

## INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2018

**PRESENT:** Councillor E Taylor in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, M Rafique,  
M Shazad, E Tunnicliffe and A Wenham

### **30 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against refusal.

### **31 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There was no exempt information.

### **32 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **33 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **34 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors: S Hamilton and J Dowson.

### **35 Open Forum**

Members of the public addressed the meeting under the provisions of Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum):

Freedom4Girls- Victoria Abrahams (Operations Manager) attended the meeting and provided information on the work on-going around campaigning with projects, to reduce period poverty in the UK. The Committee heard that voluntary work is set up across schools and hubs, to provide support to both sexes, to break down silence through workshops. The Committee further heard that donations of sanitary products were accepted in a number of donation stations set up across Leeds. The overall aim Victoria intended for their charity to provide, is to remove the stigma around this issue and help individuals build up their confidence. The Committee were asked to support the Campaign and provide further help and suggestions.

Members offered to provide help, in supporting the initiative of the Freedom4Girls charity'.

**RESOLVED- To:**

- A. Note the discussions.
- B. Request that an e-mail be sent to all Councillors providing information on where contributions can be made.

**36 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 as a correct record.

**37 UNIVERSAL CREDIT UPDATE**

Simon Betts, Relationship Manager, Department for Work & Pensions provided the Committee with an update on Universal Credit.

The report had formed the basis for discussions during the informal workshop session held prior to the formal meeting. The key issues highlighted were:

Universal Credit will replace 6 existing benefits including:

- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Credits
- Income Support
- Child TAX Credits
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Housing benefit
- Payments will be one single transaction, paid monthly, to one individual per household.
- Universal Credit is based upon the amount of money an individual earns per month as opposed to how many hours worked.
- The process for making the claim online and the measures in place for assisting individuals in need of additional support.
- Alternative payment arrangements in place; advanced payments.
- Emphasised the role of advocates, to provide assistance for claimants.

In response to questions, the following was discussed:

- Approximately 60,000 (15%) Leeds residents', currently claim benefits and 8,000 are on Universal Credit.
- Partnerships with the Housing Team are in place, to provide support with making claims and liaising with Landlords.
- Piloting work in 3 GP surgeries, to provide additional advice and support.
- Digital support would be available across the city and staff in job centres would be able to assist with making claims.
- The measures in place to assist issues around safeguarding included:
  - Splitting payments in the household could be arranged
  - The Social Justice Team can carry out visits to support the individual's needs.
- Staff in place to overcome communication barriers and interpreters were available.

The Chair requested that an update in 12 months, with progress on the roll out of Universal Credit, would be useful.

RESOLVED – To:

- A. Note the presentation and report
- B. Note the intention to receive an update in 12 months, on the progress of the Universal Credit roll out.

## **38 YOUTH WORK REVIEW**

The Head of Commissioning, Children and Families, submitted a report presenting the findings of the Youth Work review and the recommended option for future commissioning arrangements.

The following were in attendance:

Kate Sibson – Commissioning Manager

Vicky Fuggles – Youth Offer Quality Assurance Lead

The following information was appended to the report:

- Inner North East Outline youth work budget
- Inner North East Community Committee Profile data

The recommended commissioning model was set out at point 12 of the submitted report and incorporated the following features:

- Geographically Targeted Youth Service
- Transitional Youth Inclusion Service
- NEET Prevention Project

The table provided Members with a description of the future service area and the proposed budget for the service.

Members' attention had been drawn to the need of providing youth service provision to groups aged 9-12 years and the importance of external partnership work was noted.

Members were informed that more detailed information could be provided at ward Member briefing.

Members raised concern that the Inner North East data contained in the report, measuring the population of young people, wasn't a true reflection for each ward those of which were in the most deprived areas and already struggling with school places. Members were advised by officers, the ward data would be provided for them, at ward briefings.

RESOLVED-

- A. That Members respond to the ward briefings invitation.
- B. That the request of individual ward data would be provided during the upcoming ward briefings.

C. That the contents of the report and the recommended future commissioning arrangements be noted.

### **39 WELLBEING REPORT**

The report of the Area Leader provided Members of the Inner North East Community Committee with details of its Wellbeing Budget, along with the Wellbeing/Youth Activities Funding available for the 2018/19 year and details of projects approved since the previous meeting under the delegated authority of the Director of Communities and Environment.

A Member of the Inner North East Community Committee, queried the recalculation of the Wellbeing allocation for 2018/19 and requested the revised formula is supplied.

#### **RESOLVED-**

- A. To note the current balances for 2018/19 and the spend to date against these budgets as set out in this report and Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- B. Note the CIL guidelines, attached in Appendix 3.
- C. To note the delegated decisions made since the last meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018) as outlined in the table at paragraph 27.
- D. That the request of the revised Wellbeing allocation formula is provided to the Member.

### **40 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT**

The Area Leader submitted a report providing an update on the work programme of Inner North East Community Committee including the Committee's sub groups, local partnerships and events held in the locality since the last meeting.

Preet Matharu, Localities Officer, presented the report. Highlighting the success of the activities and events in the locality. Members noted the upcoming Youth Summit meeting will be held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Members were pleased to hear that the community parks in the Inner North East Area, all passed the Leeds Quality Park assessments.

Members were advised of the growth within the Inner North East Communities Team with their use of social media to promote their work and events. It was noted that their Facebook page currently receives a following of 707 people.

**RESOLVED-** To note the contents of the report.

### **41 Community Comment**

The Chair noted the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback and/or queries on the reports presented during the formal part of the

Community Committee meeting, the intention being that the written response would be provided within 14 days. No comments were raised.

**42 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm.