

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

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For consideration

Outer North East Community Committee – Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Environment & Community Safety: Councillor Robinson

1. Officers from Parks & Countryside have been attending ward member meetings in regards to the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2020 – 2030. The service is currently consulting on its vision for the future of Leeds City Council owned and managed public parks and green spaces beyond 2020, and a strategy for how to deliver that vision over the next 10 years. Consultation closed on 29 February 2020.
2. At the last community committee meeting on 20 January 2020, Cllr Richards was elected to sit on the Environmental Sub Group, as the representative from Wetherby.

Since the last Community Committee, the Environmental Sub Group has not met. However, a meeting is due to take place in the new financial year.

3. Leeds City Council Youth Service have recruited a new Team Leader and he has been attending ward members briefings to meet with the councillors, understand the areas and to discuss any concerns members may have.
4. On 4 March 2020 a climate emergency workshop was held. The workshop was to follow on from the climate emergency presentation received at the September 2019 community committee meeting. Present at the workshop was the Chief Officer for Climate Emergency and the Chief Officer from Waste Management. Also present was Ward Councillors, Town and Parish Councillors, local residents and local green groups.
5. The purpose of the workshop was to have a two way conversation between the local community and Leeds City Council Officers to discuss and share ideas on the topic. It was also helpful for the community to understand what support is available to implement initiatives to achieve the carbon neutral target. Conversation also took place, with the resources available to ensure, what could be done to help improve waste collections and recycling.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Matthew Robinson

6. The Employment, Skills and Welfare service provide reports for the Community Committees twice a year during November and May. The service also provides detailed ward profiles to members twice a year.

Children and Families: Councillor Dan Cohen

7. The Voice and Influence Officer attended Harewood and Wetherby members meeting at the start of the New Year, to share the outcomes of the two youth summits that took place last year. The councillors have set aside an amount of Youth Activity Funding to fund out of school provision. All six councillors will be meeting at the end of February to decide how to commission out the funding.

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Norma Harrington

Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators

8. Alwoodley is included within this community defibrillator project, and is set to receive two CPAD installations in public access locations. Having consulted with Councillors for the ward, a shortlist of potential options to host the allocated devices were identified. The Localities Officer leading on the project has outlined his communications with the venues as follows:

MHA Yew Tree Court Residential Home

9. The home are very positive about the proposal and would be very interested in hosting a device. The site is new build so asbestos is not an issue, and there is suitable external wall-space. Their staff are very health & safety focused, and they would be on board with providing a Guardian for the device.

Wigton Moor Church – High Ash Drive

10. They are also very interested in hosting a device. They host many community events, and are trying to act as more of a community hub. They have sufficient external wall-space, and can provide asbestos documents.

Shadwell Dental Practice

11. The practice are happy to host a device, but the building is owned by a private landlord. This landlord is also happy to approve, but state they do not have an asbestos report. The practice are currently looking into whether they have one.

Locations not suitable:

12. MAE care charity shop due to the glass fronted. Coop Store, the proposals rejected by Coop head office

Community Engagement: Social Media

13. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.
14. A newsletter will be provided for the March community committee meeting.

Updates from Key Services

Public Health

Get Set Leeds – Making Leeds a More Active City (getsetleeds.co.uk)

15. As part of the Best Council Plan, Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Healthy Weight Declaration we are committed to co-producing a physical activity ambition with the city. The development of a new Physical Activity Ambition will set a long term agenda for change. It is founded on the basis that a more physically active city will help to deliver many of the city's outcomes and priorities as well as reflecting both the NHS 10 Year Plan and Prevention Green paper.
16. In September 2018, the Physical Activity Ambition Project team was established to improve collaboration and connectedness across the city and begin a more in-depth dialogue with people that live and work in the city around physical activity.
17. Step one of this process involved getting the conversation about physical activity started which took a two-strand approach:
 1. Development of an online microsite with survey for completion.
 2. Focus group conversations with people across the city.

City Wide Conversations

18. A total of 2,437 individuals from Leeds completed the Get Set Leeds microsite personal survey.
19. A total of 381 individuals responded from a workplace perspective (i.e. as an employee or employer in Leeds)
20. A total of 1810 individuals participated in the focus groups with 1,701 unique responses. Focus groups were asked to respond to two questions: 1) what gets in the way of being physically active and 2) how to make Leeds more active.

Our next Steps?

21. Get Set Leeds academic partner Leeds Beckett University are currently analysing the data set. The first draft of the results are expected by the end of February. This initial evaluation will include a breakdown of what people said by postcode area as well as comparing inactive vs. active responses. The full evaluation and report to include more detailed comparisons by demographics such as ethnicity, age, sex as well as the analysis of responses from the workplace survey will follow in the next two months. We will report back to all Community committees early in the Summer the findings and recommendations from this analysis.
22. In addition, we have been successful in securing, from Sport England, £475,000 for Get Set Leeds – Local, which will enable us to build on our initial conversations and further engage with community partners and residents from some of most deprived neighbourhoods around embedding physical activity into everyday life.
23. In the meantime visit our website: getsetleeds.co.uk to find out what is happening or contact one of the team by emailing getset@leeds.gov.uk

Winter Wellbeing

Winter Friends

Workforce

24. In supporting the delivery of the public health winter plan and contributing towards reducing the number of excess winter deaths, 'Winter Friends' was developed by Public Health as a branding and a tool to engage the workforce (Leeds City Council (LCC) and broader) in the nine high-impact, evidence based interventions to support the most vulnerable residents during Winter. Winter Friends provides the workforce with key messages around cold weather and links to the variety of services in Leeds able to support those who are most vulnerable due to the drop in temperature. Winter Friends also provides resources and leaflets to support with positive conversations around services and support available.
25. Anyone working with or supporting people in Leeds can become a winter friend by watching the animation and collecting free resources from the Public Health Resource

Centre at Technorth. The animation can be circulated and used at team meetings.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZaWlinQD8A>

Public Facing Campaign – 2020

26. A public facing winter friend's campaign has been launched supporting people who are most at risk of poor health during winter to take positive actions to reduce their risk. This will be achieved by encouraging people to sign up to be a winter friend – they will then be supported to do informal volunteering, share key messages and refer and signpost to relevant services. Anyone can become a winter friend – once signed up, winter friends will receive a pack full of advice and inspiration.
27. People can find out more and sign up by visiting www.winterfriends.org. Follow @AgeFriendlyLDS for updates

Stay Well this Winter Grants

28. Public Health have once again worked with Leeds Community Foundation to administer grants to organisations offering additional support to communities over the winter period. There were 25 grants approved and these went to a number of organisations across the city. Visits are to be carried out between February and March to evaluate the projects and feedback will be included in the next report.

Community Hub

Moor Allerton

29. Moor Allerton Community Hub has set up a Toy Library. The scheme is aimed at families who cannot afford to purchase toys and will mean that each week a child will be able to borrow a different toy to play with.
30. Yorkshire Water attended a pop up at Moor Allerton. Their Community Engagement team promoted the different payment plans available to support customers on income based benefits. Customers who attended found it very informative.
31. Secret Cinema showed Christmas themed Duplo event on Wednesday 11 December 2019 and 50 people attended. The Greatest Showman was shown on Thursday 12 December and 20 people attended. The Grinch was shown on Thursday 19 December and 15 people attended.
32. A successful Recruitment Event took place with 13 potential employers speaking to customers about their vacancies. 46 people attended and feedback from both stall holders and customers was excellent. A further event will be planned later in the year due to its success.
33. A secret cinema club for adults took place on 23 January and showed 'I, Daniel Blake'. 18 people attended the event.
34. A recruitment fair took place in January with 15 potential employers giving advice about job vacancies. 46 people attended the event. Both customers and employers gave excellent feedback. Because of its success a further recruitment event will be planned for later in the year.

Wetherby Library

35. Christmas Carols sung by the year six class from Crossley Street Primary School. 10 attendees
36. Christmas Story time with a visit from Santa. 29 attendees.
37. Cards for Good Causes sold cards to the total of £5,405.14. Customer Access will get 10% of the takings.

Boston Spa Library

38. Christmas Story time at the Joon Café/Craft shop and 27 people attended.

Leeds Anti-Social Behavioural Team

39. LASBT review – the review is almost fully complete with the development of the new noise service awaiting completion. The Triage team and process are now up and running and all members have been sent a guide for how to send in future enquires regarding ASB. The new ASB Marac is now in place and will take cases and issues fed in through the tasking process which have not been able to be resolved.
40. Projects to install temporary CCTV to three locations – The Stables, Sandringham Park and Boston Spa are at various stage – The Stables is now installed, Sandringham Park is awaiting installation following funding approved in January 2020 and we are actively putting out literature to remind the public that in order to put these cameras to the best use we need to have any incidents reported in detail as soon as possible. In respect of Boston Spa the Data Privacy Impact Assessment has been queried by Information Governance, we have responded to their queries and this is now ready for sign off by our Head of Service. This will now go to CCTV Compliance who will progress the work with contractors.
41. Patrick Bird has returned to the LASBT East Team as Team Supervisor after a stint as acting manager in South. He is the main contact for operational issues in respect of ASB for the Outer North East Community Committee.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

42. Litter in the ONE has been an issue but we are looking at ways to tackle this, although some community volunteers have already started clearing some areas, such as; Scholes, Wyke Lane and East Keswick etc.
43. The Great British Spring Clean is due to commence on the 20th March '2020 to the 13th April 2020 for which CNT are receiving requests from Community groups for litter picks, bags etc. For this event.
44. CNT have been very proactive in dealing with the recent floods especially at the Wilderness car park at Wetherby which was sadly flooded again at the weekend.

45. On 4 March 2020, at Civic Hall the Outer North East Town and Parish Council Forum took place. Updates were received from the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team and the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Other topics up for discussion were the outcomes from last year's youth summit, VE & VJ celebrations and Housing Advisory Panel funding.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

46. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

47. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Policies and City Priorities

48. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

49. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

50. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

51. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

52. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

53. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

54. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.