

**Report of: West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North West Community Committee**

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**To note**

**Community Committee Update Report**

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### **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 also asked to note the latest edition of the Newsletter.

### **Main issues**

4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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

#### 7. Community Safety

The Community Safety Sub Group met on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) provided a crime update for the area and compared the current year's priority crime figures with last year. There was discussion on the small increase in crime which relates to leaving cars/houses unlocked and emphasising the importance of getting this message out to the public. Members agreed in principle funding for a large crime banner.

Officers from LASBAT (Leeds Anti-social Behaviour Team) advised Members that the area has few incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and that 50% of cases relate to noise nuisance. The service is working with the NPT to tackle issues of low level ASB which are mainly around nuisance ball games and parking.

Members expressed a need for City Development to do more when permitting planning applications to ensure that developments are secure and minimise community safety concerns.

#### 8. Environment

The Environment Sub Group met on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Officers from The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team gave an update on changes to their service following the Corporate Locality Review. The West, East and South Locality teams have merged to become the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team with responsibility for the whole of the city, excluding the city centre.

A local update was also given by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team who have been supporting a local community group, Litter Free Guiseley, to carry out litter pick sessions and they are intending to work in partnership with Otley Town Council's newly appointed Caretaker to look at environmental issues.

Waste Management gave an update on their review of bin collection rounds which will reallocate and reduce the number of routes to enable savings of £1.6m. Once the review has been completed, the team will look at the issues surrounding garden waste collections and stated they will bring a mapping exercise to a future sub group.

Parks and Countryside gave an update on work being carried out locally including the spring/summer bedding work at parks, roundabouts and football pitches.

## 9. Parkswatch Service

The Parkswatch Service transferred to Safer Leeds from Parks in 2013. The service was responsible for patrolling green spaces and parks, locking and unlocking cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions and occasional work with West Yorkshire Police. There have been 6 officers undertaking Parkswatch patrols, delivering this service through 2 shifts. The team undertook a 4 on / 4 off shift pattern working seasonal hours. Over the last few months, intensive work has been undertaken to modernise and redesign the Parkswatch service.

In 2015, Leedswatch proposed and began the process of undertaking a redesign of the service in an attempt to integrate the Parkswatch service into the wider Safer Leeds Patrol Team. This work has now been completed and is due to commence in April 2017. The new team comprises of 20 officers (working a 5 shift work pattern) undertaking a wider range of duties including: patrolling of green spaces and parks, opening and closing cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions, patrolling of estates to prevent ASB, responding to LCC alarm calls, routine patrols to LCC assets, patrolling of industrial estates where this is a paid for service and partnership working with other services including West Yorkshire Police. Work has also commenced on joining up the work of the Safer Leeds Officer Patrol Team with the Councils ASB team in an attempt to find sustainable solutions to some of the ASB type problems the team encounters.

The redesigned service provides a more flexible approach that can better respond to the needs of residents, businesses and partners. The service will be delivered using both cars and off-road bikes with Leedswatch livery. The service seeks to continue with this approach but has identified that the use of cars will be more predominant than the use of off-road bikes. Surveys have been undertaken to check access to all parks and green spaces and where operationally necessary some Safer Leeds Officers will continue to use off-road bikes. Work with partners, including West Yorkshire Police, will continue and actually be enhanced through the wider remit of the team and increased partnership work with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

## 10. Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care

The sub group met on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Dr. Chris Mills provided Members with an update on local developments in general practice and Community Services. There was discussion on the best way to integrate services and the need for this to be at a local level. Megan Rowlands from Leeds Community Health was also in attendance and presented information on Integrated Health & Social Care in Leeds and the work of the Neighbourhood Teams. There are two teams covering the outer north west, which are linked to GP practices.

Care-view the mobile app which helps to identify those who are socially isolated won the 'GP & Community Category' in this year's Medipex NHS Innovation Awards and received £2,000 for further development of the app.

The sub group approved a draft programme for the Community Connector events which are planned for each of the four outer north west wards (further details below). Members also agreed to pay for refreshments for these events from MICE funding.

#### 11. Community Connector Events

The outer north west has hosted two Community Connector events, one on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Core in Otley and one on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, at Guiseley Theatre. The events were well attended and brought together local services, organisations and community groups to share ideas and information about what services and groups are available locally to support health and well-being. The session included safeguarding information on protecting older and vulnerable people from scams, frauds and doorstep crime. There has been excellent feedback from both sessions and 2 further events are planned for Adel & Wharfedale and Horsforth later in the year.

#### 12. Children's Services and Family Health –

The 2017/18 Youth Activity Fund commissioning round for the outer north west area received a total of 18 applications, the total value of which was £72,994.

Consultation with young people took place within a number of settings to help inform the type of projects to be funded. The Outer North West Community Committee Engagement with Children and Young People event held in January provided information on which type of projects would be popular and the Youth Panel met during the Easter holidays to visit activity projects and provide feedback which was provided to Members of the sub group.

All applicants were invited to a workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup> April to brief Members on their projects and answer questions. A total of 7 applicants attended providing useful background information and enabling any concerns or issues to be resolved prior to Members making a recommendation.

This method of commissioning has been very successful with a total of £44,148 recommended for approval by the sub group and subsequently approved by Delegated Decision. The sub group will continue to consider any further potential projects throughout the year as they arise.

#### 13. Parish and Town Council Forum

The Outer North West Parish and Town Council Forum met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at Yeadon Town Hall. Five out of the six local councils were represented. The main focus of the meeting was environmental issues. Officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team gave a presentation on their service responsibilities and took questions. Discussions included tackling dog fouling, de-leafing, mechanical sweeping and littering. A number of actions were agreed on how local councils can work in partnership with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.

#### 14. Guiseley and Rawdon Forum

Guiseley and Rawdon forum met on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) provided a police update. An open forum followed which included discussion on local housing developments, planning permissions and highway issues. The Head of Legal Services, Development has been invited to attend the next forum meeting.

#### 15. The Poets Greenhouse Project

Officers from the Communities Team are working with Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) on a 'Greenhouse project' which is an approach that puts local people at the heart of making changes in their communities. An initial meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with residents from streets known as The Poets in Guiseley, to identify what is already happening in the area and highlight local priorities. The next steps are to work with a range of partners and encourage civic enterprise to identify potential solutions.

#### 16. Outer North West Community Hub Update

Horsforth Community Hub continues to increase its activities and now includes yoga sessions for adults and toddlers, a fortnightly Fair Trade coffee morning and a credit union surgery. The venue is also used by Horsforth Live at Home, the local Neighbourhood Network, to provide social activities for the elderly.

Staff at Guiseley Library, working with PEP (Patient Empowerment Service) have organised an adult conversation group in the library and staff at Yeadon Hub are facilitating memory sessions at the extra care complex, Wharfedale View.

#### 17. Community Centre Discounted Lettings

A decision has been taken to introduce a limit on the value of discounted lettings to be approved by each Community Committee in 2017/18. All hirers will pay a minimum of 25% of the published community rate.

#### 18. Community Committee Newsletter

The latest addition of the Outer North West Community Committee newsletter is attached at **appendix 1**.

### **Conclusions**

19. 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**

20. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups and areas of partnership working since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Note the area update newsletter.