

**Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader**

**Report to: Inner North Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown,  
Roundhay wards**

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**to note**

## **Community Committee Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides an update on the work programme of Inner North East Community Committee, its recent successes and current challenges.

### **Main issues**

2. Since the last Community Committee, work has progressed in a number of areas, including through the Committee's sub groups and local partnerships for Chapeltown and Meanwood, which are currently evolving into Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.

### **Sub Groups**

3. The main issues discussed at the sub groups recently are set out here:-

#### Environmental Sub Group

4. The most recent Environmental Sub Group took place on 24<sup>th</sup> January and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Locality Team.
5. As part of the Parks & Countryside update, Leeds Quality Park (LQP) assessment results were distributed showing that all four (100%) of the community parks in the Inner North East area had achieved the LQP standard which is the highest across the city. In addition, Roundhay Park has retained the Green Flag award and Allerton Grange Fields received a Green Flag Community award. Funding has been secured from the English

Cricket Board (ECB) for the provision of three all-weather cricket pitches in the area - two at Roundhay Park and one at the Caribbean Cricket Club – and they should be in place for the start of the 2017 cricket season. Shrub pruning season is currently underway and grass cutting will commence again in March.

6. As part of the Waste Management update, feedback was provided on the Christmas period with complaints minimal despite the expected increase in presented waste. Ongoing issues on the Beckhills estate continue to be a priority and further work is being undertaken to strengthen relations between the service and residents.
7. In terms of environmental teams, information was provided to the sub group detailing service requests as part of an update on the Service Level Agreement (SLA). An update was also provided on proposals to revise the Bulky Waste Collection service, which will be put before Council and further discussed through the sub group.

#### Wellbeing Advisory Group

8. The Wellbeing Advisory Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met on three occasions considering applications for funding and making recommendations to the INE Community Committee. Recommendations on the applications considered were consulted with the Committee via email and then approved through the delegated decisions process. Details of the projects and funding are contained in the Wellbeing Report including applications that were declined.
9. Final monitoring has been collated for the 2016 summer activities funded from the Youth Activities Fund and this had been presented in a report for the committee as a separate agenda item. The information will be used by the Wellbeing Advisory Group, in conjunction with peer inspection feedback and results from the INE Youth Summit consultation, to inform the funding recommendations for the 2017/18 Youth Activity Fund. Further details of the Peer Inspections and INE Youth Summit are also contained in the YAF Summer Activities 2016/17 report.
10. Members of the Wellbeing Advisory Group have also discussed the Inner North East Community Committee priorities which were set by the Committee in March 2014. Recommendations for revised priorities have been made by the Wellbeing Advisory Group for consideration by the Committee and are contained in Appendix 2 of the Wellbeing Report.

### **Neighbourhood Improvement**

#### **Chapelton**

11. Work is taking place in Chapelton around priorities formed at the Working Together for Chapelton partnership meeting. The Chapelton Housing Investment Strategy meeting is a group of different housing associations along with LCC housing services

working across Chapeltown around housing issues in the area. A new action plan has been formed which includes views from frontline staff which were fed in through a workshop in November.

12. The new Social Isolation group have agreed to target specific neighbourhoods across Chapeltown working with partners to help tackle the complex issue. This will hopefully be complimented and linked in to action days across Chapeltown subject to funding that has been applied for through the Safer Communities Fund.
13. Work is ongoing to support the youth organisations in the area through the Mandela user group meeting and using Chapeltown News to support local provisions and activities. Funding options are being looked at to support local third sector partners around provisions in the area particularly youth related.
14. The neighbourhood watch group is still up and running in the Mexborough and Savile area and feeding information in around ASB issues, environment and crime. This is supported through West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council.

### **Meanwood**

15. Work around Neighbourhood Improvement in Meanwood has been formed through the Meanwood Seven Estates group. Team Beckhills are working closely with Leeds City Council staff and Leeds Citizens to see environmental improvements on the estate and also help with implementing the service level agreement around waste and fly tipping. The group are heavily involved in community engagement and spreading messages through the area and they are currently planning to take a deputation to full council in terms of further improvements to the estate. They will also lead on community events for the estate but include information of the work that has taken place to date.
16. A 'My Meanwood' document was funded through Housing Advisory Panel to spread messages across households to show all the different provisions there are available to residents on their doorstep. This will also help with services being aware of what is available to avoid duplication.
17. Links are currently being looked at for the Stonegate estate and the Sugarwell/Farm Hill area with the Meanwood Festival. This will enable community engagement but also help bridge the gap between the more affluent areas of Meanwood and the estates. CCTV options are still being looked at for the Stonegate estate as a partnership through Leeds Federated Housing, Unity Housing, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council. Outreach work has taken place on the Stonegates but residents are reluctant to come forward.

## **Community Champions**

18. Work is ongoing to develop the role of the Community Champions. A Community Champions meeting was due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to discuss working relationships, challenges and priorities but unfortunately had to be rearranged and will now take place later in March. The Committee Champions and Service Leads have been contacted and their feedback has been used to inform this section of the report.

### Environment Champion – Cllr Hamilton

19. Details in relation to the work of the Environmental Champion are set out in paragraphs 4-7 above.

### Community Safety Champion – Cllr Rafique

20. Localised tasking arrangements have continued to tackle community safety issues across Inner North East through close partnership working. A workshop was held at the December meeting of the INE Community Committee and the feedback from the table discussions has been collated and shared with partners to help shape priorities and target resources.

21. In view of the fatal shooting incident in late January the police have provided an update. Although the actual location fell within the Inner East area the family concerned, friends and associates reside in Inner North East area particularly in and around the Chapeltown community. Progress on the investigation has been swift with two suspects currently being held on remand and several other arrests made.

22. From a community reassurance aspect, the Police have witnessed no direct tensions as a result of the shooting. A strategic level meeting has been held at The Reginald Centre which involved local community KINs (Key Individual Networks) where discussions were held about gangs and violence in the locality. In addition, two community meetings were held at the Prince Phillip Centre on the subject of crime prevention in the Chapeltown and Harehills areas, seeking the views of the whole community and looking at better strategies going forward. Operation Bearmoor continues with Police Officers and PCSO's being tasked daily with visible uniformed patrols across Chapeltown and Harehills, and is being received well by the local community.

23. In Moortown a meeting has been held with the owners of local taxi firms to address ongoing antisocial behaviour issues with groups of youths gathering and throwing stones at taxis and buses. Several young people have been identified are receiving antisocial behaviour sanctions. The objective of the meeting was to reassure the taxi firms that action is being taken and discuss partnership working to stop the issues.

24. Burglary continues to be a focus across the Inner North East area. Premises with high value cars parked outside tend to be the main targets for overnight offences. This said

there has been a reduction in offences recently following some arrests by the district crime teams.

#### Adult Social Care Champion – Cllr Macniven

25. Adult Social Care in Leeds is focussing on developing its approach to Strengths Based Social Care (SBSC). SBSC is an approach that changes the nature of the conversation from eligibility for services to shared problem solving and solutions that build on strengths. The kind of conversation will depend on the problem presented.

- Conversation 1 seeks to provide information and advice about resources in the community and connect people to these but, importantly, a follow-up contact to check if the advice provided has solved the problem.
- Conversation 2 seeks to provide short-term but intensive support when someone is in crisis to enable them to get back on their feet.
- Conversation 3 is where someone needs additional long-term support to get on with their life and would follow on once short-term solutions have been tried.

20. In the ENE area there are two Innovation Sites. The first of these involves the Chapeltown Neighbourhood Care Management Team which has been using the SBSC approach with people referred to it since January. The second (which goes live at the end of February) establishes a Rapid Response Team responsible for dealing with all urgent referrals in the area for the first 72 hours, dealing with the immediate crisis, ensuring the person's safety and handing over to the relevant Neighbourhood Team. It is anticipated that these initiatives will begin to provide a better and more responsive service but will be seamless to people referred.

21. Both of the Inner North East ASC Neighbourhood Care Management Teams are now collocated with their Leeds Community Health Care colleagues in shared buildings. The Meanwood Team moved to Rutland Lodge last July and in mid-February the Chapeltown Team moved to Tribeca House. Colocation means staff have much greater ease of contact, communication and this makes working together across health and social care much easier.

#### Health and Wellbeing Champion – Cllr Taylor

21. A separate Public Health Update report has been provided to the INE Community Committee.

#### Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion – Cllr Hussain

22. At the time of writing this report there has not been a further meeting of the East North East Employment and Skills Board since its October 2015 meeting. At the last meeting the Board received an update around work to address the impact of mental health on

employability, improving skills and enhancing ESOL provision across the East North East area. A more detailed discussion took place on supporting young people aged 16-24 and people aged 50+ into work. There was also an update on CLLD. The next meeting of the Board is due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### Children's and Young People's Champion – Cllr Tunncliffe

23. On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Inner North East Community Committee hosted its first ever Youth Summit in order to engage with local young people and consult them on what activities they would like to see provided in the Inner North East area.

24. Led by officers from the Voice & Influence Team and supported by colleagues from Sports & Active Lifestyles and ENE Communities Team, the Youth Summit was held at RJC Dance at the Mandela Centre and was a great success with 68 young people and 42 adults attending from 14 community partner organisations. More information regarding the Youth Summit event and the results of the consultation are contained in the YAF Summer Activities 2016/17 report.

## **Community Events**

### 25. Chapeltown Winter Festival

The Chapeltown festive lights were switched on as part of the Chapeltown Winter Festival event on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The Chapeltown Winter Festival was part funded by the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors and delivered by New Chapeltown Development Trust, Community Hubs and the ENE Communities Team. The festival included food, music, Santa's grotto, craft workshops, lantern making and special performances by Mimika Theatre. The event was well attended and well received by the local community.

### 26. INE Youth Summit

The inaugural Inner North East Youth Summit was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in RJC's studio at the Mandela Centre. Further details are contained in paragraphs 18-19 of this report and in the YAF Summer Activities 2016/17 report.



## Communications & Social Media

27. The Communities Team ENE have continued to use the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page to promote the work of the committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. At the time of writing, the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page had been “liked” by 422 people, an increase from 393 at the time of the last Community Committee in December 2016. Social media training and guidance for Communities Team officers has also had a noticeable effect with Page Views, Page Likes, Reach and Post Engagements all up considerably from the previous month. The Facebook pages continue to be an important communications tool between the council and local residents, and work is ongoing as to how this resource can be further utilised.

## Challenges and Opportunities

28. 2023 Capital of Culture Bid - On 16th December 2016 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport announced that the European Capital of Culture competition will go ahead despite continuing Brexit negotiations. The news came two weeks after the Leeds 2023 brand was launched with the more than 150 arts, culture, business, education and media organisations backing the bid. Follow the journey on twitter @Leeds\_2023, Instagram @Leeds2023 and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/2023Leeds](http://www.facebook.com/2023Leeds).

29. Culture Strategy - The co-produced Culture Strategy continues to take shape with a draft soon. Recent conversations include views from the heritage sector, the LGBT community, and festivals and galas from across the city. For more information please visit [www.leedsculturestratgey.org](http://www.leedsculturestratgey.org).

30. CLLD Update - Another important milestone has been reached in the progress of the East Leeds Community Locally Led Development (CLLD) funding bid. On the 31<sup>st</sup> January the East Leeds Local Action Group, supported by the Communities Team, formally submitted their stage 2 submission to both the DCLG and DWP. Subject to gaining approval by both government departments, the £3m fund is anticipated to go “live” in in November 2017.

31. To recap, the geography covered by the bid is nominally badged as ‘East Leeds’. This area comprises of Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Chapeltown (part of the Chapel Allerton Ward). The rationale behind wrapping a funding bid around this cluster of neighbourhoods (population circa 82,000) is that collectively this area has 41 of the 52 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) that are in the most deprived 10% nationally. The CLLD fund is essentially split into two parts. One strand relates to providing pathways to employment opportunities for those deemed furthest from the job market (European Social Investment Fund); the other strand is about creating opportunities for local enterprises to flourish (European Regional Development Fund - ERDF).

32. The vision behind the East Leeds bid strategy is to develop a local, visible and integrated pre-employment offer which helps participants to take the steps they need to overcome barriers and progress to employment. Underpinning this vision are three objectives, namely:

- To commission a network of community organisations based 'opportunity' shop sessions as a front door to key worker and integrated service support which includes home visits.
- To build on the strengths of our local employer asset base in the East Leeds CLLD area and encourage local employers to provide experiences for socially isolated and marginalised residents which enable progress to employment.
- To develop customised support that enables participants to progress along self-employment pathways.

When the outcome of the stage 2 submission is known this will be communicated the Community Committee.

33. Appendix 1 contains information and updates on the recent INE Community Committee workshop discussions.

## **Conclusion**

34. The report outlines a wide range activities being undertaken by the Community Committee.

## **Recommendations**

35. That members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

## **Background information**

None