

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

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note the discussions of the Inner North West Community Committee sub groups and any key messages.
- 1.3 Members are asked to note free lets that have been agreed under the new pricing policy for community centres.
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)
- 1.5 Members are asked to comment on the INW draft community plan and to agree their key priorities for 2016/17
- 1.6 Members are asked to note the area update newsletter

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 9 March 2016 and 11 May 2016. They will also meet on 8 May; the Chair of the sub group will report back to the Committee meeting.

3.2 At the meeting on 9 March the following issues were discussed:

- That the sub group becomes more community led, with suggestions for the agenda going to the Chair and formal minutes to be replaced with actions for taking forward.
- The various types of notifications that would be required from Planning were discussed. They included; notifications of government consultation, changes to planning policy, direction on subscriptions to various planning websites, new ward based planning applications and a full planning list, including a list of pre-applications if possible.
- A neighbourhood planning update was received from all areas; Little Woodhouse is now designated, there had been good attendance at the Hyde Park meeting, Kirkstall Councillors would be attending the next Headingley neighbourhood plan meeting to discuss the border issues.
- The 'Planning a Healthy City' Public Health document was discussed. Comments included that there was no mention of designated sports facilities in the document.
- Planning applications were discussed including the proposals for expansion of Headingley Stadium; the sub group agreed that they were opposed to these plans.

3.3 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the following key messages:

- That the Planning Sub Group takes on a more community led approach, becoming 'more action driven, prominent and dominant'.
- That Kirkstall and Headingley neighbourhood forum members continue to meet to work towards a resolution regarding the boundary. A separate meeting, chaired by Cllr Walshaw, will be organised if required.
- That the INW planning sub group give their backing to the 'Planning a Healthy City' Public Health document and request that the Council's Planning department also take note of its contents.
- That the Planning Sub Group oppose the proposed development of Headingley Stadium. That the group are in support of developing stadia in the city, but against selling green space to fund this development, and therefore opposed to these proposals.

3.4 At the meeting on 11 May the following issues were discussed:

- The St Ives neighbourhood plan has developed a policy banning second homes in the area. The planning sub group requested that the plan wording be considered and applied to achieving housing diversity across the city. Further, that Planning stop looking at individual applications and instead consider the whole mix of

properties in an area, as well as in the context of sustainability, considering traffic flow, greenspace, school provision etc.

- A petition distributed by Chester Community Voice, against HMOs, was brought to the group's attention. Concerns were raised that the organisation had not stated how the NPPF could be amended to allow for any changes to the HMO policy. The Chair said that he would look over the petition and the sub group could look at it in more detail at their next meeting.
- Local residents had spoken out at Plans Panel against the development of the land at Tetleys Fields.
- The planning application for Savins Mill Way would add further traffic to an already busy junction. It was requested that Planning look at the junction as a whole and consider the cumulative impact of traffic when making decisions on large new developments. It was also said that there should be a condition on all shopping complex applications that security cameras be installed on car parks.
- It was suggested that one of the planning conditions for Headingley Stadium should be that a small multi-storey car park be developed to alleviate parking issues in the area.

3.5 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the following key messages:

- The issues discussed regarding St Ives Neighbourhood Plan
- Issues discussed regarding Savins Mill Way, including the need to consider the cumulative impact of traffic when large new developments can potentially have.
- The issues discussed regarding the Chester Community Voice petition against HMOs.

3.6 **Environment Sub Group**

The Environment Sub Group met on 16 March 2016. The following key issues were discussed:

- There was an update received around what is being done to tackle graffiti issues in the area and the positive effect that it is having.
- The group also received an update from the Locality Team and an update from the Parks & Countryside Team. The group heard that additional funding had been received from the Community Committee for extra staff resource on Woodhouse Moor. Parks Service have also appointed a service tenant at the Lodge at Woodhouse Moor.

3.7 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group and receive any verbal update, at the Community Committee, from the sub group chair.

Children & Young People Sub Group

3.8 Elected Members of the Children and Young people's sub group met on 26 April 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 over June half term and the summer holidays. The following applications were presented to Members for comment.

| Project | Project Applicant | Amount |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| School activities | INW Hub Cluster | £2,100 |
| Lazer Centre activity programme | Lazer Centre | £5,970 |
| Up To You – Trapeze project | Urban Angels | £2,942 |

- Members supported the application from the INW Hub Cluster and requested further information from Urban Angels regarding their 'Up To You' project. Both of these applications have now received formal approval for funding. The Communities Team is currently liaising with the Lazer Centre regarding a different project.
- The sub group also discussed the INW engagement event that had taken place back in January and, taking into account young people's opinions regarding what activities they would like to see in their local area, requested that the communities team approach organisations regarding the provision of cookery classes, skateboarding workshops, a Mini Breeze, and multi-sports activities.
- The sub group discussed the need to have BLC and YouthPoint in attendance at future meetings, as the council funds them to provide youth provision in the INW area now.
- The work of the Youth Panel was discussed; how the group 'mystery shops' the YAF funded projects to ensure that they are delivering projects as described.

3.9 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Children & Young People's Sub Group and receive any verbal update, at the Community Committee, from the sub group Chair.

Hyde Park Business Forum

3.10 The first meeting of the Hyde Park Business Forum took place on 24 May 2016. The meeting was held to get local businesses together and discuss the issues that affect them. The following key issues were discussed:

- How parking could be improved at Hyde Park Corner; a piece of land has been identified on the Crescent that business owners were interested in working with the Council on to create a car park. It was agreed that Highways would be invited to the next meeting and that the idea would be explored further in the meantime.
- Problems with traffic flow and access on Hyde Park Road and what could be done to improve the problem.
- There have been anti-social behaviour problems at the phone box at Hyde Park

Corner. BT have been asked to consider removing the box but have refused the request.

- Problems with people begging at Hyde Park Corner were also discussed.
- The possibility of forming a constituted group made up of local business people was discussed.

3.11 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Forum and receive any verbal update, at the Community Committee, from the forum chair.

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 1 December 2015 – 3 June 2016 |
|-------------------------|--|
| Little London | £1,392 |
| Meanwood | £4,016 |

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

- 5.1 Across Leeds there are 11 local Housing Advisory Panels (HAP's) who work closely with local housing and other Council teams to support community and environmental projects; tenant engagement activity and to help monitor and shape local housing services to meet the needs of local tenants and communities. HAP's are tenant-led forums with local Ward member representation.
- 5.2 The Terms of Reference for HAP's have recently been updated (see agenda item 10, appendix 2) One change affecting the INW Community Committee is that there can now be up to four Ward members, one from each Ward, sitting on the INW HAP.
- 5.3 In April 2016 the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel, representing Council tenants in the Kirkstall, Weetwood, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Headingley Wards, held their elections for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair. The outcome was that Ted Wilson has been re-appointed as tenant chair and Peter Yates re-appointed as tenant Vice Chair.
- 5.4 For 2016/17 the INW HAP has a delegated budget of £93,068 to spend on community and environmental initiatives that benefit tenants and communities. The Panel are currently updating their 'plan on a page' to ensure funding priorities are reflective of current local need.

5.5 The Panel meets every two months and will consider funding applications throughout the year - although it is likely that the available budget will be allocated by Christmas 2016.

5.6 On behalf of the Panel, Housing Leeds will continue to work with Communities Team colleagues and other statutory and voluntary sector partners to identify opportunities for joint projects to maximum impact for tenants, residents and communities.

6. INW Community Plan

6.1 As part of the community committee constitution, there is a requirement that community committees have a community plan which outlines the committee's work programme and priorities for the year.

Please find attached at **Appendix 1** a draft proposal of such a plan. This has been designed as a two page document to ensure it is accessible to the community, particularly when developing activities to meet local needs.

Members are asked to consider the community plan and their key priorities for 2016/17.

7. Area update newsletter

7.1 Through discussions at area chair's forum, it has been agreed that update newsletters be produced for each of the community committees as a means of communicating business to the public. Attached at **Appendix 2** is the latest INW area update newsletter, attached for Members information.

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
- Comment on the INW draft community plan and to agree their key priorities for 2016/17
- Note the Inner North West Community Committee update newsletter.