

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 Information

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 was a sub group meeting held on 24th April. The following items were discussed:

- An Inner West Children and Young People event is being planned for Friday 13th October 2017 in Civic Hall Banqueting Suite. Communication is underway with schools across the 3 wards to invite them and to encourage attendance. This day long event will be an opportunity to discuss with young people what activities they would like to see funded through the Youth Activities Fund and to talk about what they like or not about where they live. This will be an interactive event where children will learn about local democracy and we would like as many of the Inner West Councillors to attend as possible.
- An update was provided on the anti social behaviour issues that have been encountered in Bramley in recent months. A number of actions are been taken to

resolve this matter including discussions and warnings to young people and parents/ guardians; Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs); Housing cautions; Injunction warnings and youth injunctions.

- A discussion was had about children's play and types of imaginative 'non standard' play that may aid discussions about a number of upcoming new play areas in the Inner West.
- Information was shared about projects for young people that had been funded for the year ahead. It was agreed that a leaflet would be put together to summarise all the YAF funded projects.

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

The Environment Sub Group met on 21st April and the meeting was held at the RERF (recycling and energy recovery facility) in Cross Green. Prior to the meeting, a tour of facility had been arranged which was well received by the group.

At the meeting, an update was provided by each service, and Members highlighted some areas for further investigation including:

- Alternative /cheaper car parking solutions for Kirkstall
- Monitor fly-tipping after the charge for the bulky waste collection is introduced
- Link up local volunteers to Services to help with clean ups

Parks requested Wellbeing funding from the Kirkstall Members to produce promotional material to promote the 43 mile Northwest Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways (NWLCP&GG) trail which runs through the ward.

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

Armley

Better Together Public Health contracts started in April 2017 working exclusively in 10% most deprived neighbourhoods. For Armley they are: Wyther Park; Carr Crofts-Cedars-Wesley; Mistress Lane-Nancroft Lane; Armley Grove Place-Hall Lane; Outgang Lane-Raynviles and Holdforth-Clyde Approach.

This contracts prime objective is outreach, targeting citizens who are socially isolated and are not connected to their communities and services which may help improve and maintain their health and wellbeing. The outreach activities will involve going out and actively seeking residents by door knocking, outreach buses, meeting them in informal settings. Better Together operates across the West in the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods. Contact: Tracy.Lenihan@barca-leeds.org Tel:0113 295 1043

The secondary objective of the Better Together contract is to refer residents to 'One You'- the New Integrated Healthy Living Service. This contract will also include the free Health Trainer service as well as services for smoking cessation, weight management and a pathway to Forward Leeds for substance misuse, drug addictions and alcohol dependencies. This service links closely to Better Together and all of the city wide social prescription services. These contracts all offer a 'no wrong door policy'. The

service goes live on the 1st October 2017 and will have strong links to local GP practices, surgeries and medical centres. One You will be targeting the 20 % most deprived neighbourhoods, however citizens will not be turned away from other areas who wish to access the service. For more information and comments on the new service during its mobilisation period please contact: Emma.Strachan@leeds.gov.uk
Tel: 0113 378 6064

Bramley

Better Together will operate in the following areas in Bramley using the same approach as above. The areas are: St Catherine's; Waterloo Lane-Landseer's; Waterloo Way-Rossefields and Fairfields.

A Breathe Easy Support group launch event is planned for Bramley. This is organised by the British Lung Foundation, supported by local practices (e.g. Manor Park Practice). It is planned to have a local support group for people with Coronary Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD-Lung Disease). This in a similar fashion to the Diabetes's support group helps residents to manage the condition and live healthy lives. There has been a successful pilot run in the East. The vision is this will have significant benefit to local people living with lung disease. This project is being supported by the new 'Clinical Commissioning Groups'. Contact: laura.able@blf.org.uk
<https://www.blf.org/whatwedo>

Best Start Bramley is currently looking at ways to increase local parents, guardians and carers about some of the early start services available in the area for the 0 to 2 age group. The Cluster team and Children's centre Services are building a new website and for older community members more traditional leaflets have been produced. Summer events are also to be planned to increase service awareness e.g. pop up in Bramley Shopping Centre.

Due to a low uptake of Breast Feeding Friendly Initiative Information Packs this is going to be revisited as a priority topic by the city wide team and the Best Start in Bramley steering group.

Lastly the promotion of Baby Boxes containing a kit of useful resources for new parents will be launched in late summer. More details will be made available when the plan has been finalised for each priority neighbourhood.

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

The Workplace Leeds (Leeds Mind) contract commissioned by Employment and Skills to support individuals with low to moderate mental health has concluded its pilot year. The contract enables 2 dedicated staff to work alongside Jobshop staff supporting customers who are actively looking for work but are experiencing low to moderate mental health. The intention is to share experience, knowledge and skills to enable staff to feel more confident in dealing with and supporting customers. The pilot has been running in 3 sites one of which is Armley, 23 customers have been taken onto case load and 7 have been supported into work. Year 2 of the contract will now focus on building on this good practice and concentrate on further developing capacity within the staff team.

From January 2017 NEET IAG workers were appointed to work in the Hubs. A worker has been allocated to the west he is based in Armley (3 days) and Bramley (2 days) in total 26 Young people have been supported and 27 referrals have been made into

appropriate provision. Staff will support on the NEET sweeps in Broadleas and Fairfields.

Personal Work Support Programme (Council Tax support) continues to be offered at Armley Hub, to date 158 customers have participated in the support programme and 41 job outcomes have been achieved.

Recently two new ESIF contracts have been awarded for the city Workroutes which is delivered by Reed and Partners this offers support to unemployed people aged 18 + who have been unemployed for up to 1 year. STEP's which is working with those unemployed for over 12mths, both contracts have the opportunity to link up with work being undertaken or planned within the localities.

The Jobshop at Bramley Hub which is offered 1 day per week has had 85 visits and 18 job outcomes.

During 2016/17 Armley Jobshop had 512 new people register with the Jobshop, there were 3609 visits made to the service and 386 job outcomes were achieved.

7 Planning Sub Group – Inner North West

Nicole checking with Clr Walshaw

8 Armley Forum

Since the Committee last met the Armley Forum is now bimonthly. The Armley Forum last met on the 21st March. There was a Community Led Forum on the 18th April.

At the March meeting there was an update provided by Highways and a PCSO attended to offer advice and provided useful information about Crime Reduction, this was additional to the standard Police Update.

The Community Led Forum took place for the first time on the 18th April, this was led by Councillors and residents.

9 Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum

The last Bramley & Stanningley Forum was held on Thursday 30th March. The following items were discussed:

- Local Highways issues, and in particular pedestrian safety at the new zebra crossing on Bramley Town Street next to Moorfields.
- Anti-social behaviour by young people on the Gramhamthorpe, The Warrels, Hough Lane and on the Fairfields. Police were in attendance to take reports from concerned members of the public and provide an update on the action being taken.
- Officers from Housing Leeds provided a review of the last year which included information on lettings, annual home visits and estate walkabouts.
- An update on the topics covered at the previous Inner West Community Committee was given by Councillor Ritchie.

Tracey from BARCA provided an update on the Wise Up To Cancer campaign and New Models of Care pilot taking place in Armley.

10 Community Centre Pricing Policy

A decision has been taken to introduce a limit on the value of discounted lettings to be approved by each Community Committee in 2017/18. All hirers will pay a minimum of 25% of the published community rate.

11 Parkswatch Changes

The Parkswatch service transferred to Safer Leeds from Parks in 2013. The service was responsible for patrolling green spaces and parks, locking and unlocking cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions and occasional work with West Yorkshire Police. There have been 6 officers undertaking Parkswatch patrols, delivering this service through 2 shifts. The team undertook a 4 on / 4 off shift pattern working seasonal hours. Over the last few months, intensive work has been undertaken to modernise and redesign the Parkswatch service.

In 2015, Leedswatch proposed and began the process of undertaking a redesign of the service in an attempt to integrate the Parkswatch service into the wider Safer Leeds Patrol Team. This work has now been completed and is due to commence in April 2017. The new team comprises of 20 officers (working a 5 shift work pattern) undertaking a wider range of duties including: patrolling of green spaces and parks, opening and closing cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions, patrolling of estates to prevent ASB, responding to LCC alarm calls, routine patrols to LCC assets, patrolling of industrial estates where this is a paid for service and partnership working with other services including West Yorkshire Police. Work has also commenced on joining up the work of the Safer Leeds Officer Patrol Team with the Councils ASB team in an attempt to find sustainable solutions to some of the ASB type problems the team encounters.

The redesigned service provides a more flexible approach that can better respond to the needs of residents, businesses and partners. The service will be delivered using both cars and off-road bikes with Leedswatch livery. The service seeks to continue with this approach but has identified that the use of cars will be more predominant than the use of off-road bikes. Work has been undertaken to check access to all our parks and green spaces and where operationally necessary some Safer Leeds Officers will continue to use off-road bikes. Work with partners, including West Yorkshire Police, will continue and actually be enhanced through the wider remit of the team and increased partnership work with LASBT.

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