



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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OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – UPDATE REPORT

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 and Families – Cllr Helen Hayden

2. The last meeting of the Outer East Children and Families Sub Group was held on Thursday 1 June 2017 and the most recent was scheduled to be held on Thursday 7 September. A verbal report will be provided for Members at today's meeting.

Housing

2.1 HAP Review

Housing Leeds is carrying out a review of Housing Advisory Panels (HAPs) during 2017 with 4 main areas in scope:

- How HAPs can work more closely with Community Committees;
- How HAPs can become more connected and relevant to local communities and the wider tenant base;
- How HAPs can link with and support the developing Priority Wards and Priority Neighbourhoods and

- How HAPs can ensure they spend money wisely – both in terms of focussing their resources funding the right projects and activities and in helping improve our approach as whole in securing external funding.

As part of the review the service is seeking the views of HAPs, officers involved in HAPs, wider tenants, and Ward Members.

Housing Leeds has made a commitment to involve the Community Committees in the review and is finalising the best way to approach this engagement. This will include meeting community committee chairs to introduce the review scope and attending the community committee meetings during November and December.

2.2 Outer South East Housing Advisory Panel

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 11th September at East Garforth Community Centre. The budget still stands at £43,000 which is significantly reduced from last year. At the June meeting the Panel agreed to have a cap of £5,000 on projects submitted.

2.3 Halton Moor Kicks Project & City Wide initiative

The football on a Friday is still a success and continues to maintain high levels of attendance. It continues throughout the summer with slightly different times of 4pm-6pm. Due to the success of the scheme and to compliment the rest of the work LUFC Foundation do, Cllr. Coupar asked partners including Youth & Housing Leeds to explore the possibilities of rolling the programme out city wide with Halton Moor being the flagship scheme. As part of the process the Tenant Engagement team have worked with Leeds Community Safety & Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to produce data (as we did with Halton Moor) to highlight the top ten crime and ASB areas across the city, related to youth. This data then determines where best to deliver the projects. Next steps are to work up schemes and look at funding for delivering the KICKs project in these areas. Areas currently being worked on are Beeston, Holbeck & Middleton.

2.4 Community Events

Leeds Federated Housing Association, working with Housing Leeds, BITMO and First Bus, have developed the HUGO project to help people who are getting left behind in the digital world.

The Tenant Engagement Team has been taking the HUGO Bus to the following events:

- Ingleton Drive Halton Moor – Community Clean-Up
- Appleby Place Halton Moor – Community Clean- Up
- Former Whinmoor Pub Site – consultation in community on kitchen and bathroom choices – 116 people spoken to
- Halton Moor Activity Day – Attended to increase tenant representation in the area
- HM Operation Champion – Attended to increase resident involvement
- Embleton Activity Day – Consult with young people on greenspace.

3 Updates by theme: Employment, Skills and Welfare – Cllr Pauleen Grahame

3.1 Major work at Thorpe Park continues and the estimated dates are:

- Manston Lane Relief Road – started on site July 17 (prep works), should be completed by February 2018
- New bridge – contract due to start on site end August and will be completed February 2018. EAG team have engaged with the contractor re local E&S opportunities
- Housing development now delayed. Unlikely to start on site before 2018
- Construction of new A2 office building – start on site Autumn 2017
- Very successful launch event on 24 April to mark the start of construction of the retail/leisure units. Occupiers include M&S food, Arcadia, Next, TK Max and Outfit. These are due to be opened Autumn 2018
- The Odeon cinema will open in Spring 2019
- A 6 month steel work contract started on site 26 June
- Construction of A2 building due to start in Autumn 2017
- It is anticipated that the successful contractor will be on site in August 2017 for the construction of the ELOR and the road should be completed by September 2018. Awaiting name of preferred bidder

3.2 Outputs achieved so far

- Estimated 468 individuals on the development to date. These are not new jobs but count towards the overall target of 3,000 construction opportunities on the development
- 100 people into new jobs (10 from the local target wards, 21 from other Leeds postcodes, 69 non Leeds)
- 10 new apprenticeships (2 from the local target wards, 3 other Leeds postcodes and 5 non Leeds)
- 16 existing apprentices (1 Leeds postcode, 15 non Leeds) completing a total of 91 weeks on site
- 37 weeks work experience

3.3 School and community engagement activities

- 14 individual activities involving 1,335 pupils have been delivered to date
- Planned programme of school engagement events to begin in the new academic year
- GMI and Scarborough are also developing a series of presentations about the story of the Barnbow Lasses – details to be circulated

Updates by theme: Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Cllr Keith Wakefield

4. Outer East Community Committee Update report – Health and Wellbeing

4.1 South East Health and Wellbeing Forum

Work streams continue to be developed within the South East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) around the topic of Mental Health. A programme of work has been approved to deliver a range of mental health courses to professionals and community members across the area.

Over the course of 11 months there will be courses on offer from Touchstone, Community Links, Leeds Mind and Oblong to help raise awareness of mental health issues and empower people to understand, discuss and address the issues where appropriate. Courses will begin in September and run until August 2018.

4.2 Leeds Cancer Awareness Community Service

Leeds City Council has commissioned Unique Improvements to run a three year programme aimed at raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer. The programme will focus on breast, bowel and lung cancer and will work with teams of volunteers, supported by local services, to engage audiences in conversations about cancer signs and symptoms. The work will be creative, community facing and, as well as encouraging behaviour change. It will develop resilience and social capital across communities.

4.3 Leeds South and East CCG – Primary Care

Suicide Prevention – The fourth action point within the Suicide Prevention Action Plan for Leeds is to “Work with Primary Care to support the workforce and also those accessing primary care”. To progress this, a primary care suicide prevention working group will be established to ensure that primary care staff have an increased awareness of those at risk of suicide, promote social prescribing services, understand the training needs of primary care staff and increase the early identification of depression. Updates from this group and the opportunities which may arise will be fed back as appropriate.

4.4 BBV Pilot – An evaluation has been held of the blood-borne virus screening at primary care settings in Leeds. The city was the only area outside London to be awarded HIV innovation funding by the Elton John AIDS Foundation supported by Public Health England. The initial grant for HIV Screening was supplemented by all 3 CCGs who funded the laboratory costs for additional Hepatitis B & C screening. The pilot aimed to normalise and de-stigmatise BBV screening by offering all new patients, aged 16-65, the opportunity to be screened when registering in one of the identified higher prevalence GP practices across Leeds. Some headlines from the pilot highlighted that 18% (3,748 people) of the eligible new patients were screened. 49 positive cases were diagnosed in the first 12 months, 11 HIV, 30 HBV and 8 HCV, which represents a total yield of 13.1 per 1000 screens (2.9 per 1000 HIV tests, 8 per 1000 HBV tests and 2.1 per 1000 HCV tests). Testing in practices increased by 250% compared to the year prior to the pilot (8 months of the pilot compared to 8 months in the previous year). This evaluation looks at the first 12 months of the pilot and is accessible via

<http://leedssexualhealth.com/professional-area/blood-borne-virus-screening-evaluation>

- 4.5 Gypsy and Traveller healthcare** - Leeds West CCG has funded a nurse practitioner to support clinical health care of Cottingley Springs and Roadside families to improve confidence and their relationships with primary care. The role will increase awareness of the health needs of this population and develop better access. There is also an opportunity for practices to have cultural awareness training. To continue to develop this work, we are working across the CCGs to establish best practice and look to support the Gypsy and Traveller communities have better access to mainstream health care.
- 4.6 Breastfeeding friendly spaces** - Leeds Breastfeeding Friendly campaign is designed to support mums in Leeds to feel confident and comfortable to breastfeed in and around public places. Over recent years there has been an emphasis on working in partnership with local businesses and organisations who sign up to the campaign. Historically, health centres were identified as spaces in communities which are Breastfeeding Friendly with a small number of GP practices also signed up. An audit is ongoing to understand which practices are signed up to the campaign and supporting with disseminating messages and resources, this will be reflected in updates to the BFF website and the increased promotion within primary care settings.

4.7 South East Debt Forum

The South East Communities Team is identifying ways to help the debt forum and Money Buddies gain a higher priority in the East Osmondthorpe and Halton Moor area to ensure people who will benefit from the service are aware of it.

Updates by theme: Environment and Community Safety – Cllr Mary Harland

- 5.** The Environmental Sub Group met on 10th August 2017. At the meeting the group received updates on OE projects from Highways, Housing, Localities, Parks, Waste Management and Flood Management.
- 5.1** The latter included an introduction to the Skill Mill and Youth Offending Manager Jon Lund is here today to provide a brief presentation of this service.
- 5.2** Key items presented included:
- Highways: Provided updates on key spend on road improvements in the Outer East and discussed other Highways maintenance. Two roads alone are costing over £1.5m.
 - Flood Management: Flood prevention schemes have been installed in Garforth and additional schemes to further reduce any risk are being planned for Wyke Beck, Methley and Mickletown and some new homes in Kippax.

- Parks: The new entrance has been installed at Primrose Valley Park, Go Ape rope adventure is nearly set to go to planning to link with other improvements already completed at Temple Newsam included a new café and patio which, along with activities such as Cocoon bring over £1m into the city council coffers, Kippax skate park is progressing and pocket parks are being considered for all wards.
- The LCC Housing team gave a housing summary for both teams and also presented a recently completed monthly summary sheet which will be available to Members. Discussion was also held on developing Tenants and Residents Associations and it was agreed Communities and Housing will work together to create stronger feedback from residents.
- Waste Management presented details of missed bins and complaints received. There were two days of a rise in missed bins and one was when Cocoon stopped vehicles entering a street and the other was caused by cars blocking an entrance while mobile phone cables were being installed nearby.

5.3 The next OE Environmental Sub Group meeting is scheduled for November 2017.

5.4 Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

Across the Outer East Wards, 33 complaints have escalated to full investigation status as follows.

Garforth and Swillington: There are 12 open cases under investigation, one of which is a hate crime. We are working with West Yorkshire Police and Victim Support and an alleged perpetrator has been identified. The other cases are a mix of abuse and threats.

Our current ASB hotspot is the Best Buy mini market in Garforth where we are getting reports of youth nuisance. We are working with local police officers to identify the youths and will take action as required.

Cross Gates and Whinmoor: 8 open cases are under investigation, which are a mix of abuse, threats and violence.

Kippax and Methley: 8 open cases under investigation, which are a mix of threats, abuse and alcohol related incidents.

Temple Newsam: 6 open cases are under investigation, which are a mix of verbal abuse, threats and damage. Two of the cases are recorded as hate crimes and relate to youths. Several of the youths have been identified and jointly visited by LASBT and a police officer.

Leeds ride out injunction.

Working jointly with West Yorkshire Police, 4 individuals have been identified as having been responsible for causing motor cycle/quad nuisance in the Outer East area and all have been served with copies of the 'Ride Out' injunction. If any of the 4 breach the terms of the injunction they face arrest, confiscation of the motor

cycle/quad and possible imprisonment. We expect this number to rise over the remainder of the school holidays. Three of the individuals live in Temple Newsam ward where there has been previous problems with motorcycle/quad nuisance.

6 Communications

6.1 Outer East Community Committee Newsletter

The Communities Team produces a newsletter highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting. The team circulates the newsletter to contacts via social media and community hubs such as libraries. The latest newsletter is attached as **Appendix 1**.

6.2 Social media

Highlights of the Outer East Community Committee Facebook activity from 31 May 2017 – 16 August 2017 is included in **Appendix 2** and gives details of the top three most popular posts during this period.

Whilst still leading the way, the OE page has gained 137 new page 'likes' in the last 12 weeks and currently has 1,867 followers (as at 16 Aug), which is now 230% more than the next most popular Community Committee page.

The Committee is encouraged to Like and Share relevant information from the page and promote the page when possible. The quick search is: @LccOuterEast

7. Community Centres

7.1 Following a consultation exercise carried out in March / April this year, a decision was taken to remove the option of free lettings in community centres to be replaced by a maximum 75% discount available for supported organisations. This was applied to new lettings from 2nd May and to existing lettings from 5th June. All existing free lettings were automatically offered the discounted rate. Separate arrangements were made to account for costs relating to lettings made by Youth Services and Neighbourhood Networks.

7.2 The Outer East Community Committee area has 6 community centres that are directly managed by Leeds City Council. The following table shows the number of groups affected by the change in policy at each centre, the number of groups that renewed / cancelled their existing lettings, the amount of additional income achieved in year (June – March) through the discounted letting policy and the overall projected income at each centre, including income from lettings at the full community and commercial rates.

Community Centre	No. of former regular free lettings	No. of renewals	No. of cancellations	Additional income 2017/18	Overall Projected Income 2017/18
Allerton Bywater Miners Welfare Hall	3	1	2	£472.50	£1,518.50
Allerton Bywater Youth & Adult Centre	2	2	0	£415.00	£1,177.00

Fieldhead Community Centre	0	0	0	£0.00	£1,311.22
Methley Village Centre	1	1	0	£5,147.52	£7,175.52
Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre	3	3	0	£550.00	£2,803.59
Swarcliffe Community Centre	4	4	0	£6,608.29	£18,326.77
Total	13	11	2	£13,193.31	£32,312.60

7.3 All discounted lettings are due for renewal on 1st April 2018 and a process will start in the new year to determine approval of the discounted support for the following financial year.

Recommendations

8. Members are asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents

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