



**Community
Committee**



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

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Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

2. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) reconvened on 10th September 2015 and was attended by Elected Members, 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 more outcome based approach. 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 17th September and 23rd October 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 is that crime in Outer North East area remains low, especially when compared to the Leeds average, there are still areas of concern; particularly incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) involving young people in both Alwoodley and Wetherby Wards. Other areas of concern include fly tipping and Theft From Motor Vehicles as highlighted in the Outer North East Partnership Area Intelligence Report (October 2015).
5. The evening of 15th October saw representatives from the Outer North East's Town and Parish Councils and neighbourhood planning groups come together for a community conversation on the Site Allocations consultation. Organised and facilitated by officers

from the Communities Team (East North East), the event was held at Wetherby Town Hall and was also attended by Ward Members from Harewood and Wetherby.

6. Allied to this, attached at **Appendix B**, is an update from council's Forward Planning and Sustainable Development Team regarding neighbourhood planning activity in the Outer North East area. A further report will be forthcoming in the New Year that will highlight opportunities for greater Community Committee involvement in the neighbourhood planning process.
7. The Outer North East Environmental Sub Group has met twice since the last Community Committee, on both 17th September and 12th November. The sub group is chaired by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, the Outer North East Community Champion for Environmental Services.
8. 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 collection, environmental enforcement, grounds maintenance and burial provision in the city. The minutes of these meetings are attached for Members information at **Appendix C** and in draft at **Appendix D**.
9. A series of Ward Member meetings have been held for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby since the last meeting of the Community Committee.
10. Alwoodley Ward Members met on 22nd October and discussed local issues such as the environment, highways, planning compliance and Wellbeing finance. Both the Acting Police Inspector for Outer North East Leeds and the Community Safety Coordinator (East North East) also attended the meeting to discuss violent crime data relating to Alwoodley Ward.
11. The Harewood Ward Members meeting was held on 13th October. As well as Wellbeing finance, items discussed included environmental issues and how the council's community hub offer could be delivered in the Harewood Ward.
12. Wetherby Ward Members met on 21st October and discussed issues relating to highways, Youth Service provision and Wellbeing finance. Bespoke issues discussed included; a de-brief of the Mint Festival held at Wetherby Racecourse and additional security measures proposed for Station Gardens Car Park
13. A Conversation Dinner event took place in Alwoodley Ward on the evening of 27th October. The dinner, held at the Alwoodley Community Association building on The Avenue, provided the opportunity for residents in the area to meet their neighbours and get to know people from different backgrounds.
14. Hosted by local Ward Councillors and supported by the Communities Team (East North East), the event was catered for by local community organisation NorthCall. To the backdrop of a relaxed and informal setting, rather than a dinner menu guests were given a series of ice-breaker questions, which they used to form the basis of their discussion.

15. Conversations ranged from current local issues to how the Alwoodley area had evolved over the last four decades. On the conclusion of the dinner, Ward Councillors facilitated a short question and answer session on topics of interest.
16. Since the last meeting in September, the 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 means for communicating with partners, 3rd sector organisations and local residents.
17. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 63 Likes. Since the September Community Committee the Communities Team have posted over 60 items that have had total reach of over 5,400 (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.
18. An example of the potential of social media as a medium for community engagement is highlighted below. This post from the 8th October regarding the new bottle bins installed at the Cluster of Nuts Car Park at Wetherby had a reach of over 1,800 people.

Post Details

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts X



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RECYCLING NEWS! Just a quick heads up that that the bottle banks that were temporarily sited in the Old Station car park have now been returned to the 'Cluster of Nuts' car park in Hallfield Lane #Wetherby



1,840 People Reached

42 Likes, Comments & Shares

16 Likes	7 On Post	9 On Shares
16 Comments	2 On Post	14 On Shares
10 Shares	2 On Post	8 On Shares

220 Post Clicks

17 Photo views	0 Link clicks	203 Other Clicks 
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

1 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page

1,840 people reached Boost Post

7 Likes 2 Comments 2 Shares More 

 Like  Comment  Share

19. 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.
20. Members are also asked to consider the option of issuing a newsletter as part of the Community Committee engagement offer. A template newsletter is produced and circulated electronically by Community Committees in other areas as means of engaging partners, 3rd sector organisations and residents.
21. This template – an example of which from Outer West is attached as **Appendix E** – could be employed by the Outer North East Community Committee, subject to Member approval.

Conclusion

22. 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

23. That Members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.
24. That Members decide on the future use of a template newsletter for the Outer North East Community Committee.

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