

**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 Forward Plan 2015/16**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report introduces the draft Outer East Community Committee Forward Plan for 2015/16. It details the work of the Community Committee in relation to the constitution and associated delegations which are managed through its sub group structure.
2. Leeds City Council has agreed a constitution which sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by law, while others are a matter for the Council to choose.
3. In order to give local citizens a greater say in Council affairs, Community Committees were established. The Executive Board may make arrangements for the discharge of functions by Community Committees. The Executive Board has identified a number of functions on which Community Committee exercises decision making. However the Executive remains ultimately responsible for these services and may remove or limit a Committee's powers. Community Committees must make decisions which are in line with the Council's overall policies and budget. The following delegations are held by Outer East Community Committee:
  - a. Environmental Services
  - b. Wellbeing budget
  - c. Youth Activities Fund
  - d. Facilities (Community Centres)
  - e. Parks & Countryside

4. The Community Committee and Workshop Forward Plan is included at **Appendix 1**. Members are asked to consider the forward plan and agree themes for workshops. **Appendix 2** sets out the forward plan for sub groups, forums, tasking etc.

## **Background information**

5. Area Committees were created in 2004 to improve service delivery and resolve priority issues in their local area. In 2014, Community Committees replaced Area Committees with an enhanced focus on community engagement and, in particular, increase the attendance and active involvement of local people at Community Committee meetings.
6. Themed workshops addressed key issues and the topics were determined in collaboration with service leads and Community Committee Champions.

## **Main issues**

7. Highlights for the new Outer East Community Committee:
  - Members, residents and service users work together to tackle issues of current concern.
  - Provides an ongoing opportunity for improved partnership working to help achieve the Council targets.
  - Community Committee Champions play a lead role in working with service leads to shape the agenda to target specific issues.
  - Greater publicity and communications is a key role in promoting Community Committee and new ways of engaging residents has started. This continues to develop and currently includes:
    - Ensuring all service providers and interest groups are invited.
    - Wider attendees from Citizens Panel and forums.
    - General public invited through facebook and Twitter updates which also provide an opportunity for comments before the Community Committee.
    - Use of videos on facebook to promote Community Committees
    - Advance publicity posters exhibited around the area.
8. Community Champions:

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Examples of projects undertaken in Outer East include the Community Committee workshop on 27 January 2015 which concerned tackling social isolation.

Environment & Community Safety – Examples of projects undertaken in Outer East include The Community Committee workshop on 24 March 2015 which concerned combatting domestic violence.

Children & Young People – Examples of projects undertaken in Outer East include the pilot Community Committee workshop held on 18 March 2015 which concerned school placements in Outer East.

Employment & Skills – Examples of projects undertaken in Outer East include The Community Committee workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> October which concerned raising aspirations and effectively connecting communities to the opportunities at Thorpe Park.’

9. Attached at **Appendix 1** is the draft forward plan for Outer East Community Committee and Workshops for 2015/16. Members are asked to consider the forward plan and topics for the themed meetings schedule.

### **Workshops in 2014/15**

10. Community Committee held 3 workshops in 2014/15 covering key issues in the area, they were:

- Employment & Skills – ‘How do we raise aspiration and effectively connect communities to the opportunities at Thorpe Park?’
- Health & Wellbeing – Presentation on The Care Act. Workshop on ‘Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Through Partnership Working.’
- Community Safety – ‘Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse’.

8. ***Raising aspirations and connecting communities to opportunities at Thorpe Park.*** This workshop was held in October 2014 at Vicars Court, Allerton Bywater. Since the workshop was held there has been a number of setbacks regarding Thorpe Park including difficulty attracting a retailer to locate to the site and Surgical Innovations not moving onto the site. Despite this the programme of engaging with residents in Outer East has continued especially with local schools who have been involved in a number of projects organized by the developers.

9. ***The Care Act presentation and Tackling Social Isolation.*** This workshop was held in January 2015 at Swarcliffe Community Centre. The first session focused on The Care Act 2014 with a presentation on the act and the implications for carers, those requiring care and the networks that support this service. The presentation was followed by a questions and answers session. Following this a presentation and then workshops were held on tackling social isolation. A number of actions are being followed up, in particular around increasing outreach work, that being the key issue picked up as a key requirement in Outer East.

10. ***Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse.*** This was held at Swillington Social & Welfare Club in March 2015 with a presentation, questions and answers session followed by workshops. The local actions that have been suggested are currently being followed up and the action plan produced from the meeting will be fed into the city-wide action plan to tackle domestic violence.

### **Conclusions**

11. The report provides up to date information on the forward plan for the Outer East Community Committee and workshops.

## **Recommendations**

12. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a. note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate
- b. consider future workshop topics for each theme

## **Background documents**

No

**Appendix 1 - PROPOSED FORWARD PLAN FOR 2015/16 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES**

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<b>Core Business</b>		Appeals against refusal of inspection documents, Exempt information, Late items, Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, Apologies for absence, Minutes of last meeting, Open Forum, Summary of Key Work, Wellbeing, Review of previous themed meeting				
<b>Community Committee date</b>	<b>Theme &amp; Venue</b>	<b>Ideas for Topic</b>	<b>Community Committee Champion</b>	<b>Service Lead/Key contributors</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Other reports</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Environment Temple Newsam House	Social Contracts and volunteering	Cllr Mary Harland	Kris Nenadic Paul Spandler	Parish Councils In Bloom Groups/Environmental Groups Forum representatives Community Groups Third Sector organisations Residents Groups Housing associations Locality Safety Partnership Housing Leeds School clusters Trader Associations	Election to outside bodies Summary of Key Work Forward Plan Wellbeing Budget Community Plan
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Children & Young People Vicars Court	Meaningful youth participation	Cllr Debra Coupar	Jean Ellison Vicky Fuggles Vicky Marsden Kim Poole Youth Activity panel Glen O'Malley	T&PC Schools Clusters Youth Clubs Third Sector Residents / Forums Housing associations Locality Safety Partnership	Summary of Key Work with Youth Activity Fund update led by Cllr Coupar Well Being Budget
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015	Adult Social Care/Health & Well Being Swarcliffe Community Centre	Social Isolation and health & wellbeing priorities	Cllr Andrea McKenna	Mick Ward Rachel Brighton	T&PC Forums Community Groups Third Sector Residents Housing associations Locality Safety Partnership	Summary of Key work with Adult Social Care update led by Cllr A McKenna Well Being Budget
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Community Safety TBC, Garforth (provisional)	Policing Priorities	Cllr Mary Harland	Zahid Butt Isp Stuart Mason Leedswatch	T&PC Forums Community Groups Third Sector Residents Housing associations Locality Safety Partnership	Summary of Key Work with Cctv update led by Cllr Harland Well Being Budget