

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, M Dobson, S Field,
J Gibson, M Harland, H Hayden, J Lennox,
J Lewis, S McCormack, M Midgley and
N Sharpe

28 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information on the agenda.

30 Late Items

There were no late items. Supplementary information for Agenda Item 9, Outer East Community Committee Finance Report was distributed prior to the meeting.

31 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

32 Minutes - 27 September 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

33 Open Forum

A question was asked with regards to the reporting of and recording anti-social behaviour. Attention was brought to the Community Committee Update Report which provided the most recent anti-social behaviour statistics for Outer East Leeds. The process for reporting anti-social behaviour was explained and the triage response to any reports. Reports would be dealt with by the most appropriate department or in some cases by a multi-agency approach.

A request was made for the provision of lighting in Manston Park. It was reported that residents would be surveyed.

34 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan, 2022/ 2025

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to be held on Tuesday, 7th March, 2023

The report of the Director of Public Health presented to the Inner West Community Committee the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

Robina Ahmed, Advanced Health Improvement Specialist, Jo Volpe, Older People's Forum and Councillor David Jenkins, Chair of the Age Friendly Board were in attendance for this item

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board whose role was to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities was headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gave practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group
- Public Health were working with partners to support older people in Leeds to be as resilient as possible this winter. It was recognised that the cost-of-living crisis together with the impact that the cold weather could have on older people would require an approach to ensure proactive and preventative support was provided to those most at risk this winter. It was noted there are a range of services to support older people during cold weather including:
 - Information and Advice Service run through Age UK Leeds who can offer information and advice on a range of issues such as:

- Money Matters
- State Benefits
- Housing Rights
- Consumer issues
- Home Plus Leeds – whose aim is to enable and maintain independent living through improving health at home.
- Lunch Clubs – Public Health fund the annual Lunch Club Grants offering a financial contribution to support voluntary groups to provide hot nutritious meals and social activities for older people.
- Sign up to receive Cold Weather Alerts
- ‘Stay Well this Winter’ Grants
- Become a winter friend
- Cost of living and fuel crisis including priority register for energy companies and a pilot scheme looking at the use of slow cookers.
- Support with the cost of living crisis.
- Tackling loneliness.
- Opportunities to enhance the lives of Older People through the Local Plan.

Members’ discussions included:

- Information on financial inclusion was distributed. This provided information on services available to Leeds residents.
- The role of Neighbourhood Networks and the need to identify older people who needed support.
- Addressing the diversity of the outer areas where there were older people who had capital assets but may be struggling with day to day spending.
- Concern regarding the reduction in bus services and the impact on isolation as well as access to services.
- Members welcomed the update on the strategy and the work involved in bringing services together.
- The role of volunteers and voluntary organisations.
- Provision of warm places and places to rest.
- Encouraging digital inclusion for older people and access to digital facilities.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy be noted.
2. That the work currently underway to support age friendly, winter planning and the cost of living crisis in local areas and how these could be built on together be noted.
3. That the needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work be noted.

35 Outer East Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- There was £54,456.17 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue budget. A ward by ward breakdown was given.
- Wellbeing projects for consideration. Members were supportive of the following applications:
 - Youth Intervention Programmes – West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. £4,842.50 proposed (£2,421.25 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor and £2,421.25 from Temple Newsam)
 - Community Fridge – Connecting Crossgates. £1,916.50 proposed (£1,725.00 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor, £135.00 from Temple Newsam and £56.50 from Kippax & Methley). It was reported that the cost breakdown was calculated by where users registered for the service lived.
- Youth Activity Fund projects for consideration. Member were supportive of the following applications:
 - Kippax Kicks – Leeds Youth Service - £3,762.00 proposed.
 - Garforth Kicks – Leeds Youth Service - £11,715.00 proposed
- Monitoring information of applications funded by the Committee
- Delegated Decisions taken since the last meeting.
- Remaining balances in the Youth Activities Fund; Small Grants, Skips, Tasking, Capital, and Community Infrastructure Levy budgets.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That the following Wellbeing proposals be approved:
 - Youth Intervention Programmes – West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. £4,842.50 (£2,421.25 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor and £2,421.25 from Temple Newsam)
 - Community Fridge – Connecting Crossgates. £1,916.50 (£1,725.00 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor, £135.00 from Temple Newsam and £56.50 from Kippax & Methley)
- (3) That the following Youth Activity Fund proposals be approved:
 - Kippax Kicks - £3,762.00
 - Garforth Kicks - £11,715
- (4) That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted.
- (5) That details of the Youth Activities Fund be noted.
- (6) That details of the Small Grants budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Skips Budget be noted.
- (8) That details of the Tasking Budget be noted.
- (9) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.

(10) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

36 Outer East Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Children & Families – The Outer East Youth Summit had been held on 25 October. The day had been very successful with various activities taking place including a democracy workshop and consultation with young people to inform future Youth Activity Fund spending.
- Community Safety – Sub-Group meetings had been arranged for January and April. The Committee received an update from the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and statistics for Outer East were detailed in the report. Diversionary work had proved to be significantly helpful during the bonfire period and it was requested whether comparisons of figures from previous years could be included in future reports.
- Cleaner Neighbourhoods – The Committee received an update from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team on work across the area. This had included leaf clearance and removal of graffiti. The service was working closely with the police and anti-social behaviour team with regards to graffiti. Members expressed their thanks to the team, particularly for the quick responses to cleaning following Christmas light switch on events.
- Health and Wellbeing – The winter vaccination programme and Covid 19 update were reported.
- Housing – Issues highlighted included income collection, annual tenancy checks and the work of the Environmental Action Teams. There were recognised issues with the cost of living crisis. An update on Housing Advisory Panel projects was also included in the report.
- Youth Service – Members received an update of Youth Service provision in the area. This included the Youth Summit, bonfire night work and October half-term activities. It was reported that interviews had been held for a trainee youth worker post. A space at Temple Learning Academy had been secured for youth activities and detached street work would continue.
- Further issues highlighted in the report included Community Engagement Forum updates and a Social Media update.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

37 Date and Time of Next Meeting

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