

Report of: West North West Area Leader

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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To note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
2. The report also updates the Community Committee on community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
3. Members are asked to comment on the Outer North West Community Plan and agree key priorities for 2016/17.
4. Members are also asked to note the latest edition of the Newsletter.
5. The report also provides information on the number of free lets provided in the outer north west.

Main issues

6. The Outer North West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates six sub groups: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
7. Sub group meetings are informal meetings and not open to the public, however local residents or representatives of other organisations may be invited to attend and speak at the discretion of the chair of each sub group.

8. Where possible the Community Committee Champion has been aligned with the relevant sub group chair and in consultation with the theme leads have provided the following updates:

Environment & Community Safety

8. Community Safety

The sub group met on the 5th September and received an update from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). All crime types have reduced except for burglary dwellings however control measures have been put in place and as a result burglary figures have fallen. In addition vehicle banners have had an impact on reducing theft from vehicles. The sub group has given in principle support to a small grant to continue the burglary reduction scheme in the outer north west area.

Community Speed Watch – Thirteen volunteers have now been trained to operate a Speed Indication Device (SID). The scheme commenced in October and since this time the SID has been used on five occasions, at 10 different locations. The results so far have highlighted an issue at Long Causeway, Adel, this resulted in a Police Officer attending with a speed gun to take enforcement action.

Winter Warm Packs – The Police and Crime Commissioner has provided funding for Winter Warm Packs. To date 135 packs have been distributed to the vulnerable and elderly within the local community. The packs contain a hat and gloves, blanket, simulated TV, window-vibrate alarm, timer switch and warm drink packs.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) - There continues to be issues of ASB around Westfield Retail Park, Guiseley Cricket Club and Aireborough Leisure Centre. Measures are being put in place to tackle these complaints including the review of security at the cricket club and also an initiative targeted at young females involved in anti-social behaviour and low level crime around the Guiseley area.

9. Environment

The Outer North West Environment Sub Group met on 20th September. Highways provided information about grit bin locations and the scoring of locations within each ward.

The Localities Team gave an update on recent work including the dog fouling initiatives specifically the dog chipping event in Otley where ten dogs were chipped and several responsible dog ownership leaflets were distributed. It was agreed that costings would be provided for future chipping events with the view to holding some next year. The sub group was also notified that de-leafing work will begin in October and an update will be given to the next meeting.

The Gullies Team Manager attended and gave an update on the work of the team, the gullies cleansing cycles and the process for reporting gully issues. It was agreed the gullies team will meet with Highways to discuss improving the referral processes.

The Waste Management Service Manager gave an update on the work of waste management including 88 service requests from residents. The new waste management app has now been launched and the initial teething problems with the information given out have been solved.

10. Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care

11. Vulnerability Workshop

The Outer North West Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being sub group and the Environment & Community Safety sub group held a joint workshop on the 3rd October. A wide range of organisations and service providers were invited along to discuss how we find people who are vulnerable within our community and look at what can be done to help.

Councillor Barry Anderson, Community Committee Champion for Environment & Community Safety, opened the session explaining why vulnerability was chosen as a topic and advising that the aim of the workshop was to look at what assets we have in the local area, look at the challenges and consider what opportunities there are for services to work together to tackle the issues raised.

There were presentations on Adult Social Care's Asset / Strength Based approach, the role of Neighbourhood Networks, Crime Reduction and also Fuel Poverty. Two group discussions followed, one focusing on health and the other on crime, where officers and service providers helped to set the scene by providing a local perspective on how services are delivered and the challenges they face.

Councillor Graham Latty, Community Committee Champion for Health & Well-being, closed the event advising attendees that the Communities Team and officers from Public Health and Community Safety will use learning from this topic to assist their respective sub groups with agreeing what actions can be taken to help those who are vulnerable within our community.

Social Prescribing

Social prescribing is a way of linking patients in Primary Care with sources of support within the community, providing GPs with a non-medical referral option that can operate alongside existing treatments to improve health and well-being. They accept self-referrals from patients too. There are now two social prescribing projects in outer north west Leeds: Connect Well (commissioned by Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group) and Patient Empowerment Project (commissioned by Leeds West CCG). These are both working well. They are starting to set up groups around the needs of patients. The next Outer North West Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing sub group will meet with representatives from both projects at their next meeting.

Winter Health

As the weather gets colder, there are a number of ways that people can keep well over the winter months. The NHS has some useful advice and information on the following link <http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/winterhealth/Pages/Winterhealthhome.aspx>

The WNW Public Health team has been training local partners on High Impact Interventions to keep people well over winter. There have been two sessions in the outer north west on training local partners to become Winter Friends typically from organisations such as Age UK, Neighbourhood Networks and the local third sector.

12. Employment, Learning and the Local Economy

The sub group last met on 9th September. A discussion was had regarding arranging a local, public conversation on the proposal for Leeds to bid for the European City of Culture in 2023 and what the Leeds Culture Strategy should look like.

13. Children's Services and Family Health

The sub group has met twice since the last Community Committee. In September, Mary Armitage from Children's Services came to talk through the profile information produced June 2016. The sub group discussed the information shared below;

The outer north west area contains 10.6 per cent of the Leeds under 19 population, an estimated 18,317 children and young people. Free school meal entitlement is significantly below the city average, at 6.5 per cent in primary schools (19.9 per cent at city level), and 5.7 per cent in secondary schools (18.5 per cent at city level).

At the end of December 2015 the number of children looked after in the area was 41, a small rise of six compared to the previous December. Despite the small rise, this is only 3.3 per cent of the overall looked after cohort, far lower than the area's share of the 0-19 population. There has been a small increase in the number of child protection and safeguarding contacts being made to the council's Duty and Advice Team (child protection front door). More individuals and organisations are seeking advice and information at the front door, with helpful support being provided without the need for social work involvement.

In 2015, 77.2 per cent of five year-olds living in the outer north west reached what is known as a good level of development, up almost seven percentage points from 2014. This result is the highest of all community committees, and significantly above the 61.7 per cent city average. In terms of age related expectations at 11 (year 6 end of key stage 2) and 16 (year 11 end of key stage 4) the Outer North West performs strongly when compared to the city average. 84.7 per cent of the area's year six children achieved level 4 or above in reading writing and maths and 70.3 per cent of those in year 11 gaining five or more GCSEs at A*-C including English and maths.

In the outer north west 97 per cent of primary schools, and 100 per cent of secondary schools) are rated as good or better by Ofsted.

Attendance levels in the outer north west were stable, with the primary rate of pupils living in the area at 97.1 per cent; secondary pupils show an attendance of 95.3 per cent. Both figures are above the city average. Persistent absence (pupils missing at least 15 per cent of the school year amongst the area's children rose at both primary (up 12 to 54; 4.3 per cent across the city) and secondary (up 29 to 187; 7.2 per cent across the city).

The number of NEET young people 16-18 in the area, and those whose status was not known, reduced from December 2014 to December 2015. 2.6 per cent of the area's young people are NEET, 3.2 per cent are 'not known'; both figures are below the city averages.

The sub group discussed plans for the Children's Voice event in 2017. This will take place at Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School on 27th January. It was agreed that lunch on the day would again be funded by the sub group Members from MICE.

14. Culture Strategy and Transport Conversation

On the 8th November a Culture and Transport Conversation took place at Yeadon Town Hall. An officer from City Development was present for the drop in session to give a number of presentations and talk to residents about their views on the Leeds Culture Strategy and the bid to become a European City of Culture in 2023.

Officers were also present from Highways to provide presentations on the future of transport in Leeds and hear about the issues faced by local residents on the roads and utilising the various methods of public transport.

These views and discussions will be fed back into the Transport Consultation which ends on the 11th November and the development of a new Culture Strategy for Leeds.

15. Outer North West Community Plan

As part of the community committee constitution, there is a requirement that committees have a community plan outlining the committee's work programme and priorities for the year.

Please find attached at **appendix 1** a draft proposal of such a plan. Members are asked to consider the community plan and key priorities for the year.

16. Community Committee Newsletter

The latest addition of the Outer North West Community Committee Newsletter is attached at **appendix 2**.

17. Free lets

Under the new pricing policy for community centres, free lets are now agreed on an individual basis. The table below details the free lets that have been agreed in the outer north west area since the 1st April 2016 and the financial value that this represents to the council:

Centres	Free Let Value	Free Let Hours
Cross Green Community Centre	£11,736.25	2208
Alcoholics Anonymous (Lee Marklew)	£787.50	78.75
Bright Ideas Pre-school (Otley)	£2,240.00	448
Creative Crafts	£70.00	70
Otley & District Womens Health Group	£700.00	70
Otley Blind Club	£608.50	113.5
Otley Quilters	£270.00	90
Otley Womens Institute	£192.50	35
People In Action	£5,307.00	1006
Retired Language Class	£150.00	30
The Asperger Family Support Network	£1,410.75	266.75
Weston Lane Youth Centre	£15.00	3
Workers Education Association	£15.00	3
Yeadon Town Hall	£4,761.50	1097.09
Futurist Sound and Light Ltd	£1,000.00	824.34
LCC WNW Community Team	£783.50	62.75
Mind & Body fitness- Senior Citizens	£2,050.00	138
NHS Blood & Transplant	£700.00	35
Yeadon Town Hall User Group	£228.00	37
Outer North West Total	£16,512.75	3308.09

Conclusions

18. The Outer North West Community Committee sub groups provide the committee with the opportunity to consider information on key areas of work in partnership with officers and community organisations, as well as enabling direct links to be established with the Community Champions and Executive Board Members.

Recommendations

19. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups and areas of partnership working since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Comment on the outer north west draft community plan and to agree the committee's key priorities for 2016/17.
- Note the area update newsletter.
- Note the number of free lets provided in the outer north west.