

Report of: the South East Area Leader

Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)

Report author: Peter Mudge (07891 276 853)

Date: Tuesday 24th March 2015

For decision

Outer East Summary of Key Work

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention a summary of key work which the Area Support Team is 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 The Community Committee has a Community Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Community Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Community Committee, Community Champions roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

3.0 Main issues

3.1 Town Team Best City initiative

- 3.1.1 A new initiative has been drawn up by the Area Support Team and Garforth Town Team to form a social contract whereby the Team encourages businesses to remove litter from their shop fronts and surrounds and to take action over dog fouling.

- 3.1.2 This is an innovative project which could potentially be rolled out to participating shopping areas and, if supported by the businesses, could be another way of reducing costs for the Council.
- 3.1.3 The Outer East Environmental sub group discussed this scheme and agreed to Environmental Services Locality Teams proposal for it to progress in Garforth and be discussed with Kippax's High Street businesses.
- 3.1.4 This follows January's innovative "Best City for Business" initiative for Outer East businesses to grit and de-ice neighbourhood centre car parks. At the March Outer East Environmental sub group meeting, Highways offered to provide advice and support to volunteers.

3.2 Foodbanks in Outer East

- 3.2.1 A new approach is being developed for providing local foodbanks in the Outer East after Community Committee recently awarded £2,000 of funding towards this project.
- 3.2.2 The proposal had been progressing for it to be linked to South Leeds Foodbank but at the development teams meeting in March it was agreed to investigate a new approach linked to an existing framework based in in Allerton Bywater. Community Committee will be updated on progress.

3.3 Community Centres Review

- 3.3.1 From the city-wide review two centres in Outer East were identified as requiring consultation with user groups and local people to determine future use. The centres identified were Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (aka Fieldhead Carr Youth & Adult Centre) and Kippax Youth Centre (aka Kippax Kabin). Consultation started in mid – December 2014 and will continue until the end of March 2015.

3.3.2 Fieldhead Carr Community Centre

A public meeting took place 17th Feb 2015.

Options discussed included:

1. Carry on as we are – LCC making a loss on the building
2. Asset transfer to Whinmoor Warriors
3. School take over use of the building as school places increase
4. Increase management committee influence – increase usage from private, public and third sector

The rugby club is not in a position to take over the building but would be interested in an increased role in promoting the centre and helping with improvements such as decoration. They will also have discussions with local groups such as Skelton Woods Environment Club and Whinmoor Juniors Football over potential use of the building.

Fieldhead Carr Primary school will promote through newsletters and other contact with parents.

Whinmoor Warriors currently pay the school for upkeep of pitches. They are discussing arrangements whereby Whinmoor Warriors maintain the pitches themselves, which could release some money to pay as rent for the centre. The school is willing to look at this.

The proposed option for this centre is likely to be the further development of the management committee to increase usage and carry out improvements, with the centre remaining under LCC control. A caretaking / facilities management review should reduce costs for the building. A further meeting on 9th March considered a proposal for use as pre-school provision.

3.3.3 Kippax Cabin

No public support has emerged to maintain this centre as community provision. Asset Management is working to relocate current users to Kippax Leisure Centre. This building will be declared surplus to requirements and options for disposal will be handled by asset management.

3.4 Youth Activities Fund

3.4.1 Eight applications have been received and discussed by Area Champions. Initial views are detailed below and further discussions will be held with appropriate officers in Children's Services.

Organiser	Event	Youth Activities funding sought	Decision
Catholic Partnership of Schools	Get to know your city – aimed at getting all pupils with learning/physical difficulties to better know Leeds	£ 6,500	Not supported. Project should be funded by schools as part of curriculum.
Brigshaw Cluster	Holiday programme – all activities will be linked to CYYP outcomes of safety, healthy, active citizens etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 trips to Alton Towers • 2 Mini Breezes • Forensic Science Murder Mystery • Family outing to Yorks Wildlife Park • Lineham Farm trip 	£10,960	Not supported. YAF cannot fund "family outings" and most of the activities seem purely fun trips (Alton Towers etc) and there is no reference to where other funding is to come from.
Garforth Extended Cluster	Holiday Programme – Go-Karting, Lazer Zone, Cooking, Swimming, Alton Towers, Transition sessions, trips to the seaside, canoeing, kayaking, 2	£5,500	Not supported. The Cluster seeks holiday programme funding but this year it has risen by £1,750 with no reference of why or where other funding will come from. Many of the activities seem

	mini breezes Linked to CYYP outcomes		purely fun trips (Alton Towers etc)
Colton Methodist Scout Group	Big Camp – Scouts joining in activities at Yorkshire Showground over May Day weekend or another camp at Lake District in Summer to do outdoor pursuits	£ 5,250	Not supported. These trips have historically been funded by Scouts.
The Works Skatepark Charity	AQA BMX Bike Skills – 50 young people comprising 10 people in 5 schools to learn BMX skills at a local school	£ 3,000	Not supported. No funding from other sources and unclear whether any events will be held in Outer East.
Leeds City Council	Horrible Histories at Temple Newsam – historical re- enactments and other hands on activities from the Anglo-Saxon period	£3,600	Supported as meets all the criteria.
Summer Cricket Programme	Cricket coaching weeks during summer holidays	£5,000	Supported. Full application not yet received but anticipate project similar to previous years.
TOTAL APPROVED		£8,600	

3.4.2 The expected budget for 2015/16 is £59,970 (based on the 2014/15 budget).

3.5 Additional litter bins

3.5.1 At the January 2015 meeting of Community Committee £12,000 was approved to provide up to 10 additional litter bins per ward. Officers are currently working with Members to identify locations where bins are required. A discussion also took place at the Environmental sub group on hot spot areas for litter.

4.0 Conclusions

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

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the content of the report and seek any clarifications
- b. Consider locations for new litter bins.

Background documents: None.