

**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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Locality Team. As part of the Parks & Countryside update, the Country Parks and Green Gateways initiative was presented to the sub group. The initiative aims to link up areas of countryside, parks and trails to form one big country park. There are currently two of these parks being developed in Leeds, West Leeds Country Park and North West Leeds Country Park. The North West Country Park encompasses part of the INE CC area in that it includes Sugarwell Hill and Meanwood Park. The initiative involves proposals for

leaflets and interpretation boards as well as a website. Funding is required to progress and Parks & Countryside are taking the proposals to all CC Environmental Sub Groups seeking in principle support. Updates were also received on the commencement of the grass cutting season. It was confirmed that as part of budget savings, grassed areas on arterial routes would be receiving fewer cuts in order to make savings on traffic management costs.

5. Waste Management provided an update on the commencement of garden waste collections with the service reporting high presentation but no major issues to report. An update was also provided in respect of ongoing discussions with crews to implement operational changes that will achieve £1.6m budget savings. The changes inevitably mean that up to 200,000 households in the city could see a change to their collection day, but the service will be writing to residents in June to communicate the changes.
6. An Environmental Service Level Agreement (ESLA) update was distributed. Further updates were also provided on the ongoing partnership work being undertaken by Localities and Waste Management to address issues on the Beckhill estate.

#### Wellbeing Advisory Group

7. 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.
8. Final funding decisions have been reached by the committee for the 2017 Youth Activity Fund Summer Activities. 12 activities have been funded totalling £43,428.52 and details are contained in the Wellbeing Report for the Committee's reference. There are a wide range of activities including 7 of the top 10 activities compiled from the recent INE Youth Summit and covering all INE wards. Funding agreements have been issued to successful applicants so that they can begin planning their provision. Promotion of activities will also be planned with providers to ensure that activities are widely advertised and participation is high. Monitoring inspections will also be scheduled for all activities and committee members will be invited to attend.

### **Neighbourhood Improvement**

#### **Chapelton**

9. Two events will be taking place in Chapelton for The Great Get Together funded through the INE Community Committee. One will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at The Reginald Centre with a large feast and activities for the community. There will also

be a Great Iftar event on 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Islamic Centre to celebrate the end of the fast. Partners have been coming together to improve outcomes for young people in Chapeltown and actions are being developed from this to consider commissioning processes and accessing funding opportunities.

10. Options are being considered for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapeltown Carnival in discussion with carnival organisers and partner organisations to try and ensure the event is safe and successful.
11. The Chapeltown neighbourhood watch group is looking into events across Chapeltown to help promote services around social isolation, keeping the area clean and working closely with WYP to tackle crime.

### **Meanwood**

12. Team Beckhills hosted their first fun day on the estate organised by residents and Stainbeck Church Community outreach development enterprise and funded from the Chapel Allerton Ward Members Wellbeing pot. This was to celebrate work starting on the steps and pavements on the estate and promoted community cohesion and involvement. Team Beckhills continue to work on issues locally and are currently arranging a clean-up day with support from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and Waste management. The group also took a deputation to full council to put a case forward to the capital budget for money to complete the whole estate in terms of environmental improvements.
13. Three of the seven estates featured in the 10 day Meanwood Festival celebration for the first time with street parties in the Stonegate, Farm Hill and Sugarwell estates. Residents enjoyed lots of fun and activities including a photo booth and then their picture could then be picked up for free at the Meanwood Festival Fun day.

### **Community Champions**

14. Work is ongoing to develop the role of the Community Champions. A Community Champions meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to discuss working relationships, challenges and priorities and also for the INE CC Chair to discuss appointments for the coming year which will be agreed by the Community Committee at the June meeting.

#### Environment Champion – Cllr Hamilton

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

## Community Safety Champion – Cllr Rafique

16. The local Neighbourhood Police Team has reported some good reductions in relation to Burglary Dwelling. HANOI offences (vehicle stolen with keys after breaking into the house) are still being reported but these have also reduced considerably from the period leading up to the New Year. There has also been a steady decline in 'Theft from Motor Vehicle' offences. Unfortunately most of these are opportunistic crimes where insecure vehicles and vehicles with items left on display have proved easy overnight pickings. PCSO'S are out on a daily basis trying to identify vulnerable vehicles and warning the owners before they become potential victims.
17. A major crackdown on the organised supply of heroin and cocaine in Leeds has seen 17 people arrested in a series of raids across the city. The operation, led by specialist officers from Leeds District Serious Organised Crime Unit and West Yorkshire Police Protective Service Crime, has seen warrants executed and searches conducted at 43 addresses in Harehills, Chapeltown, Seacroft, Gipton, Meanwood, Kirkstall, Woodhouse, Little London, Rothwell and Morley. A handgun, drugs, cash, vehicles and more than 60 mobile phones have been seized during searches. Of those arrested, a total of 13 have been charged with offences relating to the supply of Class A drugs.
18. In relation to the recent terrorist incidents and the increase in threat level to 'Critical' – Operation OPALWAY was instigated. This plan relates to the police providing High Visibility Reassurance at key/iconic locations across West Yorkshire. This involved both armed and unarmed officers across the county working 12hr shifts to increase visibility. Locally these included Roundhay Park and Chapel Allerton Hospital as well as places of worship for all faiths. Due to the sheer scale of the incidents West Yorkshire Police has also been supporting colleagues in Manchester with Mutual Aid Resources as the investigation continues. This is both on a general policing level involving local officers as well as specialist WYP resources. The threat level has since been reduced to 'Severe', but much work continues in the background. There has been no noticeable increase in tensions or Hate Crime in the local area.

## Adult Social Care Champion – Cllr Macniven

19. The Chapeltown Neighbourhood Care Management team has now settled in its base at Tribeca House, co-located since January with the community matrons and district nurses from Leeds Community Health. This has helped cement and develop further the working relationships between social workers, OT's and health colleagues. The Meanwood Neighbourhood Care Management team has similarly been in its collocated base at Rutland Lodge with health colleagues for coming up to a year, with a celebratory team event for the staff taking place at the end of June.
20. The Chapeltown Team has been a Strengths Based Social Care innovation site since January. A local Talking Point is being established at the Reginald Centre to which people referred to Adult Social Care will be invited to come to a booked appointment to

discuss their concerns. Initially, one session a week will be held from late June onwards, with one of the key benefits being that staff can begin to get to know the other services based there and make best use of community resources. The Meanwood Team is also seeking to establish a Talking Point over the coming months but has yet to determine the best location.

#### Health and Wellbeing Champion – Cllr Taylor

21. During February-March 2017, local GPs and senior leaders across the Leeds health and care system attended each of the 10 Community Committees to engage local elected members and communities on the ongoing development of the Leeds Health and Care Plan. At Inner North East Community Committee this took the form of a workshop led by Nigel Gray (Chief Officer, NHS Leeds CCGs) alongside local GPs Dr Hasantha Jayasinghe (Chapelton Family Surgery) and Dr Jonathan Adams (St Martins Practice).
22. For Leeds to change its health and care outcomes, the city recognises the need to change not only services, but the conversation with the public. It is essential that as local communities and as a city there is a shared understanding of what changes need to occur and what each person's role is whether citizen, patient or professional.
23. The emerging Leeds Health and Care Plan will be discussed at the public Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board on 20 June 2017 to seek approval to progress a city-wide conversation. The city has identified four key programmes as our collective priority areas:
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    - **Prevention (“Living a healthy life to keep myself well”)** – Helping people stay well, keep active and feel good about themselves.
    - **Proactive Care & Self-Management (“Health and care services working with me in my community”)** – Providing help and support to people who are ill or at risk of becoming ill, or those who have ongoing conditions. The help will enable them to do as much as they can to look after themselves and manage their condition to remain healthy and independent while living normal lives at home with their loved ones.
    - **Optimising Secondary Care (“Hospital care only when I need it”)** – Reducing the length of time people stay in hospital so they can return to their homes and loved ones as soon as safe to do so.
    - **Urgent Care and Rapid Response (“I get rapid help when needed to allow me to return to managing my own health in a planned way”)** – Making sure people with an urgent health or care need are supported by the right professionals at the right time.
25. The full document describing the development of the emerging Leeds Health and Care Plan can be viewed at:  
<http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s162207/9a%20Leeds%20Health%20Care%20Plan%20Appx%20A.pdf>

and the summary Health and Wellbeing Board report can be viewed at:

<http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s162206/9%20Leeds%20Health%20Care%20Plan.pdf>

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

26. The East North East Employment and Skills Board last met on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. At that meeting the Board received a briefing on the 'Work Routes' programme being delivered by Reed in Partnership across Leeds and Bradford. Work Routes helps unemployed people find and sustain employment, improving their skills and employability and creating a personal plan. Regular 1-1 personal guidance is available as well as group training, financial support and exclusive local job vacancies.
27. In terms of ESOL, the Board noted that successful 'graduation' events had taken place at The Reginald Centre and further similar events were being planned to celebrate local progress with ESOL. The Board also received updates against its priorities and established the following priorities for 2017/18 – 1) improving digital capacity, 2) improve the engagement of residents to connect to local provision, 3) improve business engagement, 4) availability of ESOL programmes and 5) support ESA claimants.
28. Stronger links are now being established between the East Leeds Employment Support Network and the Board to ensure local employment support providers are able to influence the Board's priorities and any persistent local issues can be escalated to the Board. The Network has recently been extended to include the priority neighbourhoods of Chapeltown and Meanwood. The East Leeds Network has agreed to focus on one or two priorities at each meeting, so that in depth discussions can take place and local views can be fed into the Board. The Network's recent meeting focused on improving digital capacity and improving the engagement of residents to connect to local provision. In terms of digital capacity, the group received presentations from the Council's Digital Engagement Librarian and also on the Get Technology Together project. Partners are currently looking at how to build on these initiatives to benefit local residents in Inner East and Inner North East Leeds. Under the umbrella of the Board, partners are now working together to deliver 'Learning Market' events in early September to help engage local people to adult learning provision at The Reginald Centre and Compton Centre. In addition, Employment and Skills colleagues are working with the Chapeltown and Meanwood Area Officer to look at learning activities at Stainbeck Church in Meanwood.
29. The next meeting of the Board is currently being re-arranged for late June / early July 2017.

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

30. Following the successful INE Youth Summit in January 2017, the results of the engagement with the area's young people has been used to shape YAF allocation for the 2017 Summer Activities funding round. Members of the Wellbeing Advisory Group

with the inclusion of the Children and Young People's Champion and INE CC Chair have considered the applications received and made recommendations to the wider committee for approval. 12 activities have been approved spanning the Inner North East area and covering 7 of the 'Top 10' activity types that was collated from the Youth Summit engagement. These include multi-sports, adventurous activities, making music, making movies, drama, play scheme and dance.

31. All the successful providers have been informed and Funding Agreements have been issued. As detailed in paragraph 9 of this report, Communities Team officers will now be working closely with the groups to ensure that activities are widely promoted and inspections will be planned in with committee members and the INE Children and Young People's Champion. In addition, the Voice and Influence team have created a 'You Said, We Did' document, with some of the information from the Youth Summit engagement and how the INE CC has used it to shape funding allocation for 2017. This document has been sent to all the providers who took part in the Youth Summit so that they can share it with their young people.

## **Community Events**

### **32. Beckhill Fun Day**

With the support of CODE and funding from the Chapel Allerton War Members Wellbeing pot, residents from the Beckhills estate organised a community fun day to promote community cohesion and involvement. The fun day took place at Stainbeck Church on 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm and Chapel Allerton Ward Members and over 100 local residents attended. Food and drink was served and a DJ hosted. There were lots of fun activities including a craft street sign competition, face painting and football. In view of the ongoing regeneration work on the estate, Oliver Priestly, Highway Projects Manager, attended to speak to residents and on-site contractors joined in with the event.

### **33. Meanwood Festival & Street Parties**

Another successful Meanwood Festival took place over 10 days leading up to the culmination on Spring Bank Holiday Monday with the Meanwood Fun Day. As detailed in paragraph 14, this year efforts were made to link in the priority neighbourhoods to the festival with street parties organised in the Stonegate, Farm Hill and Sugarwell estates. Both the main festival and street parties were supported with Wellbeing funding from the Inner North East Community Committee.

### **34. Great Get Together (GGT) Events**

The Inner North East Community Committee agreed to set aside £1,500 of Area-wide Wellbeing funding to support the Great Get Together (GGT), a national initiative to promote community cohesion in memory of Jo Cox. At the time of writing this report, numerous events are planned across the Inner North East area, ranging from smaller street parties to larger events like the one planned at The Reginald Centre and the Big Iftar which will be taking place at the Islamic Centre. Feedback from the events

happening over the weekend of 17/18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 will be provided to the Committee at the meeting in September.

### **Communications & Social Media**

35. 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 458 people, an increase from 422 at the time of the last Community Committee in March 2017. Page Views, Page Likes, Reach and Post Engagements are all up from the previous period. 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**

36. Following the workshop and associated report at the INE CC meeting in September 2016, the draft Leeds Culture Strategy 2017-30 is now out for public consultation. The draft strategy document can be found at <http://leedsculturestrategy.co.uk/> and the ENE Communities Team have helped to promote the consultation through social media and partners.

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

### **Conclusion**

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

### **Recommendations**

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