

**Report of: Shaid Mahmood, West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North West Community Committee**

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**To note**

## **Community Committee Sub Group's Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

This report updates the Community Committee on the work of five of the Community Committee sub groups.

### **Main issues**

1. The Community Committee currently has six sub groups looking at service provision within the functions of Environment & Community Safety, Employment, Learning and the Local Economy, Children's Services and Family Health, Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being, Highways and Transportation as well as a Policy Group.

2. Environment & Community Safety

Following the Domestic Violence workshop hosted by the Outer North West Community Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Environment & Community Safety sub group met to consider feedback from the event and explore ways in which the Community Committee can help support the work of services and partners and raise awareness of domestic violence in the local area.

3. As a result of the workshop a number of actions have already taken place including:
- Behind Closed Doors are to provide domestic violence awareness training to Housing Leeds staff.
  - Barnardo's Safer Families has submitted a small grant application requesting funding to hold a Christmas party for 80 local children who have witnessed abuse and a breakdown in family dynamics.

4. Feedback from the workshop highlighted that domestic violence and abuse is an issue in the outer north west area and can affect individuals from any background or socio-demographic. The sub group agreed that there is a definite need to raise awareness of this issue and agreed the following actions:

- Explore potential projects and funding to support both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.
- Explore funding opportunities for publicity material such as posters, drinks mats etc.
- The WNW Community Safety Co-ordinator is to provide a 'problem profile' for the area, which will enable Members to prioritise the main issues in their specific ward.
- Feedback from the workshop is to be referred to the Employment, Learning and the Local Economy sub group, to consider the effect domestic violence has on businesses and how they can raise awareness of this issue.
- Feedback from the workshop is to be referred to the Children's Services and Family Health sub group to consider how Clusters Managers can work with local schools to identify and support children who have witnessed or been a victim of abuse.
- Contact details for domestic violence support groups are to be posted on Facebook.
- To consider publishing articles on domestic violence in local newsletters.
- A report is to be brought to a future meeting to update the community committee on the progress of these actions.

5. Employment, Learning and the Local Economy

6. The Employment, Learning and Local Economy sub group met for the first time on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Terms of reference were discussed and members agreed which areas of work they wanted to prioritise.
7. Information on employment statistics i.e. distance travelled to work, number of NEETS, type of employers and empty shops in the outer north west was presented by Graham Ponton, Economic Development Officer. More detailed information was requested by members which Graham is to produce.

8. Amrit Choda from the Ahead Partnership was present to talk about her work in the outer west which has been funded with £10,000 of Wellbeing money from the Outer West Community Committee. Amrit described a number of projects that have been undertaken in the area including:

- A business broker to provide a signposting service linking SMEs in the West Outer Area to a network of partners across the public and private sectors that could help them succeed and grow.
- Peer learning groups known as 'Board Room Local' (BRL) were set up. These were small facilitated sessions whereby owners and managers of SME's shared their experiences and discussed their businesses' issues to learn from each other.
- Specialist business workshops and other events on topics of interest to SMEs, such as accessing finance, sales and marketing, use of social media, protecting your brand and managing people.

#### 9. Children's Services and Family Health

10. The Children's Services and Family Health sub group last met on 20<sup>th</sup> November. The main focus of the meeting was to plan for the 'Engaging with children and young people' Community Committee workshop which is to take place at the end of January. Dates and a venue are currently under discussion.

11. A discussion also took place on targeted youth work sessions following a report from Kevin Donnelly, Team Leader. It was flagged that a large percentage of the young people being worked with in the outer north west do not come from the LSOAs where there are likely to be more problems and it was discussed as to whether members felt that this was an issue or not.

12. Two applications for Youth Activity Fund were discussed, with all members recommending them for approval at the next Community Committee meeting. These are included in the Wellbeing Report.

13. The terms of reference for the sub group were approved.

#### 14. Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being

The Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being sub group last met on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. The main focus of the meeting was to plan for the Social Isolation workshop which is the next community committee theme. The workshop is to take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> December and feedback from the workshop will be considered by the sub group before being referred back to the community committee.

## 15. Highways and Transportation

16. The Highways & Transportation Sub Group met for the first time on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Members agreed to discuss items of concern in the area, for consideration for a future work plan for the sub group.
17. It was recognised that the airport link road is a major development in the Outer North West and will feature as a key area of work for consideration by the group.
18. Members commented on a number of concerns in relation to the requirement for improved transport links to the airport, including;
- The need for better links from the Horsforth roundabout to the proposed link road.
  - The need to now consider what potential rail link options there could be.
  - The impact of future car parking requirements of the airport.
  - The need to ensure that the road link be integrated with any proposed rail link and the potential for a Parkway option.
  - Ensure that any discussions held are broadened out to include discussion with Leeds City Region, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and neighbouring authorities.
19. Members agreed to the draft terms of reference for the sub group.

## 20. Policy

The next meeting of the Policy sub group has been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

## **Conclusion**

21. This report provides Members with an update on recent sub group activity undertaken by the Area Support Team.

## **Recommendations**

22. Outer North West Community Committee is requested to note the contents of the report and comment on any aspects of the matters raised.

Corporate considerations

23. None applicable.

## **Background information**

Sub Group minutes