

**Report of: Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North East Community Committee – Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby Wards**

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**To Note**

## **Community Committee Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides an update on the on-going work programme of Outer North East Community Committee.

### **Main issues**

#### **Environment Sub-Group**

2. The Environment sub-group met on Thursday 18 October 2018. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Neil Buckley, Cllr Gerard Wilkinson and Cllr Matthew Robinson and is attended by officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Housing, Parks & Countryside and Waste Management. Discussions took place around a range of local issues and update, including success of 'The Atrium', a new single-use plastic campaign, the new platform 'Contact 360' where residents can raise issues and de-leafing which has started in the area.

#### **Change to bin collections over Christmas period**

3. An A5 postcard will be going out to inform residents of bin collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period. These are going to be sent to all households (excluding those on communal collections), starting w/c 19 November. There will also be posters and A6 pull off pads being distributed to over 600 community buildings, as well as press work, social media and website campaigns, digital screens and roadshows.
4. Bin collections will continue as normal up until and including Saturday 22 December. A revised schedule will be in place for the two week period between Christmas Eve – Monday 24 December and Saturday 5 January. This schedule is attached as **Appendix 1**. During

the revised schedule, bins will be emptied one day earlier or later than normal, with the exception of New Year's Eve – Monday 31 December – when collections will take place on the usual scheduled day. The usual service will resume from Monday 7 January.

5. Leeds residents are encouraged to do the following:

- Download the Leeds Bins app so they can receive collection day reminders straight to their phone;
- Visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/xmasbins](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/xmasbins) for handy hints on how to reduce, reuse and recycle common items generated around the home during the festive period, such as greetings cards, wrapping paper and food waste;
- Like, re-tweet and share festive messaging from the RecycleForLeeds Facebook and Twitter accounts.

### Parish and Town Council Forum

6. The next Parish and Town Council Forum will be taking place on 22 November at the John Rylie Centre in Barwick in Elmet. At the meeting there will be updates on policing, the Parish and Town Council charter and the new team leader for the Outer North East Cleaner Neighbourhoods team, Narinder Matharu, will introduce herself and provide any updates.

### Events

#### Boston Spa Weekend

7. Members funded live musicians and activities at the event which was run by Boston Spa Parish Council and was a success. The funding allowed the Parish Council to put on more events over the weekend therefore making the festival bigger, which meant it was featured in the local press with high praise.



## Wetherby Festival

- Members funded the publicity for Wetherby Festival which involved three days of arts, cultural and community activities between the 12th and 14th of October 2018. This allowed the organisers to attract over 1000 attendees to the festival across the three days. The events included a ceilidh, comedy nights and concerts.



## Moortown West Christmas Light Switch On

- Members funded the 20 foot Christmas tree which will be the main feature at the upcoming Light Switch on event on Saturday 8 December.



## Social Media

- At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 231 Likes. Between 17th October- 13th November, 613 people were reached and there were 138 people engaging with posts.

- Posts on both Twitter and Facebook are on a variety of subjects relevant to the Outer North East area including job opportunities, funding support, open days, local service provision, consultations and sporting activities. For more details visit:

- Link to the Facebook Page for the Inner East Community Committee:  
<https://www.facebook.com/LCCOuterNE>
- Link to the Your Community Twitter Page:  
[https://twitter.com/@\\_YourCommunity](https://twitter.com/@_YourCommunity)

## **Conclusion**

12. The work of the Communities Team in partnership with council departments, external partners and with elected members is working towards the priorities of the Community Committee. This programme of work should be seen as a work in progress which is consolidating the Community Committee's role as a local decision-making body by strengthening the links between the local authority and the communities it serves.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.
2. Note the changes to Christmas bin collections, as contained in Appendix 1.