



Inner North West Community Committee

Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Weetwood

Prior to the business meeting, the Community Committee's Themed Workshop – The Local Environment and Student Changeover in Inner North West Leeds will commence at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting to be held in Woodsley Road Community Centre (Map attached) on Thursday, 12th March, 2015 at 8.30 pm

Councillors:

J Pryor
J Walker
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Headingley;
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J Akhtar
G Harper
C Towler

Hyde Park and Woodhouse;
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J Bentley
S Bentley
J Chapman

Weetwood;
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*Images on cover from left to right:
Headingley – Carnegie Pavilion; Bin yard at 'the Harolds'
Hyde Park & Woodhouse - Hyde Park cinema; Makkah Masjid Mosque
Weetwood - Beckett Park campus; St Chad's Church*

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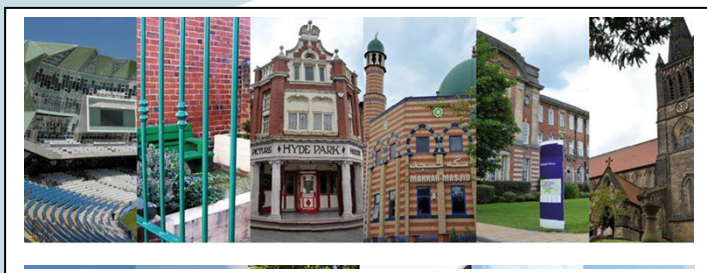
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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES - 15 JANUARY 2015</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2015</p>	
7			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
8			<p>WELLBEING FUND AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND ALLOCATION REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the West North West Area Leader</p>	7 - 14

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March Community Committee

Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Weetwood

The local environment and student
changeover in Inner North West Leeds



Local Overview

Each neighbourhood across Leeds has its own set of circumstances which means that there is no 'one size fits all' solution to dealing with local environmental issues.

The Inner North West wards, comprising of Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, and Weetwood, contain a vast mixture of properties; from owner occupied homes which are largely detached or semi-detached, to a large proportion of back to back terraces in the areas closer to the University campuses, which are often let to students.

Over the years the Council, working with partners, has worked to address these issues and has now introduced new zonal teams to deal with environmental issues on a more localised basis. The arrangement of these new teams also allows for better links with organisations, such as the police, to target the areas where there are particular problems.

A variety of pilot schemes have also been introduced to deal with specific issues in different areas of the wards. For example, a proportion of homes within the Inner North West can be unsuited to high levels of waste, as they are often back to backs which have limited outdoor space to store bins. A green bin pilot has been introduced in the Ash Road area of Headingley, whereby residents may opt in to receive recycling collections using green bags and have their green bins removed. This has successfully seen an increase in the amount of waste being recycled in this area of Headingley and the pilot has now been extended.

Student changeover annually generates high levels of waste and noise nuisance problems, as students leave their rental accommodation. These issues can cause considerable problems within the local community. The Council, Universities and other partners regularly work together to look at ways to improve services in the area. The Inner North West Community Committee has funded a variety of projects in recent years to address these problems. They include additional environmental action officers being deployed in the area, the Leave Leeds Tidy project and an out of hours noise nuisance patrol ring-fenced to the LS6 area of the city.

With additional budgetary pressures placed on Local Authorities there is a need to generate new ideas and continue to look at how we can work more efficiently to deliver on environmental issues.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Noise Nuisance



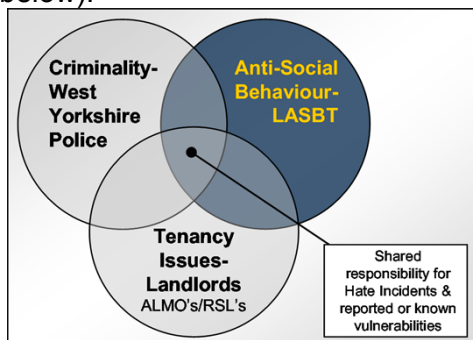
LEEDS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM

Working together for a Safer Leeds

Anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance can make an area unpleasant to live, work and relax in.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) is a multi-agency partnership comprising of staff from Leeds City Council, Leeds housing, West Yorkshire Police, and Victim Support.

LASBT may not always be the most appropriate agency to respond to, or deal with, the enquiries it receives. Where incidents include acts of a criminal nature, a more appropriate response might be provided by West Yorkshire Police. Equally some low level incidents may be better dealt with by the responsible landlord or a partner agency. Reported incidents involving overlapping issues will require a joint or coordinated response (see diagram below):



Reported allegations of ASB can be made through a number of different routes including;

- Contacting the appropriate landlord or letting agency who will have their own ASB policy and procedure in place.
- Face to face at Neighbourhood Housing offices, One Stop Centres or other council office.
- Through Hate Crime Reporting Centres
- At hostels and other temporary accommodation.
- At the Homeless Advice & Prevention Centre.
- Telephoning the council on its dedicated ASB number 0113 2224402 from 8am – 6pm.
- By email to LASBT@Leeds.gov.uk
- Through West Yorkshire Police on the non-emergency number **101**.
- Reporting concerns and or incidents to Police Community Support Officers
- The Out of Hours Noise Nuisance response team can be contacted on 0113 3950143 from 6pm – 4am Monday – Sunday.

DEDICATED OUT OF HOURS NOISE PATROL IN LS6

For the 2014/15 financial year the Inner North West Community Committee gave £10,000 funding for additional out of hours noise patrols during the student fresher's handover period.

A dedicated Case Officer is now the single point of contact for all student-related cases; proactive visits are undertaken for first-time low-level complaints, and additional patrols are carried out in LS6 by both Out of Hours and LASBT Officers.

The project is proving to have a positive effect on tackling noise nuisance in the LS6 area.

There have been 649 calls to the Out of Hours response team since September 2014 in the LS6 area. 400 complaints have been received by LASBT about separate student addresses. Noise abatement notices have been served on 73 separate student addresses and 5 breaches have resulted in seizure of noise equipment.

Leave Leeds Tidy



The Leave Leeds Tidy project, which is supported by funding from the Inner North West Community Committee, is run by the Universities, in collaboration with Emmaus and St. Vincent's, to help students reuse and recycle unwanted things when they move house.

It informs students about refuse, reuse and recycling schemes available in the city and also involves the delivery of initiatives to minimise the impact of students during changeover, including the collection of unwanted re-usable goods from the local community.

Since 2008 the project has helped divert over 82 tonnes from Landfill.

A Charity Shop has now been opened in the LUU building where people can buy affordable second hand items.

Working with the Council, an Environmental Champions scheme is being developed to give students the information they need to recycle and manage their waste properly.

Leeds Beckett Students' Union also runs the Refloat project, a doorstep glass recycling project that collects glass across LS6 in a milk float.

<http://www.leaveleedstidy.com/>



UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOOD HELPLINE

The Helpline is a 24-hour dedicated voicemail and email service operated by the University of Leeds in partnership with Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Trinity University College, Leeds City College and Leeds College of Music. Whether the issue involves noise, waste, parking or playing ball games, the Helpline partnership work with service users, Police and Leeds City Council to educate and correct negative behaviour amongst students.

All emails and calls are responded to within 24 hours, except weekends and bank holidays.

Contact them on:
0113 3431064

Or

Neighbourhood.helpline@leeds.ac.uk



Locality Team and Waste Management

Locality Team Changes

The Council's Locality Team has moved to zonal working, with a team leader managing environmental enforcement officers and street cleansing operatives. This move will allow for better co-ordination with other services and partner agencies and greater efficiency within the teams.

Refuse Collection

The majority of the city (80%) will be on fortnightly bin collections by the end of May.

20% are excluded from the alternate weekly collection regime, largely due to suitability issues, and will remain this way for now; this includes large parts of the Inner North West area.

The Council is currently working to identify what it will do in the excluded areas to deal with waste management and increase recycling rate and quality.

Pilots are currently being run in the Ash Road and Beamsley areas of Headingley as one way of potentially dealing with the matter.



ASH ROAD GREEN BIN PILOT

In August 2014, Leeds City Council began trialing a new waste collection scheme in the Ash Road area of Headingley. Following the initial success of the scheme, the trial has been extended to the Beamsley area.

Residents in the area who are liable to pay council tax were asked if they wanted to keep their green bin and continue with recycling collections. Those who didn't respond have their green recycling bin removed. Green bins are also removed from student properties.

Residents in the area not liable to pay council tax were also asked if they wanted to opt-in to receive recycling collections using green bags.

Recycled waste was then only collected from people who said they want it collecting. Anyone who didn't opt in only has their black bin collected, continuing weekly as before.

The pilot has seen recycling rates improve in the area, with less collections being contaminated.

Student Changeover

Changeover period

Every summer thousands of students move into new properties or leave the Inner North West Leeds area when their rental tenancies end. During this time a huge amount of waste is generated as properties are emptied. Every year Leeds City Council work in partnership with the Universities, West Yorkshire Police and others to plan for student changeover.

Some of the key actions include providing additional refuse wagons, street sweepers and bulk collection vehicles, increasing the frequency of glass recycling collections and restricting skip permits on certain streets to allow easier access by waste collection vehicles.

The Universities work together to run a number of projects; the Leeds University Union Leave Leeds Tidy project works with various charities to organise collection points in key locations for unwanted items so they do not go to waste. Leave Leeds Tidy wardens and environmental student workers also go out during changeover and advise on recycling and waste issues. Leeds Beckett Students' Union's Refloat also goes out on key days, staffed by student volunteers, to raise awareness about recycling and provide an easy way for students to recycle glass.

There are also widespread communication messages given to students and landlords throughout the period including a social media campaign on Twitter and Facebook.

Feedback from residents and community groups is sought after each changeover period. For this year the Council is looking at increased enforcement, additional bring site provision and dedicated additional refuse collection resources to deal with the associated difficulties that student changeover can cause.





Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

Report author: Rachel Marshall - 3367864

Date: 12th March 2015

For decision

Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Inner North West Community Committee of:
 - The Wellbeing Budget available for allocation in 2015/16.
 - The Youth Activities Fund budget available for allocation in 2015/16.
 - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16.
 - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

Recommendations

2. The Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the available Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund for allocation in 2015/16.
 - Consider the projects listed at **Table 2** for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16
 - Consider the projects listed in **Table 3** for approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

Main issues

1. Community Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
2. The Inner North West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Community Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
3. The 2015/16 Wellbeing allocation for the Inner North West Community Committee has now been approved by Full Council and as such the meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee on 12th March 2015 will consider revenue applications for 2015/16 and provide notification for successful projects to proceed with delivery.
4. In addition, the Inner North West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund funding. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.

5. Wellbeing

Community Committees have received a reduced allocation to their Wellbeing Revenue Budgets for 2015/16 compared with that given in 2014/15. This gives the Inner North West Community Committee an allocation of **£122,430**. Taking into account project underspends from 2014/15, the total fund available for new projects in 2015/16 is **£126,411**. The details of this calculation are set out in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Wellbeing Revenue Budget

2015/16 INW Revenue	Amount
INW Revenue Allocation 2015/16	£122,430
Unallocated budget from 2014/15	£922
Underspend from Small Grants Pot	£2,253
Underspend from Skips Pots	£809
Budget Available for Allocation	£126,411

6. 2015/16 Wellbeing Revenue Projects For Consideration

The Wellbeing commissioning round for 2015/16 received 31 applications for revenue funding totalling £187,855. (For a full list of these projects, please see **Appendix 1**). These applications have been assessed against the funding criteria for the Inner North West Wellbeing Fund. Members have reviewed the applications in detail and have agreed that the 20 projects listed in **Table 2** below, valued at a total of **£75,356.00** should go forward for consideration by the Community Committee on 12th March 2015. Should all of the following projects be approved, this will leave **£51,055** of Wellbeing revenue funding available for allocation in 2015/16.

Table 2

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Small grants fund	Area Support Team	£8,000.00
Skips fund	Area Support Team	£2,500.00
Festive Lights	Leeds Lights (LCC)	£10,910.00
"Football and Your Future."	Street League	£1,040.00
LS16 Community Centre	Older People's Action in the Locality (OPAL)	£3,750.00
Community Programme	Headingley LitFest	£3,750.00
Headingley Neighbourhood Plan	Headingley Neighbourhood Forum	£1,000.00
Table Tennis at HEART	Headingley Development Trust	£1,000.00
Community Football	Hyde Park & Woodhouse FC	£800.00
Hyde Park Unity Day	Hyde Park Unity Day	£5,000.00
Leave Leeds Tidy	Leeds University Union	£3,423.00
Tuesday Gentle Exercise Class	Older Wiser local Seniors (OWLS)	£2,500.00
STEP Drop In Café	STEP (Supporting The Elderly People)	£1,525.00
Student Noise Nuisance Project	Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team	£10,000.00
Summer Diversionary Project	West Yorkshire Police	£2,164.00
Replacement/additional litter bins and additional officer deployment	WNW Locality Team, Leeds City Council	£943.00
Fit Kids	Young Minds	£5,424.00
Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme	Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme	£1,900.00
Keep Fit: Keep Well: Be Happy	Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London	£6,979.00
Every women health group	BEHNO GROUP (SISTERS)	£2,748.00

7. 2015/16 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

No applications for Capital Funding were received for this commissioning round.

8. Youth Activities Fund

In addition to those Wellbeing projects listed above, the project listed in **Table 3** below is recommended for approval from the Youth Activities Fund. In 2015/16, the Inner

North West Community Committee has received a sum of £23,800 Youth Activity Fund. Combining this with £60 remaining unallocated from 2014/15, there is currently **£23,860** available for allocation.

Table 3: Youth Activities Fund Projects for Consideration

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Holiday Hockey and Sports Day Camps	Leeds Hockey Club	£1,013.00

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

9. Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2015/16 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people being taken into account through the Youth Engagement Panels.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

10. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

11. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
 - Vision for Leeds
 - Leeds Strategic Plan
 - Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 - Children and Young People's Plan
 - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan

d. Resources and value for money

12. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

f. Risk Management

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

Conclusion

15. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services.

16. All applications received by the Inner North West in respect of funding via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations

17. The Committee is asked to:

- Note the available Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund for allocation in 2015/16.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 2** a total of £75,356 for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16.
- Consider the project listed in **Table 3** total £1,013 for approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

Background information

- **None**

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Applications for Inner North West Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund

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Every women health group	BEHNO GROUP (SISTERS)	£2,748.00
Equal Sounds	Musical Arc	£480.00
Community Planner	Leeds City Council- Planning services	£40,000.00
Community Participation & Learning Programme	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	£600.00
Woodhouse into Work	Oblong	£9,829.00
Open XS Volunteer Programme	Open XS Cluster	£3,640.00
Our Place	Leeds Beckett Students' Union Volunteering Team	£8,321.00
Tasking meetings	West Yorkshire Police	£7,200.00
Community space at Weetwood Primary School	Weetwood Primary School Governing Body	£20,000.00
Employability and educational club	Al Haqq Supplementary School	£7,200.00
Holiday Hockey and Sports Day Camps	Leeds Hockey Club	£1,013.00
Holiday Sports Camps	Sport & Active Lifestyles	£3,600.00

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Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

Report author: Nicole Darbyshire – 33 67859

Date: 12 March 2015

To note

Area Update Report

1. Purpose of report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business.

2. Background information

2.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group business and the current position relating to other project activity.

2.2 A Community Committee update report is submitted at every cycle of Community Committee meetings unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and Council services will also contribute information to the Area Update Report.

3. Main issues

Forum and Sub Group Key Messages

Planning Sub Group

- 3.1 Planning sub group met on 11 February 2015 and the following issues were discussed:
- An update on the progress of neighbourhood planning in the area was received
 - An update was received on the site allocations DPD update
 - Recent planning applications were discussed
 - An update was received on the work of the planning enforcement team and councillors expressed that they would like to see the team better resourced.

Key Messages

- 3.2 Key messages included:
- Reiterate that the North West Area Planning Team need to refer to guidance contained within the recently adopted updated version of the Far Headingley, Weetwood and West Park Neighbourhood Design Statements throughout the planning process.
 - That Community Committee note the concerns regarding the need for better resources in the Council's Planning Enforcement Team.
 - That Community Committee note the groups concern regarding the current 3 minute time limit to speak at Development Plans Panel and would like to request that this time limit is extended.
- 3.3 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Planning Sub Group.

Environment Sub Group

- 3.4 Environment sub group met on 2 March 2015 and the following issues were discussed:
- Increased levels of graffiti on cable boxes and poor response to its cleaning by Virgin Media.
 - Update on the change to zonal teams within environmental services reported that the new Team Leaders are now in post. These are Chris Baird for Headingley and Weetwood and Martin Allen for Hyde Park & Woodhouse.
 - Planning for Changeover has now started.
 - Parks & Countryside proposed delegation and annual report
 - Leeds Quality Parks standards.
 - Update on waste management

Key Messages

- 3.5 The new Team Leaders are now in post for the new zonal teams. These are Chris Baird for Headingley and Weetwood and Martin Allen for Hyde Park & Woodhouse.
- 3.6 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group.

Children & Young People Sub Group

- 3.7 Children & Young People sub group met on 3 February 2015 and the following issue was discussed:

There was a focus on domestic violence and the meeting considered the data regarding levels of reporting in the Inner North West area. There has been an increase in the number of reported DV incidents, but this could be attributable to better reporting. Councillors requested to see the report on domestic violence related homicides in Leeds.

Key Messages

- 3.8 There were no key messages from the Children and Young People's Sub Group.
- 3.9 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Children & Young People Sub Group.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

4.3 Council policies and city priorities

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information and call in

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

5 Risk management

5.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

6 Conclusion

6.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Area Support Team.

7 Recommendations

7.1. Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups and Forums.



Report of: Director of Environment and Housing

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee

Report author: Angela Mawdsley, 0113 2477996

Date: 12th March 2015

To note

Tackling Noise Nuisance in Student Areas – Update on Wellbeing Funded Project 2014/15.

Purpose of report

1. To update members of the Inner North West Community Committee on the well-being funded noise nuisance project in the LS6 area of Leeds.

Background

2. A previous 2014/15 funding bid was submitted to the Community Committee to fund additional out of hours patrols during the fresher's handover period. The bid was successful and £10,000 was awarded. Given the subsequent restructure of the Out of Hours Response Team which was moved under the management of Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, the funding was passed to Angela Mawdsley, LASBT West Manager to manage.
3. Given the high volume of complaints and the detrimental impact noise nuisance has on the communities within Hyde Park, Headingley and Burley and following consultation with West Yorkshire Police, Unipol and Leeds Universities, a new procedure for tackling noise from student properties was implemented in September 2014.
4. A dedicated Case Officer is the single point of contact for all student-related cases, proactive visits are undertaken for first-time low-level complaints to provide consistent advice and guidance and additional out of hours patrols are carried out by both Out of Hours and LASBT Officers and these patrols are ringfenced to the LS6 area.

Main issues

5. The funding enabled additional proactive Out of Hours Patrols to take place every night in the LS6 area between 15th September and 12th October 2014. Patrols were manned by an Out of Hours Response Officer and a Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Case Officer and one van was ringfenced to the LS6 area although in reality due to the exceptionally heavy demand on the service, both vans remained in the LS6 area.
6. Using this funding, proactive patrols have also been carried out at other peak times. Recently additional out of hours patrols were carried out on the 22nd January, 29th January and 5th February to try to address increasing numbers of complaints. Patrols are also planned for week commencing 16th March to try to address issues which may occur during St Patricks Day and end of term.
7. During the initial 4 week period, as well as responding to live complaints and patrolling hotspot areas, LASBT Officers completed approximately 120 proactive follow-up home visits to addresses which had been subject of a complaint and provided appropriate advice as well as serving a formal warning letters. Where a statutory nuisance had been identified, Officers would visit the following evening and serve noise abatement notices.
8. In total to date, LASBT has received 400 complaints about separate student properties the majority of which have received proactive home visits. Noise abatement notices have been served on students at 73 addresses following large-scale parties and identified statutory noise nuisance.
9. Since September, the Out of Hours Response Team has received 649 complaints about noise in the LS6 area. 86% of these calls resulted in a visit. In 36% of the calls attended, officers assessed the noise as unreasonable and would cause substantial interference to other residents.
10. Six large student parties were prevented following likely to occur noise abatement notices being served.
11. It should be noted that not all complaints in the LS6 area relate to student properties – the additional patrols did visit and provide evidence for non-student noise problems; three of which have resulted in seizures of noise equipment following breaches of noise abatement notices.

Corporate considerations

- a. Consultation and engagement

Tackling noise nuisance is a partnership approach and LASBT regularly consult and engage with partners such as West Yorkshire Police, Unipol and Leeds Universities.

An update has also been provided at the Inner North West Environmental Sub-Group.

b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

Noise nuisance is not an issue exclusive to areas heavily populated by the student community and LASBT investigates complaints of noise in all areas of the city. However evidence does show that significantly more complaints are received in well-known student areas such as Hyde Park, Headingley and Burley. All cases regardless of tenure are assessed on an individual basis and any enforcement action taken is based upon available evidence.

c. Council policies and city priorities

The project fits within the City Priority Plan namely Best City for Communities and Best City to Live. It also meets the Best Council Plan outcome to improve the quality of life for residents.

d. Resources and value for money

As stated above, the funding has been invaluable in increasing the capacity of the existing LASBT service to meet the needs of local residents during an extremely busy period.

e. Legal implications, access to information and call in

Evidence gathered during out of hours patrols could be used to initiate and progress legal cases.

f. Risk management

Out of Hours Response Officers and LASBT Case Officers are at risk from violence and aggression with aggravating factors such as individuals they deal with using drugs and alcohol. Lone working procedures are in place to try to address any such risks.

Conclusion

12. The funding has been invaluable in increasing the capacity of the service which resulted in 100% of calls resulting in a visit in September and October. It has also enabled LASBT Officers to carry out approximately 120 additional proactive home visits to provide advice and guidance to students.

Recommendations

13. Due to the success of the work in 2014/15, a further bid for wellbeing funds for £10,000 in 2015/16 has been submitted, so similar proactive work can be undertaken in the LS6 area. It is proposed that the work will again target the end of term and student changeover times, which are traditionally the periods when complaints increase. It is

recommended that Councillors consider this funding application for the 2015/16 financial year to allow for the continuation of this work.



Report of the City Solicitor

**Report to: Inner North West Community Committee covering the wards of
Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood**

Report author: Gerard Watson, Senior Governance Officer, 0113 395 2194

Date: 12 March 2015

For decision

Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2015/2016

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2015/2016 municipal year, whilst also considering whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

Main issues

Meeting Schedule

2. The Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee. In 2014/15, this Committee held four business meetings.
3. To be consistent with the number of meetings held in 2014/15, this report seeks to schedule four Community Committee business meetings as a minimum for 2015/16. Individual Community Committees may add further dates as they consider appropriate and as the business needs of the Committee require. The proposed schedule has been

compiled with a view to ensuring a more even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year.

4. Meetings in May 2015 and May 2016 specifically to elect Chairs for the respective municipal years are also proposed to be scheduled with Members' approval, once Group nomination arrangements have been confirmed.
5. Members are also asked to note that the schedule does not set out any Community Committee themed workshops, as these will need to be determined by the Committee throughout the municipal year, as Members feel appropriate. During 2014/15, where such workshops were held, many took place either immediately before or after the Committee meetings. Therefore, when considering proposed meeting arrangements, Members may want to consider whether they wish to adopt a similar approach to the themed workshops in 2015/16, as this could impact upon final meeting times and venues.
6. The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Area Leader and their team. As referenced earlier, this report seeks to schedule a minimum of four Community Committee business meetings for 2015/2016 in order to ensure that the dates appear within the Council's diary. Individual Community Committees may add further dates as they consider appropriate and as business needs of the committees require.
7. The proposed meeting schedule for 2015/16 is as follows:
 - Thursday, 18 June 2015
 - Thursday, 10 September 2015
 - Thursday, 17 December 2015
 - Thursday, 3 March 2016

Meeting Days, Times and Venues

8. Currently, the Committee meets on a Thursday at 7.30 p.m. - and the proposed dates (above) reflect this pattern.
9. Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people i.e. members of the public, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal working hours. Therefore, the Committee may wish to give consideration to meeting start times and venue arrangements which would maximise the accessibility of the meetings for the community.

Options

10. Members are asked to consider whether they are agreeable with the proposed meeting schedule (above), or whether any further alternative options are required in terms of the number of meetings, start times or venue arrangements.

Corporate considerations

11a. Consultation and engagement

In compiling the proposed schedule of meeting dates and times, the current Community Committee Chair, the Area Leader and colleagues within Area Support have been consulted.

The submission of this report to the Community Committee forms part of the consultation process as it seeks the views of Elected Members with respect to the Community Committee meeting schedule and venue arrangements.

11b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

In considering the matters detailed, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that the Community Committee meeting arrangements are accessible to all groups within the community.

11c. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1.2, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to decisions taken by Community Committees.

Conclusion

12. The Procedure Rules require that each Community Committee will agree its schedule of meetings and that there shall be at least 4 business meetings per municipal year. In order to enable the Committee's meeting schedule to feature within the Council diary for 2015/16, Members are requested to agree the arrangements for the same period.

Recommendations

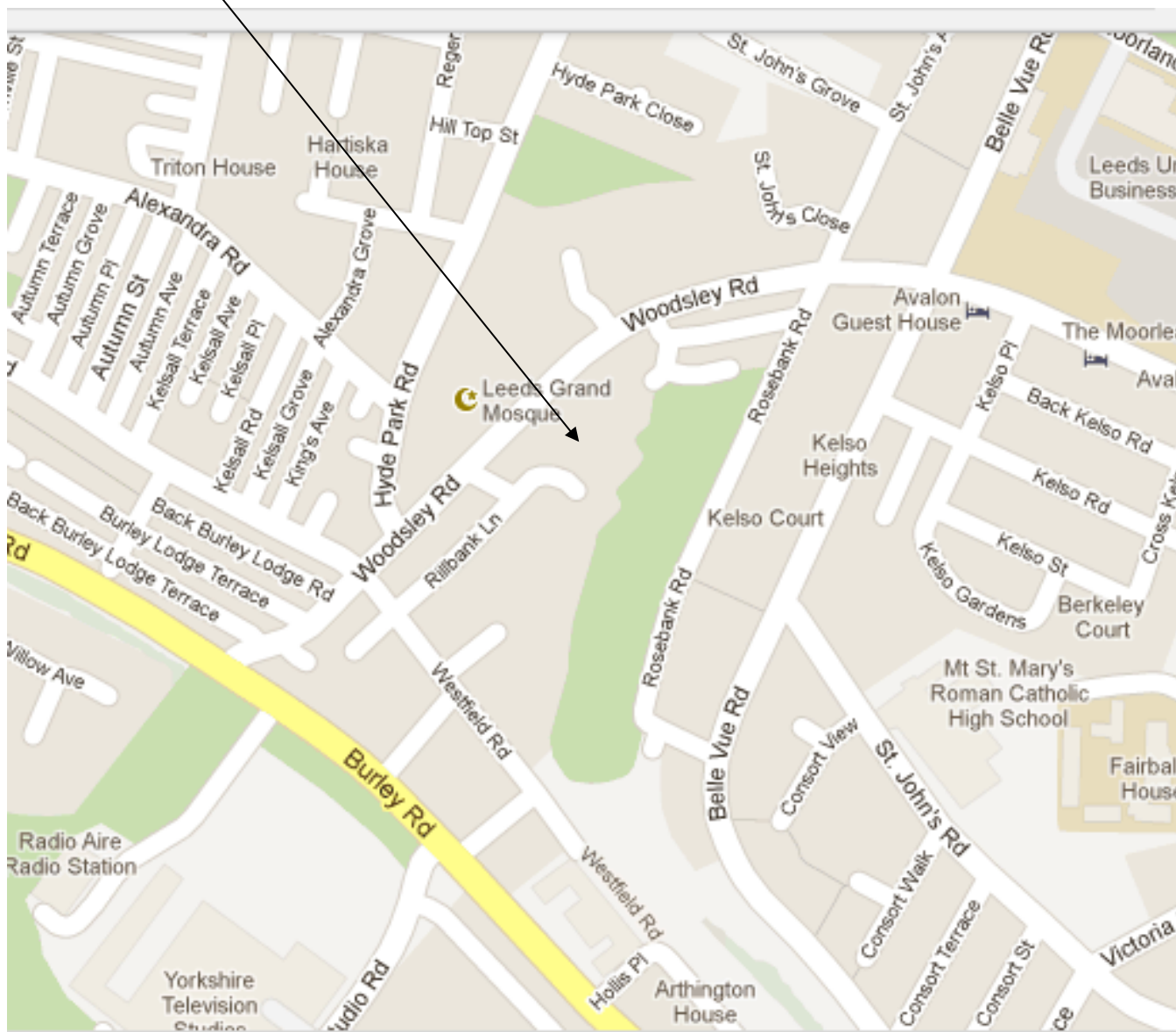
13. Members are requested to consider the options detailed within the report and to agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2015/16 municipal year (as detailed at paragraph 7), in order that they may be included within the Council diary for the same period.
14. Members are requested to give consideration as to whether they wish to continue with the Committee's current meeting and venue arrangements or whether they would like to request any amendments to such arrangements.

Background information

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