

Report of: West North West Area Leader

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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To note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
2. The report also updates the Community Committee on community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Main issues

3. The Outer North West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates six sub groups: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
4. Where possible the Community Committee Champion has been aligned with the relevant sub group chair and in consultation with the theme leads have provided the following updates:
5. Environment & Community Safety
6. Community Safety

The Community Safety sub group last met on the 2nd February 2016. There was a presentation from Behind Closed Doors which is a citywide project based in the outer north west of Leeds offering support to victims of Domestic Abuse. It also delivers

workshops in schools to teach children what is and is not acceptable within a relationship.

The Crime Reduction Officer from West Yorkshire Police provided Members with an update on the Target Hardening project which is funded through the Well-being fund. There is currently £3,230 still available to spend on security locks in the outer north west area. The £1,000 funding approved for a tasking budget has been spent equally across the four wards to provide banners warning against theft from motor vehicle to be placed in car parks in outer north west, personal attack alarms, shed alarms and number plate screw sets.

The Outer North West Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Inspector, Jon Brady, presented information on the new policing structure which came into effect on the 15th February. Following feedback from the community committee workshop on road safety the NPT is now creating a role for a police volunteer to co-ordinate a Community Speed Watch scheme in the local area. The post will involve organising volunteers to undertake speed checks using a speed indication device (SID), undertaking Police National Computer (PNC) checks and issuing letters to those caught driving over the speed limit. The sub group asked to be kept informed of progress.

All the Outer North West Partnership Tasking meetings have been agreed for the 2016/17 municipal year and are scheduled for every six weeks. There has been a focus on tackling antisocial behavior around Aireborough Leisure Centre and the retail parks within the Guiseley ward and an action plan is in place.

A Community Committee workshop on safeguarding the elderly and vulnerable adults has been suggested for later in the year. This would be a joint event with the Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being sub group.

7. Environment

The Environment Sub Group last met on 23rd February. The Flood Risk Management Team gave an overview of flooding issues in the city due to the recent storms, providing a focus on Otley.

The Waste Management Team gave an update on key issues including the successful pilot of the new recycling facility and advised that the formal contract will be confirmed at the end of March. Garden waste collections will start from 29th February and finish on 3rd December. The Waste Management Team are considering the impact on bin collections due to road closures during the Tour de Yorkshire

The Locality Team updated Members on a citywide range of initiatives to tackle dog fouling and Members agreed to link into the Locality Team with details of local groups who may be interested in getting involved. A review of the gulley cleansing service is taking place. The sub group was provided with details of recent sweeping block changes which will mean that drivers follow a map route to completion. A range of initiatives on social media are being utilised; including a new twitter account @clean_leeds and #1pieceofrubbish which encourages each resident to pick up one piece of rubbish.

Parks & Countryside gave an update on ongoing work and noted that the land is sodden due to the recent bad weather and this may affect the grass cutting later in the season. Members noted that 16 tonnes of grit was available for use in the outer north west.

Issues from Community Committee referred to the Environment Sub Group

The sub group discussed the issue of green bin lids opening in high winds and causing littering. Waste Management has spoken with the resident from Rawdon who raised the issue and agreed to do some targeted work about bin presentation times to try to reduce the littering problem. An update will be provided at the next Environment Sub Group.

The suggestion that the stable block in Horsforth Hall Park could be converted into an arts centre or café bar was discussed; it was noted that Parks & Countryside will be attending a meeting to discuss the issues in March and an update will be given to the next Environment Sub Group.

8. Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care

Care View is a community phone app developed by the Outer North West Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being sub group. The main objective of the app is to locate people who may be socially isolated. This firstly considers the built environment by allowing non-health professionals, who have the app on their smart phone, to register their concern if they come across a neglected property (there is a list of categories of concern on the app) at the press of a button. It is a very simple process yet provides an insight that services would not normally have. A referral generates a heat map of issues that an administrator can then contact the relevant service to investigate. This could be for example a Neighbourhood Network worker leafleting the street and door knocking. The project is intended for frontline workers and is currently being tested in Horsforth by PCSOs, residents, the Communities Team and Public Health staff.

Public Health officers are arranging chair based instructor classes for workers at sheltered housing complexes in the outer north west. Residents can benefit from these classes and older community members from outside the complex can participate

The Patient Empowerment Project (PEP) is a social prescribing service which aims to improve the wider health and well-being of patients by providing GPs with a link to refer patients to local groups, services and community activities. It is being offered to patients in outer north west GP practices covered by NHS Leeds West Commissioning Care Group (LWCCG). Public Health has secured future funding from NHS LWCCG from September 2016 to August 2019. This will give the service an opportunity to embed and evolve.

NHS Leeds North Commissioning Care Group (LNCCG) has recently appointed Community Links to provide social prescribing to outer north west GP practices covered by NHS LNCCG.

The Winter Friends initiative covers the outer north west through local organisations and the Neighbourhood Networks. The project includes training frontline workers on interventions that keep vulnerable people safe in the winter. It has a Money Buddy element, which is a financial inclusion service offering money advice to help older and more vulnerable community members maximize their income and rationalise their energy providers for the best financial outcome. Winter Friends can distribute winter packs containing food and warm clothing in emergency situations.

9. Citywide Public Health Initiatives

As a result of the 2015/16 government funding cuts to the Public Health budget, there will be a 10% funding reduction in real terms over the next two financial years. This

was discussed by the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board and is being considered in more detail by the Integrated Commissioning Executive.

The Leeds Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy is being refreshed in 2016. This is a key Strategy that determines Health & Wellbeing priorities for the city. Further information can be obtained from <http://inspiringchangeleeds.org/>.

10. Children's Services and Family Health

Engagement with Children & Young People Event

A report of the event which took place on 29th January is attached at appendix 2. The day was very successful with over 100 children and young people from 27 different schools in attendance. It is proposed that the attached report is sent out to all participating schools to provide comment on the day.

The recommendations from the young people will be used by the Children's Services and Family Health sub group when considering new applications to the Youth Activity Fund commissioning round for 2016/17.

11. Highways & Transportation

The Highways & Transportation Sub Group met on 11th February. An update was given on the recent consultation for the link road proposals to Leeds Bradford Airport; around 1,500 responses had been received by January. The consultation closes on 26th February and further analysis of the responses will be undertaken and provided at the next sub group meeting.

The Travel and Influence Team presented data on the ways children travel to schools in the outer north west area, it was agreed that Members would discuss this data with ward colleagues prior to the next sub group meeting. A community committee workshop on schools and travel was discussed and this possibility will be looked at in depth at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding Leeds Bradford Airport and the forthcoming Masterplan document. A Community Committee workshop was proposed to discuss the issues raised in the Masterplan.

12. Issues from Community Committee referred to the sub group

The sub group discussed developer contributions to an Airport link road and it was confirmed that the final funding package for the scheme has yet to be confirmed. A specific allocation has been made from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund; no other funds have been factored into consideration at present, however clearly should the allocation of employment land proceed, together with finalisation of the Airport Masterplan, these would be considered as the preferred route and funding arrangements finalised. No assumptions are presently being made in respect to developer funding, and Highways apologised, if during the consultation process other inferences were drawn from conversations with officers.

The report from Aireborough Civic Society which was presented at the January Community Committee has been forwarded to the Highways and Transportation Service. It is confirmed that the improvement scheme to the A65/A6120 junction at Horsforth is being monitored both in terms of traffic flow changes and daily performance and as a result changes to the traffic signal timings have been made along with some

amendments to road markings on the Rodley exit. The monitoring will continue and the formal before and after survey results will be available later in the year. It is confirmed that the section between the A6120 and the crematorium entrance on Rawdon Road falls within the scope of the A65/A658 Airport Link project and will be reviewed during the course of that work. The range of wider comments and suggestions are to be considered separately along with those in relation to the operation of the various traffic signaled junctions and options for bus lanes.

13. Citizens@Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

The forum last met on the 27th January, the main focus of the meeting was Highway issues. Leeds City Council's Assistant Traffic Engineer was in attendance. His team is responsible for Traffic management schemes, pedestrian facilities and chicanes. Residents raised a number of highway issues, some of which were responded to on the night, others taken away for further consideration and findings will be reported back to the forum. The local Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Environmental Locality Team also provided updates.

14. Community Committee Newsletter

The first addition of the Outer North West Community Committee Newsletter is attached at appendix 1 for Members information.

15. WW1 Commemoration's

To commemorate the first day of the Battle of the Somme there is a proposal to mark the contribution made by the Leeds Pals Battalions by employing buglers to play an appropriate piece to mark the point in time at which men went into battle at 7.30am on July 1st. The exact location of the bugler is to be determined by each Committee.

There is funding available of up to £1,000 to support this and any additional events.

Conclusions

15. The Outer North West Community Committee sub groups provide the committee with the opportunity to consider information on key areas of work in partnership with officers and community organisations, as well as enabling direct links to be established with the Community Champions and Executive Board Members.

Recommendations

16. Members are asked to:

- Note the work of the sub groups since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Note the community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
- Note the feedback report of the engagement day from the Children's Services and Family Health sub group
- Members are asked to decide on the location for bugler as noted at point 15.