



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to Outer South Community Committee

Date: Wednesday 9th July 2014

Subject: Summary of Key Work Report

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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Summary of main issues

This report presents an update on the key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendations

The Community Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention, a summary of key work which the Area Support Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the July 2011 Area Committee, a revised title and format for this report was introduced based on proposed changes to the Leeds Initiative partnership and planning framework for the city in an effort to be more focused on current priorities.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1.1 The Area Chairs Forum took place on 2nd May 2014 and the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2014 were approved and were presented to Community Committee at their meeting on 4th June 2014. The dates for future Area Chairs Forum meetings are still to be confirmed.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children's Services Lead Member: Cllr Robert Gettings

4.1 Children & Families Sub Group

- 4.1.1 The Children and Families Sub Group met on 25th June 2014 and minutes will be presented to a future Community Committee. Highlights from the meeting include:
- Review of the activities funded through Youth Activities Fund
 - Agreed timetable for the 2015/16 Youth Activities Fund
 - Consideration of the Children & Families Action Plan
- 4.1.2 The next meeting is scheduled for 10.00 am on Wednesday 17th September at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre. A member of the Fostering & Adoption team will be invited with the aim of developing two awareness events in Outer South that will promote Leeds City Council's campaign to recruit foster parents and adoptions.

5.0 Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare Lead Member: Cllr Neil Dawson

5.1 South Leeds Debt Forum

- 5.1.1 On Friday 13th June over 90 delegates came together from across Leeds for the annual joint Leeds Debt Forum Conference. This year was the first time South Leeds Debt Forum was represented. The event focussed on the positive steps

being undertaken by Leeds City Council and local neighbourhood based organisations to combat debt and financial hardship.

- 5.1.2 Presentations were received from Leeds CAB, Leeds City Credit Union, Money Buddies, Leeds City Council Financial Inclusion Team and The Centre for Decision Making Research at Leeds University Business School. A full report from the conference is currently being pulled together and can be circulated on request.

6.0 Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety Lead Member: Cllr Karen Bruce

Outer South Environmental Sub Group

- 6.1 The Outer South Environmental Sub Group took place on 25th June 2014 and draft minutes will be presented to a future Community Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 4.00 pm on Wednesday 24th September 2014.

6.2 Community Safety

- 6.2.1 The South Leeds Community Safety and Environmental Partnership met on 29th April 2014. The Partnership reviewed the action plan and received an update on progress made in integrating services. Further to the workshop held on 2nd April, a set of Design Principles were approved to guide the development of Neighbourhood Teams across Outer South. A Design Team will ensure that co-location at key sites is developed in all areas of the wedge. A Tasking structure is under discussion and will be implemented in due course to allow for regular meetings of front line workers to address priority issues at a ward level.
- 6.2.3 **Child Sexual Exploitation:** A Level one awareness briefing session was held on 24th March. Colleagues from services working with young people, families and communities attended. Specialist services gave presentations on their roles and showed DVDs that highlight the issues. A follow up evaluation is planned and further sessions will be arranged later in the year.

7.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing – awaiting update Area Lead: Cllr Shirley Varley

- 7.1 The following work provides an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place:
- **CATSS multi agency health and wellbeing group** continuing activity to address obesity issues through enhanced physical activity and nutrition programmes
 - **Dementia friendly communities' session** planned for August/September.
 - WNW CCG has **put out to tender for delivery of Patient Empowerment programme**. The programme is to focus on areas of higher health need with the aim of addressing health improvement activity through volunteers.
 - **SE Area Health and Wellbeing Members to meet with SE CCG member practices** on 16th July 2014, with the aim of improving joint working
 - **SE Health and Wellbeing Core Group** – agendas items for the forthcoming meetings include: health and commissioning of the third sector; engaging in

mental health IAPT provision review; review and support wider determinants of health and health improvement activity across the locality.

7.2 Updates will be provided to future Community Committees.

8.0 Updates by theme: Adult Social Care Area Lead: Cllr Karen Renshaw

8.1 Older Persons Working Group

8.1.1 Following the expression of interest by the Chair of the Outer South Area Committee to establish an Older People's Working Group to focus on co-ordinating support to older residents within the areas of the Outer. It is envisaged that this group would be instrumental in delivering Community Committee funded projects such as the Day of Older People celebration event and in helping to co-ordinate the Winter Warmth Scheme (helping elderly and vulnerable residents to stay warm over winter by providing practical items and advice).

8.1.2 The group would also provide a multi-agency forum to find solutions to problems affecting older people such as fuel and food poverty and social isolation. It would also help to focus action around addressing poverty and isolation in private homes and tenancies.

8.1.3 Whilst this work is still in development, Community Committee is asked to agree in principle to establish a working group, which would work closely with the Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing Area Lead Members.

9.0 Integrated Locality working

9.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

9.1.1 The Community Centres Sub Committee last met on 7th May 2014 and minutes were presented to the 4th June meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th November 2014 and minutes will be presented to a future Community Committee.

9.2 Conservation Audits

9.2.1 Following a further round of public consultation that ran from January to March 2012, all consultation responses are being reviewed and considered and amendments made to the appraisal and proposed boundary as appropriate. The project was discussed at Planning Board on 29 November 2012. The appraisal and boundary review may also be considered by Executive Board. If approved, the revised boundary will be designated and the appraisal will be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process.

9.3 Morley Empty Shops Fund

9.3.1 Funding of £2,600 has recently been approved to contribute to the costs of replacing a shop front at 2B Queen Street. There is funding available to complete one further shop front project.

9.4 Outer South Celebration Event

Community Heroes Event

9.4.1 The Outer South Community Heroes Event took place at Morley Town Hall on Wednesday 18th July. The event celebrated the contribution that volunteers make to their local communities and was attended by over 100 people.

9.4.2 Initial feedback is good with attendees commenting that they appreciated being recognised for the work that they do. An evaluation is taking place and feedback will be shared with Members at a future date.

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10.1 Community First Grants

10.1.1 Information on Community First Grants is included at **Appendix 1**.

11.0 Corporate Considerations

11.1 Consultation and Engagement

11.1.1 Projects are developed to address priorities in the Community Committee Plan. The production of this plan is informed by Local Councillors and local residents. All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for any contribution from the Wellbeing budget is received at the Community Committee.

11.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

11.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Wellbeing budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

11.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

11.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

11.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

11.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

11.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

11.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

11.5.1 All decisions taken by the Community Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are not eligible for Call In.

11.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

11.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

11.6 Risk Management

11.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Wellbeing budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

12.0 Conclusions

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

13.0 Recommendations

13.1 The Community Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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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.