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

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To Note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

2. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) reconvened on 17th December 2015 and was attended by Elected Members, council officers, partners and representatives from community and voluntary sector. Discussions included a consideration of a document highlighting the recent Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data for the Moor Allerton area. Draft minutes of this meeting are attached for Members information as **Appendix A**.
3. Proposals to develop Moor Allerton Library into a full Community Hub are progressing well. The library will stay open throughout the refurbishment, with the necessary building works underway with a view to being completed by mid-March. It is hoped that the hub, complete with fully trained customer services staff, will “go live” in April 2016.
4. Tasking Meetings for both Alwoodley and Harewood & Wetherby Wards took place on 14th January and 21st January respectively. Tasking meetings are an opportunity for the Police, Ward Members, council officers and partner agencies to discuss and co-create actions to address emerging and on-going crime and environmental issues in the local area.
5. From 15th February 2016, West Yorkshire Police will commence a new operating model. These changes will see the work undertaken by Inspectors, Sergeants and

Police Constables altering. The aim is to better meet calls for service and local demands. The changes will mean:

- Inspectors taking on a locality based role and thematic responsibilities across the locality, deploying response Officers across the locality and maintaining a footprint at a Partnership Working Area level (Community Committee area)
 - Sergeants in charge of the local Partnership Working Area Neighbourhood Teams
 - Police Constables becoming ward officers and deploying PCSOs to local problem solving
6. The new structure will ensure greater flexibility in meet existing and future challenges, whilst maintaining and building on the neighbourhood policing structure.
 7. The Outer North East Environmental Sub Group met again on 1st March. The sub group is chaired by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, the Outer North East Community Champion for Environmental Services.
 8. Ward Members, officers from the Communities Team, Housing Leeds, East North East Locality Team, Parks and Countryside and Waste Management Services were all in attendance. Items discussed included refuse collection, environmental enforcement and grounds maintenance. The minutes of this meeting will be submitted to the next available Community Committee for consideration.
 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 14th January and discussed local issues including highways maintenance, planning compliance, the environment as well as Wellbeing finance.
 11. The Harewood Ward Members meeting was held on 24th February. As well as Wellbeing finance, items discussed included environmental issues and the council's response to the flooding in the Outer North East area following Storm Eva.
 12. Wetherby Ward Members have met twice, on both 16th December and 26th January. Issues discussed included planned gas mains replacement works, community safety, parking, flooding, highways maintenance, the environment and Wellbeing finance.
 13. Two emerging projects relating to young people continue to gather pace, with the 'Alwoodley Family of Schools' project starting to take shape via a series of initial student-led planning sessions which will lead to an inter-school launch workshop held in July 2016.
 14. Harewood and Wetherby Ward Members are also initiating conversations with partners, including the Elmet Partnership of Schools & Services (EPOSS) Cluster about how their delegated Youth Activity Funding could be better utilised to bring maximum benefit to local young people. Building on existing relationships, it is envisaged that a working

group of key local partners will help shape how the Youth Activity Fund is commissioned in 2016/17.

15. On the subject of partnership working, efforts have been made by both officers from the Communities Team and Housing Leeds to further strengthen the relationship between the Outer North East Community Committee and the Outer North East Housing Advisory Panel (HAP).
16. At a recent HAP meeting held on 17th February, it was recognised that the two Elected Members appointed to represent the Community Committee on the HAP play a major role as an information sharing channel between the two forums. However, there is also scope for closer officer working on key local issues such as engagement with young people and other hard to reach groups.
17. Since the last meeting in December, 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.
18. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 77 Likes. Since the December 14th Community Committee, the Communities Team have 40 items that have had a reach of 1,500 (although it should be noted that this will include a high proportion of re-visits to site from the same people).
19. An example of the potential of social media as a means for community engagement is highlighted below. This post from January 6th relaying the advice and support on offer from Leeds City Council post Storm Eva had a reach of over 471 people.

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the 'Leeds City Council Outer North East Community Committee'. The post is titled 'Council support for flood hit homes and businesses' and was published on 6 January at 12:08. The text of the post states: 'Leeds City Council has today released additional details of the financial support being made available to help households and businesses recover from the recent floods. In terms of households, the council is offering two schemes to help domestic properties affected by flooding following Storm Eva: • A £500 compensation scheme to help householders recover from the floods. This may, for instance, help with rental costs at a temporary home. • A council tax relief scheme to aid longer-term issues caused to residential properties by the flood, with 100 per cent discount on council tax for a minimum of three months.' The post has reached 471 people and has 2 shares. The page name is 'Leeds City Council Outer North East Community Committee' and the post is published by Patrick Mulcahy. The post includes a link to LEEDS.GOV.UK. The screenshot also shows the Facebook interface with navigation tabs like 'Page', 'Messages', 'Notifications', 'Insights', and 'Publishing Tools'. There are also images of a 'FLOOD FAIR' event and a 'New Year' greeting.

20. Post Storm Eva, the Communities Team, in conjunction with Ward Members, have been supporting local communities affected by the Boxing Day floods.
21. This support has included disseminating information to the areas Town and Parish Councils relating to the council's flood support offer, targeting local sports club regarding Sport England's flood support grant and gathering local intelligence and feeding into the relevant council services as well as the city-wide Flooding Emergency Management Team.
22. A link to Leeds City Council's dedicated flooding advice and support page – for both residents and businesses is here: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Flooding.aspx>. Flooding funding support is also available via the Leeds Community Foundation: <http://www.leedscf.org.uk/leeds-flood-appeal-grants-scheme/>

Conclusion

23. There are a number of actions on-going to achieve the Community Committee 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

24. 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