

**Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader**

**Report to: Outer North East Community Committee – Alwoodley, Harewood & Wetherby**

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## **Area Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides a brief update on the work programme of Outer North East Community Committee.

### **Main issues**

2. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) reconvened on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and was attended by a range of council officers, partners and representatives from community and voluntary sector. Discussions included updates from each attendee and the need for the meeting to refocus and for a collective set of priorities to be established moving forward. Draft minutes of this meeting are attached for Members information as **Appendix A**.
3. Tasking Meetings for both Alwoodley and Harewood & Wetherby Wards took place on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August respectively. Tasking meetings are an opportunity for the Police, Ward Members, council officers and partner agencies to discuss emerging and on-going crime and environmental issues in the local area.
4. Whilst the overall consensus was the crime in Outer North East area remained low there was still areas of concern around ASB hotspots, fly tipping, dangerous dogs and nuisance drivers as highlighted in Partnership Area Intelligence Report (July 2015).
5. The evening of 21<sup>st</sup> July saw Town and Parish Councils from the Outer North East area come together for a Workshop on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The workshop, jointly organised and facilitated by officers from the Communities Team (ENE) and Planning Services, was held at Scarcroft Village Hall and was also attended by Ward Members from Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby.

6. Discussions held at the workshop will help inform a guidance note to be produced by Leeds City Council on the subject of the CIL. Also identified at the workshop was the need for cross Town and Parish Council working on issues common to the wider Outer North East area.
7. The Outer North East Environment Sub Group was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015. Chaired by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, the Outer North East Community Champion for Environmental Services. Ward Members, officers from the East North East Locality Team, Parks and Countryside and Waste Management Services were also in attendance. Items discussed included refuse, enforcement and grounds maintenance (inc. grass cutting).
8. A series of Ward Member meetings have been held for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby since the last meeting of the Community Committee.
9. Alwoodley Ward Members met on 28<sup>th</sup> July and discussed local issues such as the environment, highways and planning compliance. An update was also given on the Presto project that is being piloted in Moor Allerton:  
<https://betterlivesleeds.wordpress.com/2015/05/28/presto-the-new-leeds-city-council-service-offering-a-helping-hand-around-the-house/> as well as initial proposals for both a second Alwoodley Conservation Dinner to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October and a drama project involving all the schools in the Ward following a student council voice exercise.
10. The Harewood Ward Members meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August. As well as Wellbeing finance, issues discussed included updates on the subjects of the environment and changes to the welfare system and how this could impact on residents in the Harewood Ward and wider Outer North East area.
11. Wetherby Ward Members met on 16<sup>th</sup> July and discussed issues relating to the environment (including flytipping hotspots), proposals for a pop-up business on the A58, Wellbeing finance and the emerging Wetherby Parking Strategy.
12. A dedicated Employment and Skills Board has been established for the East North East area to address issues of unemployment and skill deficits in the wedge. This board will oversee the development and implementation of an Employment & Skills plan for the East North East area.
13. The Outer North East area is represented on that board by the Community Champion for Employment, Skills and Welfare Councillor Matthew Robinson.
14. Thus far the board has met three times and discussed the priorities for each Community Committee and over-arching priorities for the whole of the East North East area. For Outer North east in particular this has included focusing on how to increase the take up of apprenticeships, increasing the number of employers taking on a Headstart work placement, improving engagement between schools and businesses and identifying vulnerable groups who could benefit from engaging in the Community Learning Programme. The next meeting of the Board will take place in September.

15. Since the last meeting in June, new Area Officer for Outer North East has been managing and populating the Facebook page that has been established for the Outer North East Community Committee as a new means for communicating with partners, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and local residents.
16. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 46 Likes. Since the June Community Committee the Communities Team have posted over 35 items that have had total reach of over 1,500 people (although it should be noted that this will include a high proportion of re-visits to site from the same people). The most popular posts have proved to be those that have included photographs, particularly of local events and projects.
17. Moving forward, the Communities Team (ENE) would welcome increased input from the Community Committee as to how we can greater utilise social media as means as engaging with local groups and residents.

## **Conclusion**

18. There are a number of actions on-going to achieve the Community Committees' priorities and fulfil its work programme but despite this, the Community Committee recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

## **Recommendations**

19. That Members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

## **Background information**

- Link to the Facebook Page for the Inner East Community Committee: <https://www.facebook.com/LCCOuterNE>
- Link to the Your Community Twitter Page: [https://twitter.com/@\\_YourCommunity](https://twitter.com/@_YourCommunity)