



Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee - Alwoodley, Harewood and

**Wetherby Wards** 

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# **Community Committee Update Report**

# **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<sup>th</sup> 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 deleafing which has started in the area.

# **NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group Update**

## Your views needed on Leeds urgent treatment centres proposal

3. NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has developed a proposal for urgent treatment centres for the citizens of Leeds and would like to hear your views. Over the last few years we have spoken to local people who have told us that it's not always clear who would be best placed to help you, or a loved one, when you're not feeling well or have been injured. This is especially the case where you feel you need to be seen quite quickly but you know it's not an emergency. We know that the way services are currently designed to help you in this situation – which we often call urgent care services – are not easy to understand. Urgent care is care that someone feels is needed on the same day but their illness or injury is not life-threatening. This could include anything from cuts, minor injuries,

bites or stings through to mild fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea etc. We feel that our proposals will help simplify the system for you when you have an urgent care need. The CCG is encouraging people to feedback their views by completing a survey, available online or in paper format. You can also attend one of the events the CCG has organised. Further details are available on the web address below.

Read the proposals in full and have your say today: www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCSurvey.

## The Leeds Big Thank You Campaign

- 4. We write to make you aware of a new citywide campaign, the 'big thank you / you can be a winter hero'. This is a system-wide campaign that covers the NHS, Leeds City Council, community and voluntary sector organisations, carers and the unsung heroes among our communities. I hope you will join me in supporting this very compassionate campaign that we recently launched with the Yorkshire Evening Post. Please join us in:
- Saying a public thank you to all those in our wards who are helping people stay well this. Write your message on the board here: www.bigthankyouleeds.co.uk you can see the messages we've already received here: https://bigthankyouleeds.co.uk/big-thank-you-gallery/
- Sharing the message on your social media and at events you are at, that we can all be winter heroes by: looking after our own health, checking in on our elderly or vulnerable neighbours and being prepared for bad weather.

The campaign seeks to encourage people to say a thank you to their winter heroes from all walks of life. This could range from frontline public sector staff, community and voluntary staff as well as people within our communities who look out for others such as unpaid carers or a community connector. At the same time we are also encouraging people to think about small steps they could take so that they too could be a winter hero. This could include getting a flu jab, looking out for neighbour or planning ahead for any bad weather. This is an opportunity to try an innovative approach to deliver some of our key prevention messages for winter in an effort to reduce wider system pressures. We're pleased with the support we've received locally from the NHS in Leeds, Leeds City Council and our community and voluntary sector organisations. Recently we have also been joined by West Yorkshire Police, the British Transport Police and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust. You will know many individuals and organisations in your ward and beyond who keep your community and the city going through winter and beyond. Now's a great chance to say thanks to them.

## We're Proud to be 'Looking out for our Neighbours'

5. We are excited to announce that we are supporting a brand new community campaign from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' is a new campaign that aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do simple things to look out for one another. Although lots of people in Leeds are already doing great things to help those around them, there is still more we can all do to positively impact on the wellbeing of others. A Health Foundation report (December 2018) highlighted how living alone can make older people 50% more likely to find themselves in A&E than those living with family. Pensioners living alone are also 25% more likely to develop a mental health condition. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' aims to

change this - by inspiring people to do small things to reach out to the people around them. The campaign will launch on the 15th March across West Yorkshire and Harrogate and has been co-created with over 100 residents in these areas, drawing on their neighbourly experiences. Keep an eye out for more information.

#### **Parish and Town Council Forum**

6. The last Parish and Town Council Forum took place on 24 January at Wetherby Town Council. The meeting was attended by Parish and Town councillors from across the Outer North East and local Police Officers PC Taylor and PC Katkowski and Martin Beaumont from the Council's Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. Updates were provided on environmental issues and enforcement, reporting mechanisms, 101 performance data in the Outer North East and an update regarding the Site Allocation Plan and Core Strategy was shared.

# **Committee Activity**

7. A new bus shelter has been installed on Cattle Lane in Aberford, Harewood Ward. This shelter is located near a retirement home and will support elderly residents in the area when waiting for a bus and provide shelter in poor weather. This was funded by the Outer North East Community Committee and was installed on 11 December 2019.

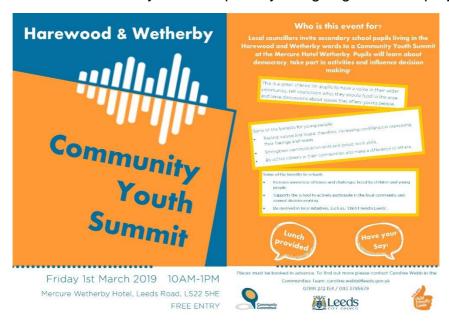


8. Wetherby councillors have awarded funding to Wetherby Athletic Ladies, which will be used to support the local community football team to fund their winter training facilities at Wetherby High School for women and girls. The high school provides floodlit astro-turf pitches for use in the winter months and has enabled the group to continue their training and promote physical activity in the ward.

9. The first of a series of multi-sport activity camps will be taking place in the Alwoodley Ward during the February half-term school holidays. Alwoodley members awarded Leeds Rhinos with funding to support the camps which will focus on key fundamental movement skills and physical activity, whilst focusing keeping fun and enjoyment at the heart of the programme. The sessions will include a variety of games including dodgeball, football, netball, tag rugby and much more. Children will take part in activities in a safe and secure environment encouraging social cohesion and an opportunity to make new friends.



10. At the time of writing this report, plans are well underway for the Harewood and Wetherby Youth Summit on Friday 1 March at the Mercure Hotel in Wetherby. Children and young people living in the Harewood and Wetherby wards have been invited to attend and influence how the Youth Activity Fund is spent by designing their own projects.



#### **Social Media**

11. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 239 Likes. Between 21 January and 17 February, 1499 people were reached and there were 261 posts

engagements. 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: <a href="https://twitter.com/@\_YourCommunity">https://twitter.com/@\_YourCommunity</a>

#### 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 campaigns and consultation currently being carried out by the Leeds CCG, as contained items 3-5 of this report.