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

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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 much anticipated Moor Allerton 'Hub' officially opened on May 9th.

Library & One Stop Centre 

**On Monday 9th May 2016
Moor Allerton Library will become a
Library & One Stop Centre**



Your Library & One Stop Centre provides access to Council Services such as:

- Helping you to claim the correct benefits for council tax & housing
- Saving delays by checking forms & proofs required for housing benefit, council tax, Leeds housing register application forms plus many more
- Assisting with housing enquiries
- Raising repairs, giving advice on your tenancy and rent accounts
- Providing a library service
- Helping you into work
- Providing free access to computers and help to improve IT skills
- Providing advice if you are struggling financially
- Book appointments to register births and deaths
- Receive reports of anti social behaviour and hate crime



Opening Times:

Monday to Wednesday:	9am to 7pm	
Thursday to Friday:	9am to 5pm	
Saturday & Sunday:	10am to 4pm	



3. In only its first week, the revamped library and one stop centre saw 378 clients pass through the doors – 115 were more in depth appointments and 263 were quicker enquiries dealt with by the floorwalker/wider team. These figures do not include the

usual library visitor numbers. Initial feedback from the Hub management team has indicated that the site will be both busy and well used.

4. A recent article that appeared in the Yorkshire Evening Post also highlighted the burgeoning success of the Moor Allerton Bike Library. Based at the Moor Allerton Hub, the scheme allows library card holders the opportunity to hire 12 refurbished bikes and equipment like cycle helmets, for free for up to a week at a time. Read more here: <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/free-hire-boom-is-boosting-yorkshire-residents-as-bike-libraries-scheme-snowballs-1-7923780#ixzz49TzQSMHF>
5. Tasking meetings for both Alwoodley and Harewood & Wetherby Wards have taken place in both April and June 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.
6. The latest Partnership Working Area report for Outer North East Leeds (May 2016) has again confirmed that crime in the area remains low. Whilst the content of the PWA report is restricted, issues of concern relate to youth nuisance behavior, burglary dwelling and burglary other.
7. For all the latest information and developments regarding community safety matters in the Outer North East area please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsOuterNorthEast/?fref=ts>
8. On 14th April, a Speed Indication Device (SID) training session was held at Wetherby Police Station. Jointly organised by the Communities Team (ENE) and West Yorkshire Police, the session was attended by Town and Parish Councils from the Outer North East area. A demonstration of equipment was given by the council's Road Safety Team.
9. Following the training, those parishes present will now have the opportunity to borrow the council's SID equipment – free of charge – and deploy it in traffic speeding hotspots in their local area.



10. The Outer North East Town and Parish Council Forum is to meet at Wetherby Town Hall on 9th June. Agenda items include community safety, public transport provision and the environment. Minutes of the Forum will be reported to the next meeting of the Community Committee.
11. The Outer North East Environmental Sub Group met on 15th March. The sub group is chaired by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, the Outer North East Community Champion for Environmental Services.
12. 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 the meeting are attached at **Appendix A**. The next meeting of the sub group is scheduled to take place on 7th June 2016. Minutes of this meeting will be reported to the next meeting of the Community Committee.
13. A series of Ward Member meetings have been held for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby since the last meeting of the Community Committee.
14. Alwoodley Ward Members met on both 10th March and 9th May and discussed local issues including the Moor Allerton Hub, highways maintenance, parks & greenspaces, the environment as well as Wellbeing finance.
15. A Harewood Ward Members meeting is to be held on 10th June. As well as Wellbeing finance, subjects for discussion include apprenticeship opportunities, the environment and progress on the Linton Bridge repair project.
16. Wetherby Ward Members have met twice, on both 20th April and 19th May. Issues discussed included the planned Wetherby gas mains replacement works, Youth Service delivery in the Ward; Rhodes House sheltered housing provision, the proposed Rudgate Village development at Thorp Arch Trading Estate, the environment and Wellbeing finance.
17. 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. This follows on from the Outer North East Community Committee held in March, at which it was agreed that updates on neighbourhood planning activity would be regularly reported to Elected Members.
18. On the subject of partnership working, continued 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).
19. On 7th April colleagues from Housing Leeds and the Communities Team co-presented a SWOT analysis on the Outer North East area to the council's Tenant & Community Involvement Team. From that discussion an idea emerged to co-create a 'relationship

map' for the Outer North East area that can be shared between the two teams and any partners deemed appropriate.

20. Since the last meeting in March, members of the Communities Team (ENE) have 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.
21. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 92 Likes. Since the March 7th Community Committee, the Communities Team have posted 33 items that have had a reach of 4,305 (although it should be noted that this will include a high proportion of re-visits to site from the same people).
22. An example of the potential of social media as a means for community engagement is highlighted below. This post, advertising a position at Wetherby Town Council from 25th April, reached an impressive 2,700 people.



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2,700 people reached Boost post

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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