

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. The report also provides information on the discounted lettings policy in the outer North West area.

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 25th July 2017. Members received updates from Leeds Watch, regarding CCTV, and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. In addition Leeds Anti-Social-Behaviour Team (LASBAT) and Housing Leeds provided details of cases which are currently active in the outer north west.

An officer from City Development was in attendance to answer Members queries in terms of community safety in relation to planning applications. Discussion included the standard of locks used on new developments and clarification on what Section 106 funding can be used for. The Chair asked that safety and 'designing out crime' be given careful attention during the planning process.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been asked to provide costings in order that the sub group may consider supporting well-being applications for replacing 'Percy', the road safety car, in outer north west and also to provide additional funding towards the burglary reduction scheme.

8. Environment

The Environment Sub Group met on 12th September 2017, the Environment Champion will provide a verbal update at the Community Committee meeting.

9. Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care

Community Connector Events

Two further events are planned for Horsforth and Adel & Wharfedale in September and October respectively. The previous events have now been used to generate a distribution list for sharing information and making connections. Additional services THAT have come on board have been able to be introduced to the network through this. A toolkit is being developed to enable roll out city wide.

Winter Wellbeing Campaign

A city wide 'Preparing for Winter' launch event happened in July which gave information about past projects supported by Winter Wellbeing Community Grants and the Winter Friends campaign. As a result this year's grants have been promoted in the area and the information for the Winter Friends Campaign will be distributed with short briefings available to organisations with potential new Winter Friends.

10. Children's Services and Family Health

A range of activities for young people funded through the Youth Activity Fund have been taking place over the summer including the annual Aireborough Performing Arts project led by Aireborough Children's Services which is a celebration of the performing skills of talented young people from Aireborough Schools; two mini Breeze events were

funded this year the first in Bramhope was held to correspond with Bramhope Festival and the second was held at Yeadon Tarn; a free multi-sports two day session was held at Nunroyd Park, Guiseley by ACES (Active Community Education through Sports) with young people trying a range of different sports; Codswallop CIC held a successful 'Day in the Woods' at Parkinson Park, Guiseley working with Forest Found (Forest School) the two providers met at the Community Committee Young People's Voice Event in January and developed the project together; Leeds Play Network held free play sessions for younger children at parks throughout the outer north west; Horsforth Children's Services continued their popular holiday provision with sessions including Lego, pottery, art and design, and cooking sessions; and the pop up activity sessions at Holt Park Active sold out for the second year with young people trying a range of activities including swimming.

Further activity sessions will be held in the autumn including weekend bush craft activity sessions run by Forest Found Forest School; the continuation of the weekly after school Inters Youth Club support sessions for young people transitioning between primary and secondary school in Horsforth run by Horsforth Children's Services and Horsforth Churches Together; Codswallop CIC after school drama, singing and orchestra sessions will continue to run during term time in Guiseley; and Lit Fest Poetry after school sessions at Ralph Thoresby School run by Headingley LitFest.

11. Parish and Town Council Forum

The Outer North West Parish and Town Council Forum met on the 19th September a verbal update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting.

12. 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. A second meeting was held on the 12th August, with residents from streets known as 'The Poets' in Guiseley. Residents were advised that options for providing additional parking in the local area are limited however a LCC Highways engineer has agreed to provide exact costings and report back.

13. Community Centres

Following a consultation exercise carried out in March / April this year, a decision was taken to remove the option of free lettings in community centres to be replaced by a maximum 75% discount available for supported organisations. This was applied to new lettings from 2nd May and to existing lettings from 5th June. All existing free lettings were automatically offered the discounted rate. Separate arrangements were made to account for costs relating to lettings made by Youth Services and Neighbourhood Networks.

The Outer North West Community Committee area has 3 community centres that are directly managed by Leeds City Council. The following table shows the number of groups affected by the change in policy at each centre, the number of groups that renewed/cancelled their existing lettings, the amount of additional income achieved in year (June – March) through the discounted letting policy and the overall projected

income at each centre, including income from lettings at the full community and commercial rates.

	No. of Former Regular Free Lettings	No. of Renewals	No. of Cancelations	Additional Income 2017/18	Overall Projected Income 2017/18
Community Centre					
Cross Green Community Centre	10	10	0	£4,676.67	£9,631.33
Weston Lane Youth Centre	0	0	0	£0.00	£261.84
Yeadon Town Hall *	0	0	0	£0.00	£44,825.76
Total	10	10	0	£4,676.67	£54,718.93

* Yeadon Town Hall is a venue site and operates under a separate pricing policy

All discounted lettings are due for renewal on 1st April 2018 and a process will start in the new year to determine approval of the discounted support for the following financial year.

14. Outer North West Community Hub Update

Horsforth Community Hub has been operational for 16 months and enquiries through the One Stop Services have increased significantly during this time. May 2016 recorded 731 inquiries compared to 3085 in July 2017. Customer satisfaction has been consistently very high with 99% of customers rating the service as excellent or good. The weekly Jobshop sessions have been successful in helping 25 local people into work and the centre was also the venue for a business Start-up Session, providing support to those wishing to become self-employed.

A variety of free social activities, many of which help to combat social isolation, have been held at the centre, including pilates and table tennis sessions. The Ballroom is now used more frequently and is being proactively marketed for hire, with take up steadily increasing. In particular it has been used for monthly 'Table Top Sales' which have now developed into a 'Community Market'.

A number of public and 3rd sector partners including Leeds City Credit Union, NHS Memory Group and the PDSA have held sessions at the centre. Future developments include a Leeds University proposal to hire the Ballroom for a yoga course, an energy supplier switching event is being held this month and discussions are ongoing with Trinity University regarding a number of initiatives including a regular board games group.

Conclusions

- 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

16. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups and areas of partnership working since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Note the discounted lettings information.