

**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**

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### **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 17<sup>th</sup> July. The following items were discussed:

- Patrick Fletcher, LCC head of schools funding attended the meeting and briefed the group on changes to the schools funding formula from central government. A document was circulated that showed indicative reductions and increases to schools in the Inner West. Although many schools will receive an increased budget, due to inflation costs it still represents a real terms cut.
- Outreach/ detached youth work – a full and detailed discussion was had about detached work in the Inner West – where it takes place, how often and how many young people are worked with. There was concern that lacking at the discussion was a strategic overview from a senior officer and it was agreed that Andrea Richardson and Chris Dickinson would be invited to the next meeting to provide further information on the youth service review as well as the timetable currently being delivered.

- It was agreed that quarterly ward meetings would be set up with Councillors to tie in with the production of Youth Service & Barca quarterly reports.
- The Inner West Youth Summit will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in Civic Hall Banqueting Suite and will include a Q&A session with the Lord Mayor and Councillors in the Ante Chamber. Members of the Committee who sit are Governors at Inner West Schools – please promote this event as we would like as many schools as possible to take part.

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

The Environment Sub Group met on 29<sup>th</sup> September and the following issues were discussed:

- The Cleaner Neighbourhood Team restructure is now complete and is managed by Stacey Rockcliffe. The teams cover a 5 Zone structure. New Wortley no longer falls within the Zones.
- The results of the Leeds Quality Parks initiative has been delayed and are due to be circulated in November. The Sub Group are arranging a visit to the new nursery facility Arium.
- The Hawksworth Wood action day was a success. Both residents and partners felt a sense of community spirit during the clean-up. HAP reported an understand so a discussion took place to identify possible projects.

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

##### **As part of the Armley Core Team Work**

CAREVIEW the social isolation app is scheduled to be tested in New Wortley as one of the 6 priority neighbourhoods in October 2017. The outreach team will be provided by New Wortley Community and Well Being Centre in association with the Better Together Contract team from Barca.

CAREVIEW looks to reconnect socially isolated residents back into their communities and services which may improve and maintain their overall health and wellbeing. CAREVIEW examines signs of neglect in the built environment and then allows outreach teams to engage with citizens who may require help, advice and support.

CAREVIEW is embarking on a 12 month exploratory trial to transform the prototype to a fully working model with enhanced features. One of the new features is a easy access support tool / guide to help non-health professionals and professional signpost and refer residents into an appropriate service. The experimental trial will be academically evaluated is funded by NHS England Pioneer Fund.

For more information please see CAREVIEW FAQs

##### **Care Home Employment**

As part of the core team work on wider determinants of health / vulnerable adults a study of employment opportunities at the local care/nursing and residential homes was carried out. The objective was to establish the extent of local job / career opportunities. All establishments were visited or contacted with the help of a residential home nurse form the Thornton Medical Practice. It is now hoped employment services can meet with one of the local directors of a larger care firm to establish a professional

relationship and help local people by preparing them for work in the local homes. A 70 bed residential home may reopen which could present the local population with employment vacancies.

For further information please see attached note report and question sheet.

### **Migrant Access Project in Armley**

Touchstone have recently been commissioned to deliver a migrant community project across Leeds to help and support migrants and improve migrant health, Armley will be one of the zones the project starts in. The project is an innovative approach to some of the issues Leeds faces in helping new arrivals to the city with complex social and health needs. Part of project will involve embedding community development workers in local GP practices to help health care staff and clinicians offer the best support and medical advice to migrants.

Outside of the practices specially trained peer and professional community development workers will work on integration projects to improve cohesion and help in our priority neighbourhoods. This project is in its early days, but it is hoped it will help bring diverse communities together.

### **Bramley**

Best Start in Bramley looking at the first 1001 days of a child's life from conception to age two is continuing to look at city wide and local initiatives to support local parents and guardians.

The Cluster has a brand new website to help local people engage in a strong local offer for children and families.

[www.bramleycluster.org](http://www.bramleycluster.org) or you can call Children Centre Services on Tel: 0113 386 2360, e-mail [bramleycluster@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:bramleycluster@leeds.gov.uk) or drop in to one of the Hubs at Holly Bush Primary School Annexe on Broad Lane, LS13 2JJ or the Bramley Resource Centre on Fairfield Street, LS13 3DT

A new TALK SHARE LEARN LEEDS app has been launched by Leeds City Council for parents and carers. The aim is to help 0-5s develop essential skills before starting school.

You can download it today free from your Apple or Google App store;

> <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.imactivate.childrenslearning>

It contains useful advice on how to support your child to reach their full learning potential.

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

Within the Community Committee area, there are **1,210 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)** as of March 2017, which is a 21% (325 people) **decrease** compared to the same period last year. There are 4,290 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of August 2016, which is a 0.3% (15 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.

From April to March 2017, there have been **1,776** residents accessing **Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes**, with **582 supported to secure employment** and 678 to improve their skills.

**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, 1,799 have attended and 429 (24%) have secured employment. There are currently 270 Inner West residents engaging or having completed this programme and 58 (21%) have gained employment.

One of the key developments for the city was **Victoria Gate**, as part of this development **The Casino** was created. The Casino recruited 250 people into jobs, 80% (201) were from Leeds and 32 residents from the Inner West secured employment. There were a number of initiatives to support the recruitment to these new jobs, an assessment centre aimed at **NEET young people** took place in October; a Pre-Employment Training event was held in December; and a number of information sessions across the city.

### **Armley Hub**

Information sessions were held at Armley Hub for the LIDL recruitment on 3rd August. It was very well attended with approximately 40 people attending - some of who were new to the Job Shop so new people were registered.

There was a session set up to support people completing the online applications on the 9th August ahead of the original LIDL closing date. However, due the number of applications LIDL received they closed the process ahead of schedule and so this session did not take place.

## **7 Armley Forum**

The last Armley Forums took place on 16th May, 18th July and 19th September. There was also a Community Led Forum on 20th June.

At the May meeting, officers from Highways provided an update about highways issues in the area. The Crime Prevention Officer from West Yorkshire Police also attended to discuss crime prevention measures.

In July there was an update about Planning in the area, as well as an update from the Housing Leeds Area Manager.

September's meeting focused on parks and green spaces in the Armley. There was an update about the Wade's Ranger, as well as a general update about parks in the area. An officer from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust also attended to tell residents about the project and how they can get involved.

The Armley Christmas Lights Switch on is planned for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Work is underway to finalise the details of the event.

The next Community Led Forum will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and the next Armley Forum will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## **8 Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum**

The forum met on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Eric Atkinson Centre in Bramley. The following points were noted:

- Steve McBarron, from Bramley Community Day Management Committee attended the give an update on the plans for the first Bramley Community Day taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- An update was provided from West Yorkshire Police colleagues on the plans and progress to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour by young people on the streets around Bramley Park. Interventions by Housing Leeds and a new CCTV camera, installed on the Granhamthorpe, are leading to improvements.
- Minister Caroline Heward from the Salvation Army Housing Association gave an update on the Copper Beech development on Broad Lane, including information on the activities being held in the scheme's community centre.
- Julie Botham from local community group Bramley Grows provided the background to the group, along with information on what's taking place locally, highlighting their forthcoming events.

### **Corporate**

**9 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**

**10.** 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**

11. To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups and approve the new Community Plan

**Background information**

- None