East Community Committee and the Communities Team, including recent successes, current challenges and on-going pieces of work.

Main issues

1. Since the last Community Committee, work has progressed in a number of areas, including via ward member meetings and the local Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.
2. The last community committee featured a report on financial inclusion and was followed by a workshop on debt management where residents and service partners discussed barriers to people effected by debt seeking help and support. The issue produced some productive insight and discussion, and some ideas for how outcomes can be improved for people managing personal debt. One of the main barriers that was identified was the lack of general awareness about the help that was on offer, and also the difficulty in communicating this information to particular sections of the community. There was a consensus that more needed to be done in terms of promoting the services available. An update of the outcomes of the session and action taken to date is included as an appendix to this report (Appendix 1). This piece of work is to be seen as a work in progress between now and December with joined-up work on the issues being forged via the East Leeds Debt Forum.
3. Following a consultation exercise carried out in March / April this year, a decision was taken to remove the option of free lettings in community centres to be replaced by a

maximum 75% discount available for supported organisations. This was applied to new lettings from 2nd May and to existing lettings from 5th June. All existing free lettings were automatically offered the discounted rate. Separate arrangements were made to account for costs relating to lettings made by Youth Services and Neighbourhood Networks. The Inner East Community Committee area has 8 community centres that are directly managed by Leeds City Council. The table below shows the number of groups affected by the change in policy at each centre, the number of groups that renewed / cancelled their existing lettings, the amount of additional income achieved in year (June – March 2018) through the discounted letting policy and the overall projected income at each centre, including income from lettings at the full community and commercial rates.

Community Centre	No. of Former Free Lettings	No. of Renewals	No. of Cancellations	Additional Income 2017/18	Overall Projected Income 2017/18
Crossgates Community Centre	2	2	0	£970.75	£1,099.00
Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre	3	3	0	£1,870.00	£8,067.10
Denis Healey Centre	3	2	1	£1,345.00	£1,789.84
Ebor Gardens Community Centre	3	3	0	£6,905.00	£9,926.59
Henry Barran Centre	3	3	0	£6,114.37	£15,975.70
Kentmere Community Centre	3	3	0	£5,252.50	£13,483.50
Lincoln Green Community Centre	5	5	0	£3,506.90	£17,570.73
Richmond Hill Community Centre	5	5	0	£2,875.84	£8,740.06
Total	27	26	1	£28,840.36	£76,652.52

All discounted lettings are due for renewal on 1st April 2018 and a process will start in the new year to determine approval of the discounted support for the following financial year.

- Back in June, committee members were asked to refresh the priorities which guide Wellbeing spend and the work programme of the Communities Team. The committee resolved that the proposed revised priorities should be subject to ward level consultation. This consultation has since taken place with no amends being proposed to the suggested priorities. The community committee priorities that will serve for 2017/18 are attached for reference at Appendix 2
- The Inner East environmental sub group met on 22nd August. Issues discussed included the new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Harehills, plans to expand the brown bin service as well as departmental updates from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Waste Management and Parks and Countryside. The new PSPO for Harehills went through public consultation during June and July. 87% of the people and organisations who responded to the consultation were in favour of it. The new order will come into effect on 20th October and will place prohibitions on the consumption of alcohol in public and requirements on the storage of domestic waste.

The refuse collection service currently have scope to add an additional service route for brown bin collections across the city. This will create the capacity for an additional 15,000 properties. A piece of consultative work with elected members is under way to determine which areas could be included on this route. Particular attention will be paid to new homes which have been built since the last time the brown bin routes were mapped.

6. During the course of the summer, the Communities Team have helped to plan and deliver several community galas and fun days across Inner East which have been funded by the Inner East Community Committee. Each of these events play an important role in bringing communities together. They also display the strong partnership networks that have been established and invaluable role volunteers play in communities. The summer events programme constitutes a considerable part of the Communities Team workload over the summer months and is a significant part of the team's engagement offer.

❖ **Burmantofts Gala – 24th June**

Attendees went into the thousands for this event which took place on Oxton Fields in the heart of Burmantofts.

❖ **Lark in the Park – 22nd July**

This was the 12th year for this well-established community event, organised by a partnership of local organisation lead by Community Unity and supported by the ENE Communities Team. The event at East End Park had an estimated attendance of circa 2000 people.

❖ **Seacroft and Cross Gates Children & Young People Days – 28th July, 3rd August and 17th August**

These events took place at the Denis Healy Centre and Seacroft Village Green. They collectively attracted over 600 people. Fruit and water were handed out to everyone who attended.

❖ **Harehills Children & Young People Day – 10th August**

This event took place in Harehills Park with up to 500 people attending throughout the day.



Burmantofts Gala



Harehills Children & Young People Day



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Lark in the Park

The annual Harehills Festival will take place in Banstead Park on 24th September between 12pm and 4pm. Stalls for the event are still available and information can be requested via the Communities Team.

7. A Joint Inner East and Inner North East Public Health workshop will be taking place in October. This will be a strategic meeting involving the appropriate community champions, officers from Public Health and third sector health partners. The purpose of the workshop will be to update on the local public health structure and to establish local health and wellbeing priorities to focus on going forward. The outcomes of this workshop, as well as a more general update on Public Health, will be included in a report that will come to the next community committee meeting in November.

8. We are edging ever closer to the final submission date for the city to submit its bid to be the 2023 Capital of Culture. With less than 2 months to go until the deadline, an online campaign has been launched to encourage people in the city to support the bid by pledging their support online. Residents, businesses and communities in Leeds are being asked to support the #MakeLeeds2023 campaign bid by making an online pledge. You can pledge your support by visiting Leeds 2023 website - www.leeds2023.co.uk/shout - and by using the hashtag #MakeLeeds2023 on social media.
9. Children's Services produce an annual data profile of headline data relating to outcomes for children and young people living in a community committee area. They are intended to provide an overview of performance and a comparison with performance from the previous year. The Inner East data profile is attached as Appendix 3. The data will be discussed further via the Children and Young People Subgroup.
10. At the last community committee meeting in June, a report was received on appointments to the two Housing Advisory Panels which cover the Inner East area. One of the outcomes following discussion of the report was that the community committee should receive regular updates about the work of the HAPs. Appended to this report (Appendix 4) are two short updates from the Inner East and Outer East HAPs. Updates regarding funded projects will be reported to the committee throughout the year.

Conclusion

The work of the Communities Team in partnership with council departments, external partners and with elected members is working towards the priorities of the Community Committee and the aspirations of the new neighbourhood improvement approach. This programme of work should be seen as a work in progress which is consolidating the Community Committee's role as a local decision-making body by strengthening the links between the local authority and the communities it serves.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.