

**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**

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### **1. Purpose of report**

1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group business as well as a general update on other project activity.

### **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 11 January, 8 February, and 8 March 2017.

3.2 The following issues were discussed:

#### Planning Policy

The Government's Housing White Paper and its implications for the Inner North West are a key concern for the sub group, especially with regard to securing sufficient affordable housing units and financial contributions from development in the area.

### Neighbourhood Forums and Plans

In Headingley and Hyde Park neighbourhood plans continue to be developed, but are at different places in that process. It is hoped that both can be brought to a position where they can go for referenda at the May 2018 Local Elections.

Discussions have started regarding the possibility of merging the Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse forums together.

### Key Messages

The INW Planning Group would like the Council to continue to support neighbourhood forums and planning development, and make use of recent legislation to make producing a Neighbourhood Plan easier.

The sub group also states that enforcement continues to be an ongoing issue across the area. The Group acknowledges the progress made by planning enforcement officers, but that this progress needs to continue, despite the budgetary pressures on the Planning Service and Council as a whole.

### **3.3 Environment Sub Group**

The Environment Sub Group met on 10 January 2017. The following key issues were discussed:

- The meeting received an update from the new WNW Locality Team manager. There was a general discussion regarding issues such as problems with leaf collection this year, graffiti issues, and the bonfire strategy for Woodhouse Moor as part of the Council's bonfire night celebration programme.
- There was an update from Parks & Countryside; Leeds Quality Park assessments are coming up in July and volunteers were sought to help with assessments.
- Provisional plans for the Royal Park School site were also brought to the meeting for discussion.

### **3.4 Key Messages**

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group.

### **Children & Young People Sub Group**

**3.5** Elected Members of the Children and Young people's sub group met on 4 January 2017. The following key issues were discussed:

- The sub group received an update from Children's Services regarding the current dataset. The data provided included information such as NEET numbers, free school meal eligibility numbers, and statistics regarding performance of schools in the area. Members of the group discussed the data and provision given the changes or disbandment of school clusters in the area.
- The Communities Team West North West had held an application round for organisations to apply for Youth Activities Fund monies to encourage activities at February half term and the Easter break 2017. 10 applications were received as part of this process. The following projects were recommended for approval:

- Cardigan Centre Youth Café - £4,146
- Little London and Rosebank Global Gangs - £1,743
- Weetwood Youth Activities pot of funding - £5,500
- Meanwood Friday Night Club and Activity weeks - £2,394
- Urban Arts Holiday Programme - £4,744
- City Varieties Young People's Takeover Festival - £5,670

These applications have now received approval from the Inner North West Community Committee and have been signed off by delegated decision.

### 3.6 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Children & Young People's Sub Group.

## 4. 'Best City To Grow Old In' Workshop

4.1 On 20 February a topic workshop was held at the new OPAL Welcome In Community Centre. The purpose of the workshop was to explore how to make Leeds 'The Best City to Grow Old in' for residents in the Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards.

A presentation was received on the issue, followed by roundtable discussions with attendees. People were asked to consider:

- What good examples of being age friendly do you know about in your community?
- What is not being done that could be done?
- What can you offer to make your community more age friendly?

People attended from a variety of different organisations including CALLs, OPAL, Better Leeds Communities and Christians Against Poverty.

The event provided an opportunity for people to meet and share ideas. One key idea included exploring the possibility of developing a 'Take a Seat' campaign in the area. This is where local businesses offer a seat for people to use, without any pressure to purchase anything. It is a project that could be promoted by the local community and encouraged amongst local businesses.

## 5. Free Lets

5.1 Under the pricing policy for community centres, free lets are now agreed on an individual basis. The table below details the free lets that have been agreed in the Inner North West area since the new pricing policy started and the financial value that this represents to the council:

Little London CC	Caring Together	£42.00
Meanwood CC	Playscheme	£55.00

Little London CC	RETAS Leeds	£1,000.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	£9.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	£24.00
Meanwood CC	Leeds Woodcraft Folk	£2,080.00
Meanwood CC	Leeds Youth Service	£1881.60
Little London CC	Caring Together	£312.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	£5.00
Little London CC	Caring Together	£24.00
Little London CC	Little London Art	£1,170.00
Little London CC	NW1 FamilyService Team	£161.25
Meanwood CC	Meanwood Valley Woodcraft	£264.00
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	£75.00
Little London CC	Bahar AFG Womens Association	£3,622.50
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	£10.00
Little London CC	Community Action LL & Servias	£75.00
Little London CC	Money Buddies	£840.00
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	£70.00
Little London CC	Hamara Centre	£195.00
Little London CC	Bahar AFG Women's Association	£35.50
Meanwood CC	Royal Voluntary Service	£10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,960.25</b>

## 6. Area update newsletter

6.1 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 1** is the latest INW area update newsletter for Members information.

## 7. Corporate considerations

### 7.1 Consultation and engagement

7.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

### 7.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

7.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

### **7.3 Resources and value for money**

7.3.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

### **7.4 Legal implications, access to information and call in**

7.4.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

## **8. Risk management**

8.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

## **9 Conclusion**

9.1 This report provides members with an update on recent sub group business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team West North West.

## **10 Recommendations**

10.1 Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the key messages from sub groups.
- Note the discussions highlighted following the Best City to Grow Old in workshop on 20 February 2017.
- Note the community centre free lets approved since the last meeting
- Note the Inner North West Community Committee update newsletter.