

**Report of:** The South East Area Leader

**Report to:** Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)

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**For decision**

## **OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – UPDATE REPORT**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. To bring to Members' attention an update report on work based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It also provides opportunities for further questions or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme: Children's Services**

#### **Outer East Children & Families Sub Group**

2. The first meeting of the Outer East Children & Families Sub Group took place on Monday 27 February. Minutes are available on request. The group:
  - approved the Terms of Reference and considered developing a proposed action plan linked to the five outcomes and 14 priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan;
  - considered the Youth Activities Fund 2017/18 applications. Feedback from children and young people is being sought and a number of questions will be raised with activity providers before being presented to members for final funding decision at a future date; and
  - explored making better links with school councils to improve engagement with children and young people and support YAF delivery.
3. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Swarcliffe Community Centre.

## **Updates by theme: Employment, Skills and Welfare**

4. Within the Community Committee area, there are 610 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) as of September 2016, which is a 27.29% (240 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. There are 3,055 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of February 2016, which is a 4.62% (135 people) increase compared to the same period last year.
5. From April to September 2016, there have been 616 residents accessing Jobshops, and Employment and Skills programmes, with 83 supported to secure employment and 449 to improve their skills.
6. The Personal Work Support package (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support is working well. Since it commenced in April 2015, 1,509 have attended and 339 (22%) have secured employment. There are currently 40 outer east residents engaging with this programme.
7. One of the key developments for the city was Victoria Gate, and there were a number of community events held throughout the city to promote the development and provide information about the employment opportunities, which 434 people attended. John Lewis recruited 499 members of staff, with 60% (306) were from Leeds, 16 residents from the outer east secured employment.

## **Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care**

### **Leeds South and East CCG – Health Inequalities Fund**

8. **Healthy Lifestyles work programme:** the delivery of the enhanced community offer for Leeds Let's Get Active began in January 2017. Leisure Services are embedded within local partnerships to help shape development of the offer and identify need across the area.
9. **Best Start work programme:** Touchstone, who will be working with Women's Health Matters and Leeds Community Healthcare (health visiting), have been awarded a contract for three years to deliver a Best Start Peer Support service across the LSE CCG area focussing in areas of high deprivation. The service will recruit, train and support volunteers and paid sessional workers to develop and deliver activities and key messages aiming to support parents, parents to be and carers to give children the best start in life.

### **Leeds South and East – reducing smoking prevalence rates**

10. Promotion of the Today is the Day campaign continues with additional resources being placed in local areas to highlight the campaign. Use of bus shelters and back of bus advertising is in place across the south east locality and the Today's the Day self-help app recently launched and is being promoted to service users.

11. Leeds South and East CCG have secured £75,000 from Public Health England to support work on Maternal Smoking. Work programmes are now being developed with the LSE CCG, Public Health, Maternity Services, Leeds Community Healthcare and Leeds University.

12. **Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Service:** the new locality Community Health Development and Improvement Service is due to start on 1st April 2017. A launch event for the new service is took place on 21st February 2017 at The Civic Hall. The event provided an opportunity to understand the aims of the service, meet the service providers and hear more about delivery plans in the local area. Discussions covered working well together to make Leeds a healthy and caring city for all ages, improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Councillor Charlwood opened the event.

### **Older Persons sub group**

13. The sub group continues to update partners across outer east Leeds and has been busy formulating a new plan for a rescheduled older persons celebration event in June. Recent successes include expanding the free table tennis provision for older people through a venture between Table Tennis England and LCC Sheltered Services.

### **Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety**

14. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) has recently secured, in partnership with its police Partners, a five year injunction to prevent anti-social motorcycling in Leeds following the unauthorised 'ride out' through the streets of Leeds that occurred on Halloween last year.

15. The injunction secured on 10 January 2017 replaces the earlier interim injunction secured on 9 December 2016 and will be in place for five years, covering the whole of the Leeds City Council area. It prohibits anti-social driving (as defined in the order) by anyone after service of the order on them. Officers from LASBT are working closely with police colleagues to identify specific individuals who are being served with copies of the injunction, to warn them of the consequences of a repeat of the events of 31 October 2016, described by the presiding Judge as being 'highly dangerous to the riders themselves and members of the public'.

16. LASBT South has led on the delivery of a case training programme. During the last year all ASB case officers have attended this training and have been updated on investigation techniques, and the new ASB legislation. This training will ensure that all those involved in our ASB case investigation will receive the best possible service from our officers.

17. An increase in burglary dwelling offences across the east has impacted in outer east, with rates higher than the same months last year. Police ward officers have been involved in several initiatives to arrest suspects and inroads are being made with arrests every week and regular disruption visits made to people who the police think are involved.
18. The local policing team continues to focus on ASB, although the winter tends to dampen off anti-social behaviour. Kippax has been highlighted with a small group of youths causing annoyance to local businesses and library users. Positive action is being taken with one youth arrested for eight offences. Partnership work is underway with Leeds ASB Team and housing to utilise relevant powers from their perspectives.
19. Youths throwing stones at passing vehicles in Halton and Cross Gates was an area of concern previously, however in this period due to officer patrols the number of offences have decreased rapidly.
20. There are always speeding issues in Garforth and Whinmoor with officers putting in time in those locations with the speed gun. Several tickets have been issued. Safer Schools Officers continue to provide inputs to their schools and academies in relation to CSE and cyber-crime related subjects.
21. The shop watch at Colton Retail Park organised by officers and BACIL is now up and running with all the relevant premises involved and using the system. This was in response to regular high value shoplifting at Boots and Sainsbury's. Its use and effectiveness will be monitored by ward officers throughout the coming months.
22. A lot of time was spent in December ensuring the Christmas lights switch on events were successfully policed with officers attending Cross Gates, Garforth, Kippax and Methley on their relevant days.
23. Body worn video is now being rolled out and issued with ward officers and PCSOs being fully trained to use them on a daily basis.

### **Environmental Sub Group**

24. The Environmental Sub Group met on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. At the meeting the group received updates on OE issues from Highways, Housing, Localities, Parks, Waste Management and Flood Management. Highlights include:
  - **Highways** confirmed claims against the department are the lowest for many years; the gully service will be transferring to Locality; request for East Leeds Leisure Centre signage on Selby Road to be removed
  - **Locality** confirmed main number of requests is for bulky waste removal; a clean Leeds event was delivered in February;
  - **Flood Defence** confirmed that in light of last year's flooding more staff were retained over Christmas period

- **Housing** has begun walkabouts and always welcome more attendees; use of Community Payback to assist on projects
- **Waste Management** has plenty in hand for 2017 including charging for overfills and sorting at waste sites; garden waste collections resumed at end of February; December was lowest ever complaints to the service
- **Parks** confirmed the entrance to Primrose Valley from Halton is being improved.

25. The next OE Environmental Sub Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**.

### **Derelict & Nuisance Sites**

26. **Appendix 1** provides an update on progress made with the Derelict & Nuisance Property Programme over the previous 12 months. It also sets out the strategy for continuing to deal with problematic buildings and sites over the forthcoming 12 months. In Outer East the registered priority site is the former Halton Moor pub. Meetings are progressing between Regeneration and the site owners.

### **Community Engagement**

#### **The Great Get Together: 17th – 18th June 2017**

27. On the 17th & 18th June 2017, the UK's biggest ever community events, celebrating all that we hold in common will be delivered. The celebrations will be based around communities and neighbours coming together to share a meal over the weekend of 17-18 June, marking the anniversary of Jo Cox's murder. Events could range from street parties and shared barbecues to picnics and bake-offs. It is hoped that these events, held in every corner of the country, will prompt a moment of national reflection and a celebration of what binds us together. Most of all it will be an excuse to simply get together and build stronger communities.

28. The process of encouraging as many members of the public as possible to sign up to 'The Great Get Together' and commit to coming together with their neighbours to share a meal this summer has started. The aim is to have over 10 million people take part in events across the country. This event has been inspired by Jo Cox, but it is expected that people will take part for many different reasons. It will be strictly non-partisan and open to all.

29. The Big Lunch, who coordinated the nationwide Diamond Jubilee community parties, has moved its date to coincide and join forces with 'The Great Get Together'.

30. Members are asked to invite groups to apply for small grants to support events in the outer east area.

## Outer East Community Committee Newsletter

31. The Communities Team produces a newsletter highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting and workshop. The Communities Team circulates the newsletter to their contacts and via social media. This is attached as **Appendix 2**.

## Social media

32. The Outer East Community Committee Facebook highlights 7 Dec 2016 - 6 March 2017, top four most popular posts ('post clicks' to expand the text + 'reactions, comments or shares') are shown on **Appendix 3**.

33. Whilst still leading the way, the page has gained a further 133 new page 'likes' in the last 12 weeks and currently has 1,642 followers, which is 223% more than the next most popular Community Committee page.

34. Two things to note:

- 'Reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'Engagement' is number of reactions, comments or shares. Engagement is a better marker for seeing if people are interested in the posts because they need to interact with it. Eg a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read/expand it, the engagement is 0.

## Community Centres

35. In July 2014, it was agreed Community Committees would consider free lettings based on the priorities for their area. This came into effect for letting renewals running starting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. The total value of free lets authorised to date was **£58,753.00**. The total additional free lets approved in the Outer East area thus far this financial year is **£4,219.00**, giving a total cost to date of **£62,972.00**.

Community Centre	Organisation	Ward	Start date	End date	Value
Fieldhead CC	Fieldhead Carr Primary	CG&W	11.03.16	08.08.16	£126.00
Allerton Bywater Y&A Centre	LCC Youth Service	K&M	14.04.16	14.04.16	£71.50
Fieldhead CC	LCC Youth Service	CG&W	13.04.04	13.04.16	£33.00
Swarcliffe CC	Seacroft Manston Cluster	CG&W	17,19,25 May - 06,13,17,22 June	17,19,25 May - 06,13,17,22 June	£85.00
Swarcliffe CC	Seacroft Manston Cluster	CG&W	26 May, 7 & 9 June	26 May, 7 & 9 June	£90.00
Allerton Bywater Y&A Centre	Leeds Youth Service	K&M	01.09.16	31.08.17	£2,304
Allerton Bywater MW Hall	Allerton Bywater FC	K&M	05.10.16	31.05.17	£450.00
Micklefield Y&A Centre	Leeds Youth Service	K&M	04.08.16	04.08.16	£42.00
Methley Village Centre	Leeds Youth Service	K&M	16.08.16	16.08.16	£42.00
Micklefield Y&A Centre	Micklefield TRA	K&M	31.10.16	31.10.16	£40:00
Methley Village Centre	MV Lights switch on	K&M	02.12.16	02.12.16	£35.00

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Allerton Bywater MW Hall	St. Marys Scout Group	K&M	22.11.16	28.03.17	£940.50
<b>Total</b>					<b>£4,219.00</b>

### **Recommendations**

36. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

### **Background documents**

37. There are no background documents associated with this paper.