

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.

Main issues

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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:
6. Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care

The Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care Sub Group met on the 13th November, the Community Committee Champion for this theme will provide a verbal update at the Community Committee meeting.

Community Connector Events

The final Community Connector event took place on Wednesday 11th October at the Welcome In and covered the Adel & Wharfedale ward. The event was well attended and feedback from the event has again been positive. Following each of the four community connector events attendees have received contact details of all the organisations and community groups working in the local area. It is hoped that this information will provide an opportunity for them to carry on connecting, sharing information and supporting individuals in the local community.

The sessions have been so successful city wide teams are now looking to roll them out in appropriate wards.

Winter Friends Campaign

As the weather gets colder, Leeds City Council has launched its Winter Friends campaign.

The aim is to reduce cold weather related illness and excess winter deaths which remain a concern for Leeds. Linking in with Public Health England's message of staying well this winter, the focus is on high impact interventions such as promoting flu vaccinations, increasing medicine uptake, keeping warm and eating well. The campaign also tackles issues such as fuel poverty and social isolation, whereby Winter Friends can provide a vital lifeline to people over winter. Support is also offered for people managing long term conditions during the cold months.

Becoming a Winter Friend provides free access to information and promotional literature from the Public Health resource centre, free electronic training, as well as free workshops.

To register interest in becoming a winter friend the contact is agefriendly@leeds.gov.uk.

7. Children's Services and Family Health

The Children's Services and Family Health sub group met on the 28th September. A report on the summer peer inspection was presented with some very positive feedback on the projects that had taken place in the outer north west. A short film has also been produced with the peer inspectors which will be shown at appropriate children's events.

The sub group agreed to proceed with planning the next Children's consultation event. Due to the success of the last event held at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley a preference was expressed to hold it there again and it was agreed an approach would be made to the school to check availability.

The Police and Youth Service were invited to the meeting and a discussion was had around anti-social behaviour amongst young people in the ward with a hot spot being identified in Guiseley. The problems are concentrated in and around the Westfield retail park and Micklefield Park. Youth Service hold regular sessions here to engage with the young people who are mid-teens and upwards and there are concerns about the amount of drinking and drug taking being witnessed. Although no actions were taken forward at this time it was agreed a youth centre would be beneficial in the area and that there is a

lack of places for young people to go to in the evenings. Services will continue to work with the young people and seek solutions to the anti-social behaviour issues.

8. Highways & Transportation

The Highways & Transportation Sub Group met on the 22nd November, the main focus of the meeting was to discuss the Transport report, which appears elsewhere on this committee meeting agenda.

9. The Poets Greenhouse Project

Richard Jackson from Voluntary Action Leeds is working on establishing a Tenants and Residents group in the area known as 'The Poets' in Guiseley. The aim of this group is to help make the area a better place to live through environmental improvements, organising community events/celebrations, creating a sense of "community spirit", campaigning on local issues affecting residents and helping to promote and set up local activities such as Neighbourhood Watch. A local Facebook page is also being considered.

Conclusions

10. 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

11. Members are asked to:

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