

**Report of: The West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood**

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**To note**

## **Area Update Report**

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### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group business as well as a general update on other project activity.

### **2. Background information**

- 2.1 An area update report is submitted at every cycle of community committee meetings, unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and council services may also contribute information to the area update report.

### **3. Main issues**

#### **Forum and Sub Group Key Messages**

#### **3.1 Planning Sub Group**

The Inner North West planning sub group met on 13 January 2016 and 10 February 2016.

- 3.2 At the meeting on 13 January the following issues were discussed:

- The recent flooding in Kirkstall and how the planning process needs to take account of these issues in future applications.
- Key planning applications were discussed including; Headingley Office Park and the development of a new hotel at the Arndale Tower in Headingley.

- Whether the letting board control zone could be expanded to include Little Woodhouse and parts of Kirkstall.

3.3 At the meeting on 10 February the following issues were discussed:

- The pre app for the new enclosure proposals at Headingley Stadium has been submitted. Councillors and local residents raised concerns about the consultation process for the proposals and about the proposed housing developments on Weetwood Avenue and Tetley Fields.
- A separate meeting is to be organised to discuss the boundaries for Headingley, Kirkstall and Hyde Park neighbourhood plans.
- A communication strategy for applications at pre-app stage needs to be developed.
- That a list of all of the 'sleeping land sites' in the area be compiled.

3.4 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Planning Sub Group, as noted above.

3.5 **Environment Sub Group**

The Environment Sub Group met on 18 January 2016. The following key issues were discussed:

- Graffiti issues provided the focus of the meeting, with several areas highlighted as hot spots. There was some discussion around the effectiveness of using graffiti walls as a deterrent.
- Poor cleansing and maintenance of Virgin Media boxes remains an issue throughout Inner North West Wards. Members of the group discussed how the condition of the boxes is monitored and how this could be improved.
- Feedback from residents showed that 2015 Christmas bin collections were successful, although there could be some improvements in how the changes were communicated with residents.
- Initial indications show that the Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) at Cross Green is performing adequately. The formal contract is likely to commence in March 2016.

3.6 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group.

**Children & Young People Sub Group**

3.7 Elected Members of the Children and Young people's sub group met on 8 January 2016. The following key issues were discussed:

- The Communities Team West North West had held a commissioning round for Youth Activities Fund applicants to apply for funding to hold activities at February half term and the Easter break 2016. These applications were presented to Members for comment. The following projects were recommended for approval:
  - British Military Martial Arts - £600
  - Leeds Libraries Adventures with Minecraft - £696

- RJC Dance Camp - £4100
- Lazer Centre activity programme - £5970

These applications have now received approval from the Inner North West Community Committee and been approved by delegated decision.

### 3.8 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Children & Young People's Sub Group.

## 4. Free lets

- 4.1 Under the new pricing policy for community centres, free lets are now agreed on an individual basis. The table below details the free let that has been agreed in the Inner North West area since this new policy was introduced and the financial value that this represents to the council:

Community Centre	Total fee waived for period 01 December 2015 – 19 February 2016 (10 weeks)
Little London	£262 per week. £2620
Meanwood	£276 per week. £2760.

## 5. Update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

- 5.1 During the financial year 2015/16, the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel has committed over £96,000 to seventeen environmental and community projects across the Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood Wards. In addition, the Panel committed a further £11,000 towards two citywide projects; a community payback scheme and winter wellbeing packs; benefitting tenants across the four Wards represented by the Panel.

- 5.2 Through partnership working we have been able to achieve added value to projects. Examples include:

- INW HAP have funded some environmental works around the Lovell Park multi-storey flats. The HAP contribution has also enabled Groundwork Leeds and the local Residents Association to secure match funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government towards a community pocket park. This Committee has also agreed to fund additional environmental works.
- The INW HAP have part-funded the new community kitchen at the former Bedford Arms, led by the Older Persons Action in the Locality (OPAL).
- The INW HAP have part funded the Rosebank Rangers project, with Hyde Park Source to deliver an environmental education project involving primary school children and their families on the Rosebank Millennium Green.

5.3 The INW HAP are continuing to develop closer working with the Community Committees and Communities Team colleagues to ensure we can better achieve shared Council objectives and maximise resources for the benefit of communities.

## **6. Area update newsletter**

6.1 Through discussions at area chair's forum, it has been agreed that update newsletters be produced for each of the community committees as a new means of communicating business to the public. Attached at **Appendix 1** is the latest INW area update newsletter for Members information.

## **7. Commemorating the First World War: Battle of the Somme**

7.1 A report to the Community Committee Chairs Forum, on 12 February 2016, stated that there is a planned programme of activity in the city to commemorate the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme. In particular, to commemorate the historical significance and the role played by the city's volunteer battalion, the Leeds Pals.

7.2 It is proposed that, in order to mark the contribution made by the Leeds Pals Battalions, buglers be employed to play an appropriate piece of music to mark the point in time at which men went 'over the top' at 7.30am on 1 July. It is proposed that these buglers would be in prominent positions in the city with at least one bugler located in each Community Committee area. The exact location of the bugler would be determined by each area.

7.3 There is a budget of £1,000 for each Community Committee; this funding will include the cost of the bugler and the remaining balance of the £1,000 funding will be available to support additional locality events.

7.4 Community Committees are requested to identify and support additional local events on the 1 July which they feel would be most appropriate to their communities.

## **8. Corporate considerations**

### **8.1 Consultation and engagement**

8.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

### **8.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

8.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

### **8.3 Resources and value for money**

8.3.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

### **8.4 Legal implications, access to information and call in**

8.4.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

## **9. Risk management**

9.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

## **10 Conclusion**

- 10.1 This report provides members with an update on recent sub group business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team West North West.

## **11 Recommendations**

- 11.1 Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the key messages from sub groups.
- Note the community centre free lets approved since the last meeting
- Note the update from the Inner North West HAP
- Note the Inner North West Community Committee update newsletter.
- Note the £1,000 budget for the Inner North West Community Committee, allocated for events to commemorate the First World War, Battle of the Somme.