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Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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To note

Community Committee Sub Group's Update Report

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

Environment

The sub group met on the 4th December 2014 and was attended by members and officers from Housing, Parks and Countryside, Waste Management, Highways, WNW Locality Team and Rob Green from Leeds Empties.

Highways gave an update on roadside seating. Highways are carrying out an inventory on roadside seating in the ONW area and will create a register of seating.

The WNW Locality Team reported that work is being done between the team and the police to tackle dog fouling. Patrols are being carried out in hotspot areas in the ONW. Bulky waste will now be delivered through the WNW Locality Team as part of the new zonal team working.

Leeds Empties attended the meeting and gave an update about the work they do with empty properties in the city. Leeds Empties will arrange a meeting with the WNW Locality Team to further talk about the work they do and how they can work together.

Community Safety

The Environment & Community Safety Sub Group met on the 20th January 2015. A verbal update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting.

3. Employment, Learning and the Local Economy

The sub group met on the 8th January and was attended by representatives from some of the local Neighbourhood Planning groups and Steph Lee from the Otley BID. Discussions took place around ways in which the sub group and Community Committee might support the groups around the subject of employment and the local economy and better understand the issues affecting the outer north-west. Steph gave some background to how the Otley BID had come about, costs and future plans. It was agreed that Steph and representatives from the groups would continue to receive agendas and invitations to attend future meetings.

4. Children's Services and Family Health

The sub group met on the 9th January and focussed on the engagement event planned for the 30th January. Officers and Members discussed the 2 workshops scheduled to take place on the day and considered what the overall aims of the day should be. A stand-alone report for the workshop arrangements appears separately on the agenda.

5. Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being

The Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being sub group had agreed Social Isolation as their Community Committee topic. A workshop to discuss this issue was held on the 8th December prior to the Community Committee. The workshop focused on how we find people who are socially isolated in our area, what are the issues and what can be done about it, as well as hearing about the Time to Shine project and how the Community Committee can influence the project's work in the outer north west area.

The workshop was well attended and feedback will be considered by the Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being sub group when they next meet on the 9th February 2015, before being referred back to the Community Committee.

6. Policy

The Policy sub group met on the 17th December 2014. Members discussed how the new Community Committee and sub groups were working. Overall it was felt that the committee and the sub groups were working well and that the remodelled sub groups were effective. It was felt that where sub groups had a delegation or dealt with issues around localised issues, they were often more productive than those dealing with larger more strategic issues such as transport and Adult Social Care.

7. A community engagement / communication budget for the Community Committee was discussed and how this could be funded. It was agreed that a paper will be brought to a future meeting outlining the current position, what options are available and any associated costs.

8. Engagement with local Parish and Town Councils was discussed. Members were supportive of continuing with the ONW Parish and Town Council Forum and the need to build relationships and engage with Parish and Town Councils. The next meeting with local outer north-west Parish and Town Councils is on the 2nd February.

Conclusion

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

Recommendations

10. 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

11. None applicable.

Background information

Sub Group minutes