



Community
Committee



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 sub groups of the Committee: 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

There has been no sub group meeting since the last Community Committee.

In response to increased anti-social behaviour certain parts of the area including Hawksworth Wood, Bramley, Fairfields and New Wortley in the run up to bonfire night, additional resources were pulled into the inner west, co-ordinated by the Area Leader and head of the Youth Service.

A ‘Children and Young People Summit’ is being planned for 2017 which will invite all schools in the area to bring four or five pupils to participate in a day of consultation, activities and understanding more about local democracy.

4. Environment – Champion: Cllr Illingworth

The Environment Sub Group met on 21st October, and welcomed new representatives from Parks and Countryside and the Environment Locality Team. An update was provided by each service, and Members highlighted some areas for further investigation including:

- How the Housing Managers' discretionary environmental budget is split across the city
- How abandoned vehicles are managed
- Improving communication on how to report fly tipping, especially in Armley where rates are low
- Improving waste collection in high rise blocks and maisonettes

In the second half of the meeting, the head of Waste Collection attended along with Cllr Yeadon in her capacity as Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability. They outlined the revised policy for waste collection and enforcement. Members welcomed the policy and suggested areas where waste collection and recycling could be improved.

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

The revised Leeds Suicide Audit found that the majority of people who ended their own lives had not been in contact with specialist mental health support services. The crisis cards are designed to include the contact details for a broad range of local services, including housing, debt, and bereavement support. The cards have now been updated and are available to order for free from the Public Health Resource Centre (phrc@leeds.gov.uk) Inner West Leeds has a high suicide rate, especially in LS12 and LS13. There is a multi-agency approach to try and reduce suicide rates in the area. Please also share and promote the pdf across your networks and on websites/ news bulletins/ social media: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/CrisisCard.pdf>

Health trainers

The service has recently embarked on a pilot programme working with prisoners at Her Majesty's Prison Armley to offer support around resettlement and help prepare them for life after prison. The objective is to help prisoner's develop life skills, access other support services and advice, learn new skills through volunteering and get involved in things that help create stability and prevent re-offending. This work is an exciting opportunity to continue to invest in those most vulnerable to poor health and offer a holistic approach to improving their health and wellbeing.

Winter health

As the weather gets colder, there are a number of ways that we can keep well over the winter months. This resource from the NHS has some useful advice and information: <http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/winterhealth/Pages/Winterhealthhome.aspx>. The WNW Public Health team have been training up local partners on High Impact Interventions to keep people well over winter.

Winter grants

Public Health have funded a range of community-based projects that target helping vulnerable people in Leeds who are most susceptible to the adverse effects of cold weather. This includes households with young children and pregnant women as well as people with a range of health problems, on low income or aged over 65. Groups funded in Inner West are Bramley Elderly Action, Christ Church Armley, Armley Helping Hands and New Wortley Community Association.

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

7 Adult Learning Programme:

For the academic year, 2016-17, there is a breadth of engagement provision across Inner West, currently being delivered by 5 providers across 11 venues and in community settings. Current courses are:

- Health, public services and care
- Agriculture, horticulture and animal care
- Arts, media and publishing
- Preparation for life and work

Providers currently delivering activity in the Inner West locality are:

- Cardigan Centre
- The City of Leeds YMCA
- The Conservation Volunteers
- Internal Family
- Workers' Educational Association

In the last academic year 2015-16, residents of Inner West attended Adult Learning courses delivered at venues in the locality and also at venues in other Leeds areas:

- A total of 679 individuals living in Inner West attended courses in the academic year 2015-16. This includes:
 - 258 learners enrolled on courses at venues in Inner West
 - 452 Inner West learners enrolled on courses in **other** localities
 - Also 201 learners **from** other localities enrolled on courses in Inner West

Please note: some individuals attended more than one course

8 Employment Skills and Welfare Board have set new priorities for the forthcoming year these are:

- Reducing unemployment and improving health
- Reducing the numbers of young people who are NEET
- Reducing impact of welfare reform

9 From April to September - Armley Jobshop has had 284 new customers , achieved 216 Job outcomes and had 2166 visits to the Jobshop.

The Council Personal Work Support Package has supported 75 starts and achieved 15 jobs.

From June 2016 - The Workplace Leeds contract based in Armley Jobshop which supports unemployed customers with mild to moderate mental health has had 18 starts from Inner West.

10 Planning Sub Group – Inner North West

The INW Planning Sub Group met on 14 September. Concerns were raised that the retrospective planning application for the Kirkstall Design Centre will increase traffic in the area. Cllr Illingworth also spoke of plans for the pocket park at St Ann's Mills and the difficulties associated with obtaining planning permission for the site after a gate was installed which would limit access to any new footpaths. Key messages from the meeting included; improving footpath linkages in the area, that a message be sent to Planning that the cumulative impact that developments can have on an area needs to be better considered as part of the planning process.

There was another Planning Sub Group meeting on 9 November where the group received a presentation regarding the city's transport conversation. The general consensus was that improvements need to be made to the city's bus network to improve the flow of traffic. Following the presentation, the group discussed planning applications and concerns were raised about the number of applications that there were for car parks in the Kirkstall area; in areas where there are already traffic problems. Key messages included; that a request be sent to Planning that enforcement of developments should not be delegated to non-planning officers, and that further information be sought regarding the Broadlea site at Willow Road.

11 Armley Forum

The Armley Forum met on 18th October and 15th November.

The October meeting focused once again on the environment, with the new Locality Team manager attending to introduce himself and learn a bit more about the area.

There was also a long discussion on the impact of street drinking and how the police are working with All Together Armley to tackle it.

The November meeting welcomed the new head of housing for inner West area, and heard about the successful pilot to improve security in the New Wortley high rise blocks.

12 Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum

At the forum on 6th October 2016 the following issues were discussed:

- Residents highlighted to Locality Team Officers in attendance the abundance of graffiti on street names in the Bramley area. Officers were aware and indicated that cleansing work was underway on the affected signs.
- The roundels on Stanningley Road were raised as an issue of concern by forum members. It was noted that results of a Highways safety audit of the area would be available shortly.
- Work to arrange the Bramley Christmas Lights Switch event on November 25th is well underway.

- Conversion works at Bramley Shopping Centre start in January centre to develop the Viewpoint flats. There was some discussion around what the works entailed, residents parking and links were made with the lettings agents Whitegates, who will be returning to future forum to give an update.
- Residents heard about the new Leeds Culture Strategy and the city's bid to be European Capital of Culture 2023.
- A Locality Team Officer was in attendance, giving an update on the cleansing of the cycle superhighway and the de-leaving season. Residents had the opportunity to pass on any local areas of concern.
- The group discussed the Council's consultation 'Leeds Transport Conversation' with some residents completing the survey at the forum. Forum members were encouraged to attend the next Community Committee on 12th October 2016 to learn more.
- The next forum is on Thursday 24th November 2016.

13 Free Lets

One of the delegated functions of the Community Committee is to consider requests for free lets for the 2 managed community centres in the area – Strawberry Lane Centre in Armley and Bramley Community Centre.

The table below shows the values of paid and free lettings between 1st April 2016 and 30th November 2016 for your information.

	Paid Lets Value	Paid Lets Hours	Free Let Value	Free Let Hours
Bramley Community Centre	£5,679.34	948.5	£6,858.75	1337
Bramley Elderly Action	£50.00	640.5	£3,388.00	635.5
Bramley History Society	£0.00	0	£665.25	135.5
Bramley Luncheon Club	£0.00	0	£2,685.50	509.75
Gemma Cole	£62.50	2.5	£0.00	0
Igbo Community Yorkshire & Northern England	£175.00	14	£0.00	7
LCC Bramley Housing Office	£0.00	0	£42.50	4.25
LCC Children Services - Youth Service Localities	£75.00	15	£0.00	5
LCC Children Services ENE Group	£75.00	15	£5.00	5
LCC Children's Social Work Service	£5.00	1	£0.00	0
LCC Electoral Services	£211.84	15.5	£0.00	0
LCC Family Group Conference Service (Mark Woodhead)	£35.00	7	£0.00	0
LCC SE Communities Team	£0.00	0	£10.00	2
LCC WNW Community Team	£0.00	0	£62.50	17

Masowe Echishanu UK	£3,900.00	156	£0.00	0
The Word Christian Fellowship Centre	£890.00	50	£0.00	0
UBU	£200.00	32	£0.00	16
Strawberry Lane Community				
Centre	£30.00	3	£47,452.00	11943
Armley Helping Hands	£0.00	0	£44,930.50	11475
LCC Youth Service - Harper	£0.00	0	£841.50	153
Leeds Older Peoples Forum	£30.00	3	£0.00	0
People In Action	£0.00	0	£1,680.00	315
Inner West Total	£5,709.34	951.5	£54,310.75	13280

Corporate

13 a. **Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Community Plan process.

b. **Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.

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

14 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 Community Plan.

Recommendations

16. To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups and approve the new Community Plan

Background information

- None