

Update from the Inner East (IE) Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

The IEHAP welcomed an officer from the Communities Team to their last meeting to help build relationships and understanding between the HAP and the Community Committee. The HAP found this very useful, and look forward to working more closely with the Community Committee in future.

The IEHAP meet every eight weeks, there are 8 members on the panel 2 vacancies. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is well represented by two ward members, Councillors Ronald Graham and Councillor Kamila Maqsood. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects. The current priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page'. Below are 2017-18s Funding Priorities and local housing Priorities.

Funding Priorities:	Local Housing Priorities:
Support schemes that encourage residents to build skills that work towards gaining employment or getting into education	Continue to improve rent collect and support residents affected by welfare reform by encouraging application for benefits
Support projects that encourage recycling and educate communities in waste disposal	Encourage involvement from underrepresented groups, especially younger people and people from a BAME background
Support projects that contribute to cleaner and greener communities that people are proud to live in	Ensuring that basic services are completed in a timely manner.
Support projects that aim to reduce criminality and anti-social behaviour, making people feel safer in their community and address social isolation	Encourage ideas from residents that will improve local communities, both environmentally and economically
Support schemes that promotes digital inclusion , support those in hardship & signpost to local services / provisions like community hubs	Continue to encourage recycling and reusing in local communities

The HAP forward plan includes the regular review of housing performance with a senior housing officer. Recent HAP discussions included the performance of the local Housing teams on rent arrears and Annual home visits. Community Lettings were also a talking point for the panel

The IEHAP in 2016-17 supported 56 community and environmental related projects. Some examples of funded projects include:

- Community Payback' partnership between Housing Services, Localities Teams and West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Services.
- Parenting Programme which went on to win a national award from Families Trust
- Roxby Close recycling centre which is one of Leeds City Council objectives to increase recycling
- ESOL classes in Harehills
- Many Galas

The panel had an allocation of £101,151.45 for use during 2016/17, £101, 05.03 of which was committed a slight underspend of £101.42.

In 2017-18 the budget has been halved to £50,438.02. The Panel have had 1 meeting and they have committed £2750.

The HAP will continue 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 the Committee with community engagement.

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The OEHAP continue to work with local community groups and providers in the area and have a standing item on the agenda regarding Community Committee work usually information is given by ward members.

The IEHAP meet every eight weeks, there are 7 members on the panel and 3 vacancies. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is represented by two ward members, Councillors Brian Selby and Catherine Dobson (unless there are any changes in the coming round of meetings. OE HAP is different to other HAPs in that it has only one ward in the area. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects. The current priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page'. Below are 2017-18s Funding Priorities and local housing Priorities.

Funding Priorities:	Local Housing Priorities:
To support projects that build skills to enable residents to develop in themselves and get into employment or education.	Encourage involvement from a diverse range of the local population with emphasis on younger people and BAME communities.
To support projects that reduce criminality and anti-social behaviour to help people feel safer in their community.	Improve rent collection and encourage uptake of benefits to reduce effects of Welfare Reform.
To support projects that encourage healthy lifestyles, well-being and independence.	Work with partners including the Police and LASBT to reduce anti-social behaviour and criminality especially in targeted areas.
To support applications that contribute to a greener and cleaner environment.	Work with residents and agencies to create clean and green spaces and encourage recycling.

The OE HAP in 2016-17 supported 28 community and environmental related projects. Some examples of funded projects include:

- Community Payback' partnership between Housing Services, Localities Teams and West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Services.
- Parenting Programme which went on to win a national award from Families Trust
- Recycling provision at Seacroft Gate 1& 2, Barncroft Heights, Hansby Grange and Eastdean Grange.
- Part funding to upgrade kitchen for Crossgates Good Neighbours
- Part funding of feasibility study for work at Chapel FM
- A number of community events and galas.

The panel had an allocation of £77,956.25 for use during 2016/17, £67,861.29 of which was committed, the underspend being transferred to this year's budget.

In 2017-18 the budget was reduced to £49,078.43. This amount includes the underspend from 2016/17 and return of funding granted to pay for the Community Payback contract for the coming year. The Panel have had 2 meetings and they have committed £5,158.05,