

Report of: The West North West Area Leader (Citizens and Communities)

Report to: The Inner West Community Committee (Armley, Bramley & Stanningley and Kirkstall)

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For decision

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: General Purposes, Children and Young People and Environment.
2. This report updates the Committee on community events, local projects and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Main issues

3. **Children & Young People – Champion: Cllr C Gruen**

The Sub Group met on 27th April to review the Youth Activities Fund applications. The group looked at the feedback provided by the central youth panel and identified ways of improving the bids by introducing elements of partnership working.

On 1st June the Sub Group held a second consultation event with a group of young people in preparation for the Community Committee meeting.

4. **Environment – Champion: Cllr Smart**

Sub group – 18th March 2016

Housing Leeds

Action days have been held on Hawksworth Wood and the Woodbridges. Although it snowed during the Hawksworth Wood action day, 9 skips were filled and positive feedback was received for both via Facebook.

Locality Team

Between 31st December 2015 and the end of January 2016, the focus was predominantly on the cleanup from the floods. The majority of the Locality front line staff, and other departments across the city were involved in the cleanup, helping hundreds of business and residential properties. The Sub Group congratulated Mark Otley and his team for the work they carried out.

Pocket Park Funding

Work is continuing on the development of a pocket park in Kirkstall. Work on a planning application is underway and it is envisaged works will be carried out in the autumn with the funding from DCLG and Wellbeing totaling approx. £20,000.

Instaplanta

Following a request from the Chair of the Community Committee, Instaplanta have submitted twelve possible locations for planters around the wedge. The Sub Group were asked to comment on the locations. Instaplanta have submitted the locations to Highways for approval and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

5. Health & Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Lowe & Cllr Venner

- New models of care. These focus on integrating primary care with wider services in communities in order to deliver services around the needs of people and closer to home. Representatives from GP practices in Inner West Leeds - Armley, Priory View, Thornton, Hawthorn and Whitehall – are working with Adult Social Care, Mental Health Services, IW Cllr lead for Health and Wellbeing, Public Health, LCC One Stop Centre and the Third Sector. They will enhance patient experience by developing multi-professional teams based on ‘single team approach.’ The initial focus will be on Mental Health. This approach will extend across the city.
- The Patient Empowerment Project (PEP) is a social prescribing service which aims to improve the wider health and wellbeing 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 IW GP practices. We have funding from NHS LWCCG from September 2016 for an additional 3 years from September 2016 to August 2019. This will give the service a fantastic opportunity to embed and evolve.
- Annual Lunch Club Grants will be funded by Public Health, Leeds City Council for 2016/17.

Armley Helping Hands Luncheon Club	£2,684.10	Armley
New Wortley Lunch Club	£2,217.30	Armley
Bramley Community Centre	£2,684.10	Bramley and Stanningley
Fairfield Enterprise & Community CIC	£1,662.98	Bramley and Stanningley
Moorside TARA Community Centre	£2,217.30	Bramley and Stanningley
St John's Lunch Club (Stanningley)	£3,462.10	Bramley and Stanningley

Hawksworth Oldies Lunch Club	£4,434.60	Kirkstall
International Caribbean Lunch Club	£1,439.30	Kirkstall
The 88 lunch club	£2,217.30	Kirkstall
Total	£23,019.08	

We are keen to increase the support to all lunch club providers in relation to supporting older people to keep properly hydrated, to eat healthily, to be a healthy weight and have the help and support they need. We have therefore invited them all to become members of the Older People Food Matters Group (OPFMG) led by Public Health, where members can access free resources, attend network events and training. The management of the annual lunch club grant is now carried out by Leeds Community Foundation.

Citywide Initiatives:

- There will be a 10% funding reduction in real terms in Public Health 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. Appendix A details Public Health responsibilities in Leeds.
- Leeds Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy is being refreshed in 2016. This is a key Strategy that determines Health & Wellbeing priorities for the city. Information here: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Best-City-for-Health-and-Wellbeing.aspx>

6. Employment, Skills & Welfare – Champion: Cllr McKenna & Cllr Heselwood

- 8 providers have been funded to deliver Community Learning courses across 21 venues in 2015/16
- 826 learners from the Inner west enrolled on courses, 372 at inner west venues and 473 at venues outside the locality in 2015/16, the figures for 2016/17 will not be available until the end of the year.
- 3 English classes have been delivered at Armley One Stop, a further 3 are currently running until end of June
- 39 people have taken up the councils Personal Work Support package and are being supported individually by Jobshop staff to address barriers and find work. This offer came into play October 2015 to support individuals who are in receipt of JSA and Council Tax support. So far 4 customers have secured work.
- In April 15/march 16 Armley One stop had 499 new customers register with the Jobshop and supported 375 people into work.
- Armley One Stop started offering a Digital Jobclub at Bramley library in Feb 16, 8 people are regularly attending and promotion will continue.
- A new contract has been agreed to support Armley Jobshop with Workplace Leeds this is to offer support to individuals experiencing low level mental health. This will commence in June and will also include capacity building for staff so they are better equipped to managed people.
- the new priorities for 16/ 17 Employment Skills and Welfare Board are still to be agreed. Barca is leading on the CLLD bid and will continue to do this moving forward.
- Recruitment for the old Denso Marston site Armley has been postponed but hopefully this will lead to a local recruitment event later in the year.

7. Community Safety

- Kirkstall Cold Calling Zone - Trading Standards have given an overview of how to progress a cold calling control zone to discourage uninvited traders. Potential zone in Normans/Delacey Mount area.
- Armley street drinking – the focus group continues to meet. Myth busting posters are being arranged through the Police. There has been some concern over local organisations putting out information through social media that isn't correct.
- Bramley Park – some concern about ASB including underage drinking and broken glass and bottles being left in park.

8. Planning Sub Group – Inner North West

9th March Meeting

- 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.

11th May Meeting

- 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.

9. Armley Forum –

April

- Tom Donohoe – Head of the Police Contact Centre attended and outlined the service which takes 4000 calls a day including 1000 to the 999 number plus 200 online contacts. Customer satisfaction is around 98% with calls to the 999 number with calls being answered on average within 5.5 seconds which is the best performance in the country
- The 101 service has improved over the last year with waiting times reduced from 3 minutes to 1 minute as additional staff have been recruited.

- Reports can also be made online via a link on the front page of the West Yorkshire Police website and a web chat facility is also available.
- Environmental Locality Team updated the meeting on pieces of work in the Armley area including litter around KFC and in ginnels

May

- Armley Helping Hands presented information on the services they offer and volunteering opportunities.
- The police provided their usual update and reported that incidents of street drinking have decreased in recent months.
- Cllr Lowe queried the number of PCSOs allocated to the ward and has invited the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a future forum.
- The housing manager provided an update on the recent improvements to the high rise blocks in New Wortley and promoted the estate walkabouts.

10. Bramley & Stanningley Forum –

- Bramley History Society was represented by Roger Cliff who talked about the work of the society and how residents could get involved. Forum members enjoyed talking about how the local area had changed over time.
- Matt Bentley from LCC's Conservation Team was in attendance to talk about the work Local Authorities do to conserve sites and buildings of local historic importance.
- Grass Cutting was covered with Forum members expressing their views and concerns about the quality of the grass cutting locally.
- The Kirkstall Forge developers provided a video informing the forum about the aims and aspirations of the development. The Project Manager will be attending the July meeting of the Forum.
- The Forum next meets on Thursday 26th May and will be looking at the topics of Housing and Social Isolation.

11. Kirkstall Town & District Centre Scheme

The planting works have now been completed to the side of the leisure centre and the works including hard landscaping will be carried out at the end of 2016. The public artwork that forms an important element of the project is out to commission with a closing date for submissions of 10am on 22nd July. The ivy has been cut back from the old police station building next to the Kirkstall In Bloom garden and options are being looked at to improve the appearance of this.

12. WW1 Commemorations

To commemorate 100 years since the first day of the Battle of the Somme there will be a bugler playing the Last Post at Bramley War Memorial at 7.30am on Friday 1st July. Some information display boards have been put together by Annabel Gaskin and will be displayed in the parade of shops opposite the war memorial. The café will open from 6.30am for anyone wanting refreshments.

Corporate

13. **a. Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process.
14. **b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.
15. **c. Council policies and city priorities** - The themes in the Business Plan mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

Conclusion

16. The work of the sub groups are essential in the delivery of the Community Committee priorities. The Communities Team continues to look at opportunities to develop projects and promote new ways of working to achieve the objectives outlined in the Business Plan.

Recommendations

16. To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.

Background information

- None