

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

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

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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. It also asks the committee to appoint to the vacant position of Housing Advisory Panel representative.

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 12 December 2014 and the following issues were discussed:

- An update was received on the work that the enforcement team has been carrying out with regards to the Boston Diner student accommodation at Headingley. Whether the properties are being let as HMOs is in dispute; the property owners, Park Lane Properties, did not get planning consent to build Houses in Multiple Occupation with people on single tenancies. Legal advice is being sought on whether any enforcement action can be brought against the owners.
- Neighbourhood Planning issues were discussed, and updates given about the progress of local group draft plans.
- Various planning applications were discussed. Of particular note were; the Elinor Lupton Centre where developers want to form a public house and hotel, and Headingley Business Park where developers are applying the new Permitted Development Rights legislation that allows offices to be converted to residential without needing to apply for full planning permission.

Key Messages

3.2 Key messages included:

- note concerns in relation to the pre application enquiry for the change of use of the Elinor Lupton Centre to form a public house and hotel, and the potential negative impact of such a development
- note concern in relation to the impact of the relaxed permitted development rights such as those which the applicant is attempting to implement at Headingley Business Park for the creation of 124 apartments without the need to apply for full planning permission.

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 15 December 2014 and the following issues were discussed:

- An update was received on progress on the out of hours noise nuisance scheme which focuses on students in the Headingley area. Noise abatement notices have been served on 54 properties and there have been 2 seizures of noise equipment.
- An update was received on the Ash Road recycling pilot scheme. Recycled waste is only collected from people that have requested it collecting; those that have not opted in will have their black bin collected weekly. Other areas are being considered for extension of the pilot.

Key Messages

- 3.5 Since the meeting took place, the Environmental Champions have received a briefing which outlines the possible delegation of the development and horticultural maintenance of community parks, cemeteries, recreation grounds, urban woodland, natural areas and local green space to Community Committees. It is proposed that this information will be used as the basis of discussion at environment sub-groups in order to recommend decisions on future priorities for local parks and greenspaces.
- 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 4 December 2014 and the following issues were discussed:
- Anti-social behaviour issues in the Inner North West area and what is being done to tackle any problems.
 - There was an update on the July 2014 Community Committee meeting topic, 'Children's Health in the Inner North West'.
 - The use of YAF funds was discussed and the possibility of working up a 'grow your own' allotment scheme for young people.

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.

Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel Membership

- 3.10 The Inner North West Housing Advisory panel has two places reserved for Members of the Inner North West Community Committee. It was agreed at the July Community Committee that Councillors Jeanette Walker and Judith Chapman be appointed to these. Councillor Walker has indicated that she would like to step down from this role and therefore the committee is asked to consider appointing to this vacancy.

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.
- To appoint to the vacant position of Housing Advisory Panel representative.