

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 18th January 2013

Subject: Community Development Worker (project update)

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides the Area Committee with an update on progress so far, on 'Community Development Worker' (Swinnow and Heights & Gambles) run by Healthy Living Network.

Recommendations

1. Members are invited to:
 - i. Note the contents of the presentation by Healthy Living Network.
 - ii. Note the attached 3 month update report from Healthy Living Network, for the Community Development Worker at **appendix 1**.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks to update members on the progress made by the Health Development worker employed through Healthy Living Network.

2 Background information

- 2.1 This report summarises progress in provision of community support and capacity building to the Swinnow and the Heights and Gambles estates. It was anticipated that this would be achieved through 1) placing a Health development worker in the areas for 18.5 hours per week and 2) running activity sessions in suitable venues in the areas to stimulate involvement and community cohesion.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Outer West Area Committee funded a community development post between November 2010 and November 2011 which focussed on reducing health inequalities and building capacity in Swinnow. Over this time initiatives targeted hard to reach and vulnerable groups. Intergenerational work such as family cookery was very successful; as was an older people's health course, give it a go taster programme, men's health comedy, exercise classes and encouraging local residents to volunteer with organising and delivering activities. The Healthy Living Network had supported the post for an extra 3 months from December to March 2011/12 as it was felt it was very important for the work to continue.
- 3.2 An application was approved at the Outer West Area Committee in March 2012 to continue with this project. It was suggested that the model could be extended into the Heights and the Gambles where there was little work being undertaken but where there was a high area of need.
- 3.3 The project proposed the following activities in the two respective areas.

Swinnow:

- Youth committee for developing activities not only for young people but for the whole community;
- Tea time club running once a week;
- Ongoing community development work using different methods to engage with the community e.g. facebook, events, activity sessions.

Heights & Gambles:

- Courses run for young people with different groups looking at the issues in a non prescriptive way, as peer health educators. Also linking with other groups in the area, community health team etc and developing a referral system for local schools to signpost targeted children.

- Activities run with and for local residents building on what they need and finding suitable venues including travel to another venue if more appropriate.

3.4 The project proposed the following main outcomes and benefits in the two respective areas.

Swinnow:

- Increased involvement of young people in activities in the area;
- Increased involvement of community members in day to day promotion, involvement and running of the centre;
- Improved opportunities for health and well being family activities in the area.

Heights and Gambles

- Improved awareness of young people in the area of issues such as staying safe, sexual health, substance misuse and emotional well being and self esteem.
- Increased engagement and involvement of isolated residents with activities in the area.

3.5 It was suggested that 9 hours of the post was spent in Swinnow and 9.5 in the Gambles and Heights

3.6 Please find attached at **appendix 1**, the 3 month update report from Healthy Living Network, for the Community Development Worker.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Ward Members are consulted on wellbeing projects within their ward which link to the Area Support Team work programme and locality priorities. This is undertaken via regular updates on projects and wellbeing monitoring information. Ward members are consulted via “Two Way Feedback” meetings, held with Area Support Team, and / or ad hoc meetings/telephone conversations as and when required.

4.1.2 Community forums are held in Pudsey & Swinnow and Tyersal every quarter within Outer West Leeds to inform communities.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this report.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009, this approval was rolled forward to 2012/13 with amendments only to environmental delegations.
- 4.3.2 The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3C).
- 4.3.3 Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:
- Vision for Leeds
 - Leeds Strategic Plan
 - Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 - Children and Young People's Plan
 - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Support Team staff and where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.
- 4.4.3 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments main stream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is only to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, wellbeing funding has resourced some projects related to its roles, e.g. community engagement, area based regeneration schemes and conservation area reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This report is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.
- 4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 In conclusion, the update report is in line with the functions and role of the Area Committee which are:

- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery
- Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between Ward Members and their communities
- To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.