

Report of: the South East Area Leader

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

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For decision

Outer East Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report

Purpose of report

- 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.

Background information

- 2** 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.

Main issues

3 Decisions between meetings

- 3.1 Sometimes decisions will need to be made between formal meetings of the community committee and therefore the Area Leaders will have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities).
- 3.2 At the first Community Committee meeting in 2014/15, this Committee approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework and only when such conditions have been satisfied:
- a) consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
 - b) a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the community committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a community committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
 - c) details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.
- 3.3 Given that the Community Committee has now been in operation for a year, the Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.

4 Updates by theme: Community Safety & Environment

- 4.1 Domestic Violence - The workshop findings on the March 2015 Community Committee Workshop on Domestic Violence is included below. The report is supplied by Area Community Safety Co-ordinator Zahid Butt.
- 4.1.1 *"On the 24th March 2015, Members participated in a Domestic Violence workshop which brought together participants from a range of partners including Housing Leeds, Public Health, Leeds Domestic Violence Team, Leeds Safeguarding Team, West Yorkshire Police and members of the public from across the Outer East Area.*
- 4.1.2 *"The event was well attended with approximately 30 participants. Councillor Andrea Mckenna opened the event and welcomed everyone, sharing with the audience her experiences of the impact of domestic violence. Councillor Harland provided the audience with some interesting information about the impact of domestic violence on society and Leeds. The group was presented with a local flavour of the domestic violence issues affecting Outer East Leeds and then split into three discussion groups covering the impact of domestic violence, gaps in services and what services need to improve.*

4.1.3 *Favourable feedback was received relating to the event and participants welcomed the opportunity and space to talk about domestic violence, abuse and the way it manifests itself in relationships. Participants were keen to express and explore the different types of domestic violence and abuse and how this manifests in different relationships. A particular challenge is recognising domestic violence and abuse in a relationship, examples discussed include; controlling behaviour in relationships between young people, emotional and financial control in a relationship, intergeneration violence and abuse and the lack of information about where to get help from. Participants also highlighted particular work and support available in schools and other children's settings (schools, children's centres, midwives, etc) as a positive way to support families suffering domestic violence and abuse.*

4.1.4 *A gap was highlighted in relation to those households without children who may experience forms of domestic violence and abuse but not know where support is available. The groups also discussed issues relating to the lack of school places and the impact this has on families experiencing domestic violence and abuse.*

4.1.5 *Following the workshop, an action plan has been drafted and services are currently discussing how the action plan can be resourced. The action plan will cover the following broad headings:*

- Increase public awareness of domestic violence and increase knowledge of the support available*
- Ensure services and interventions meet the needs and expectations of victims*
- Establish a consistent and better developed response to perpetrators*
- Establish robust and effective information sharing across all stakeholders in order to maximise opportunities for protection and improved service delivery*

4.1.6 *Once drawn up, the plan will be shared with Members, representative partners from the workshop and local community group partners. It is suggested that this work is progressed through the Community Safety & Environmental Community Champion role and updates feature in the Summary of Key work to the Community Committee.*

4.2 Litter Bins - At the January 2015 meeting of Community Committee £12,000 was approved to provide up to 10 additional litter bins for each ward in Outer East. Currently 5 bins have been ordered for Garforth & Swillington and 5 for Temple Newsam. Members are invited to suggest locations for new bins.

5 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care

5.1 Older Persons Event Week - This year the Older Persons' Event Week is scheduled to run from Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October. A number of ideas were submitted on comment cards at the 2014 event and these will be incorporated into the 2015 event. Subject to availability the venues will be:

- Monday 28th September – Great Preston Village Hall
- Tuesday 29th September – Swarcliffe Community Centre, Swarcliffe
- Wednesday 30th September – Cross Gates Good Neighbours
- Thursday 1st October – Christ Church, Halton
- Friday 2nd October – Garforth (TBC)
- Halton Moor event (date TBC) – The Anchorage (HOPE)

5.2 Tackling Social Isolation - Further to the workshop in January on tackling social isolation a meeting has now been held with Adult Social Care and partner agencies to pursue further outreach work, a key action from the workshop. Details of options available will be reported to Community Committee. A £120,000 grant has been secured to base a social isolation hub at Belle Isle. The project is being led by Leeds' Federated Housing Association in partnership with Housing Leeds. It is anticipated that some of the work to address social isolation will be expanded to Outer East.

5.3 Foodbanks in Outer East - As reported to the March Community Committee, the foodbank organisers in Garforth and Allerton Bywater have decided to develop a new approach to support. A meeting was recently held with the Fair Share food delivery team to see how they can assist with the initiative.

6 Updates by theme: Children & Young People

6.1 Discussions are underway to find at least 5 suitable representatives per ward to sit on the Outer East Youth Panel. In addition to having an input on applications, the youth panel team also has opportunities to expand its involvement in social welfare and this has already included gaining good practice awards and liaison meetings with the elderly. A meeting between the Area Champion, youth service and Area Support decided to continue developing the role and provide rewards in lieu of payment to encourage youths to help develop the wellbeing of their community for their peers.

7 Updates by theme: Employment & Skills

7.1 Thorpe Park

7.1.1 The site is currently being wrapped and some preparatory works such as tree clearance has started. This is being carried out by Scarborough Group's own sub-contractors. Earthworks and site clearance will start in the summer of 2015. Any new construction works are unlikely to start until 2016.

7.1.2 Approval for the construction of 300 new homes was approved in January 2015. Start on site is likely to be 2017. The houses will be large 4/5 bedroom homes and construction will be in 3 phases over a 5 year period. Scarborough Group will provide an introduction to the housing contractor one appointed.

7.1.3 Following a number of meetings, Ahead Partnership is now developing pilot projects with the David Young Academy, Co-op Academy, John Smeaton and Leeds East Academy. Brigshaw Academy has expressed interest in a teacher launch and pupil activity.

- 7.1.4 All primary schools in the Seacroft & Manston Cluster are keen to be involved in a maths challenge with a focus on Thorpe Park and involvement by the Scarborough Group.
- 7.1.5 Employment Leeds has met with the main contractor, GMI construction, ahead of construction opportunities. These are unlikely to be in large numbers at present. Planning applications are due to be submitted over the summer for two speculative office blocks. If planning is approved construction may begin in October/November with a completion date in July 2016.
- 7.1.6 The Scarborough Group has confirmed phase 1 of the retail park should be open in Summer 2017

7.2 Apprenticeships

- 7.2.1 The annual Central Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair will be held at the Town Hall on 13 July. A flyer was circulated to members, attached as Appendix 1.
- 7.2.2 The Apprenticeship Hub is offering weekly session for young people who are looking to apply for apprenticeships. The sessions, in partnership with Progressions and Key Training are city centre based workshops and the rooms contain relevant IT and wifi in addition to support from the providers. A copy of the flier is attached as Appendix 2.

8 Galas and Events

- 8.1 Swarcliffe Gala - The Swarcliffe Gala was held on 6th and 7th June at Swarcliffe Community Centre and adjacent fields. Chapel FM had an "Open Mike" session with approximately 30 other events and attractions running throughout the day. Yorkshire Housing continued the activities the following day by staging a picnic, barbeque and family activities to tie-in with the National Big Lunch event.
- 8.2 Cricket Coaching - The 2015 Junior Cricket season runs Monday – Friday from 9.15am-3pm at Kippax Cricket Club from 27 – 31 July, Whitkirk Cricket Club from 10-14 August and Garforth Cricket Club from 17-21 August. Each camp costs £5 for the week and is open to boys and girls. The camps are subsidised by funding from the Outer East Community Committee via the Youth Activity Fund and delivered by Yorkshire Cricket Board.
- 8.3 Garforth Festive Lights - Bringing a new boost to Christmas in Garforth, Ward Members and the Lions have linked with the recently formed traders' group to create a larger range of activities and investigate new income streams. Plans are well underway for a Santa's Grotto and placing Christmas trees in-front of an ever increasing number of shops funded through sponsorship from the traders and traders' group. The switch on has moved from the traditional Friday to Saturday.

9 Forums

- 9.1 The proposed forum dates for the 2015/16 are:

Wards	Area	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
Cross Gates & Whinmoor					
	Cross Gates	24.06.15	14.10.15	20.01.16	06.04.16
	Swarcliffe	01.07.15	21.10.15	12.01.16	30.03.16
	Whinmoor	16.07.15	22.10.15	14.01.16	14.04.16
Garforth & Swillington					
	Garforth & Swillington	02.07.15	22.10.15	28.01.16	31.03.16
Kippax & Methley					
	Kippax & Methley		23.09.15		16.03.16
Temple Newsam					
	Halton	09.07.15	08.10.15	14.01.16	21.04.16
	Halton Moor	07.07.15	06.10.15	12.01.16	19.04.16

9.2 Agenda items for the previous Outer East forum meetings included:

- Cross Gates (April 15th): Agenda items included Austhorpe Road traffic concerns, the Barnbow development and the new Medical Centre on Station Road.
- Garforth & Swillington (May 26th): Agenda items included a summary of the social isolation workshop and a discussion about improvements to traffic management.
- Halton (April 9th): Agenda items included installation of traffic lights in the village centre, public consultation start on Green Lane and concern about a rise in local burglary figures.
- Halton Moor (April 7th): The head for the soon to be built school new school attended and confirmed the community will be the central theme. Other items discussed included ongoing improvements to a recently planted wildflower meadow and Housing basing staff in Osmondthorpe One Stop.
- Kippax & Methley (May 27th): Agenda items included updates from parish councils. In addition to the regular updates one came from organisers of the Big Methley Litter Pick. Details were also discussed about new working

arrangements for the Allerton Bywater foodbank which is now linked with the Outer East network.

- Swarcliffe (April 8th): Agenda items included updates by Swarcliffe Good Neighbours on their various work and from housing, youth services, environment and the PACT meeting.
- Whinmoor (April 13th): Agenda items included traffic calming on Coal Road and an update on Skelton Woods.

10 Revised Community Centres' Pricing Policy

- 10.1 The new three point pricing policy for community centres within the citizens and communities portfolio was implemented for new bookings on 1st May 2015. This was agreed by Executive Board in July 2014. The new policy sets prices at commercial and community rates and allows Community Committees to agree free lettings in their community centres. In order to improve accountability for these decisions, free lettings now need to be agreed for each individual letting. Each Community Committee is able to agree the delegated approval process that best suits their needs.
- 10.2 A second stage review will look at developing the community centre delegation arrangements to increase accountability at a local level. Initial discussions will take place with Community Committee Chairs to scope this work including the possibility of greater budget delegation. The implementation of the pricing review has uncovered a number of deficiencies in the availability of management information relating to the usage and financial performance of community centres, which is needed to underpin an improved Community Committee delegation. This will be addressed during review of lettings processes, including the move towards online transactions.
- 10.3 A major review is commencing of the service level agreement between Citizens and Communities and Civic Enterprise Leeds covering caretaking, cleaning, repairs, programmed maintenance and building management. Community Committees will be involved in this process as it takes shape.

11 Integrated Sexual Health Service

- 11.1 A new service is being provided by Leeds' Community Healthcare, Leeds Teaching Hospitals' Trust and Yorkshire MESMAC: The Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) will provide HIV testing, STI screening, contraception services and preventative support within one appointment.
- 11.2 A new city centre clinic will be the main 'hub' based on the first floor of the Merrion Shopping centre. Young people are helping design the clinic's environment. This site will be open 6 days a week from October 2015 at which point the existing Sunnybank Wing and City-wise clinics will close. The contraception clinic at East Leeds Health Centre will close in June 2015.

- 11.3 From 1st July there will be three clinics, with full ISHS, open three days a week with some evening and weekend provision at Burmantofts Health Centre & the Reginald Centre, Armley Health Centre and James Reed House, Beeston
- 11.4 Also from 1st July the website www.leedssexualhealth.com , which already receives 100,000 hits yearly, will become the single online provision. Existing service users are being informed about the changes when accessing clinics.
- 11.5 For more information about the review please contact: Sharon Foster or Vicky Womack – on 0113 3957573 or Sharon.foster@leeds.gov.uk or victoria.womack@leeds.gov.uk
- 11.6 Further details are attached as Appendix 3.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

- 13 The Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate
- Review the delegated decisions process for the forthcoming municipal year.
- Consider locations for new litter bins
- Agree its delegated decision arrangements for free lettings.
- Agree that work on combatting domestic violence will progress through the Community Safety & Environmental Community Champion role and updates feature in this Summary of Key Work to the Community Committee

Background documents

None.