

Report of: The South East Area Leader

Report to: The Outer South Community Committee
(Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell)

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For decision

Outer South Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the communities team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the community committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Karen Bruce

2. The **Children & Families Sub Group** planned for 24th October has been postponed until later in November due to diary clashes, but when it meets again it will be discussing progress of the planned Outer South Youth Summit which is due to take place in January 2018.
3. A programme of youth activities, funded by the Community Committees Youth Activity Fund, has taken place during the summer. Throughout that time peer inspectors visited the activities and staff carried out evaluations with the young people attending so that satisfaction, success and improvements can be measured and identified.
4. In the Outer South the Mini Breeze event at Scatcherd Park was visited by the peer inspector 'Mystery Shoppers'. They found around 600 young people to be in attendance and judged that all appeared to be enjoying the activities. The two peer inspectors took part in the activities and scored it as 9/10. Both enjoyed the activities, found it easy to take part, had seen it advertised, would chose to go again and would recommend it to a

friend. The only negative that both reported was that there were long queues for everything. A more in depth look at the peer inspection report and young people surveys will take place at the sub group.

Environment: Councillor Karen Bruce

5. The **Environment sub group** met on the 22nd November at Morley Town Hall. The meeting notes have been distributed by email.
6. The sub group heard the evaluation of the Community Committee funded Site Based Gardeners scheme and discussed the proposed changes to dog controls and smoking in children's playgrounds. The consultation on these proposed changes is open for public comments until 15th December 2017 and for elected Member comments until 15th January 2018. If elected members have any further comments to feed in, please contact the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. Members of the public can complete a short survey <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=150712363857>

Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin

7. Police Ward Officers have been working closely with partners, including the Youth Service and Safer Leeds, to resolve disorder issues between young people from Rothwell and Middleton. A number of males have now been criminally processed and Safer Leeds is looking at enforcement action.
8. Ward Officers have had some success in tackling one prolific 16 year old who has been charged with an number of assaults, a Robbery, Burglary and Breach of Bail offences over recent months in Drighlington. A number of charges have been brought and Ward Officers have represented the community at recent court hearings. The most recent hearing has now been adjourned until 13th December with the juvenile subjected to residential curfew conditions set by the Judge.
9. Two males recently released from prison into the area have been carefully monitored by local police officers as part of the 'Offender Management' plan, and were subsequently returned to prison last week. Both were recalled as part of their licence conditions after officers identified them as the culprits of a number of new theft offences in Morley. These males are well known to Ward Staff and due to their prompt action the crime spree that these two offenders may have gone on to commit has been severely cut short. They should remain in prison well into the new year.
10. One of the police team's local PCSO's has been working closely with volunteers from the Tea Cosies Dementia café in Rothwell, to bring about similar dementia friendly initiatives in Morley. They held a Dementia awareness Road Show in Morley town centre on 8th November and the PCSO attended a course to allow her to train others in being Dementia Friendly. She has since provided training to staff at a local Opticians and Banking establishments in an effort to increase the awareness of Dementia and ensure that West Yorkshire Police is Dementia Friendly.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson

11. Within the Community Committee area, there are 455 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of September 2017 which is a 16% (85 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. There are 3,120 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of November 2016, which is a 0.48% (15 people) decrease compared to the same period last year
12. From April to September 2017, there have been 501 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 144 supported to secure employment and 241 to improve their skills.
13. **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 October 2015, a total of 2,552 residents have started on the programme, 26% (664) have secured employment. 134 residents from Outer South have engaged or have completed this programme, 28% (38) of these have secured employment.
14. A Disability Confident event was held in conjunction with DWP at The Point on the 12th October. The focus was to raise awareness of the new Disability Confident standard to Businesses and to offer advice and information to customers with a Disability/health condition in receipt of Employment Support Allowance. 15 Partners/Businesses attended on the day along with 80 customers of which 35 signed up to attend further workshops following the event to access opportunities with small businesses. 48 customers completed evaluations, 42 scored the event as Good/outstanding, one of the positive customer comments received "Overall an excellent idea to have such an event as this was geared towards people with disabilities, I would like to suggest that more employers be encouraged to attend future events like this"

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw

15. The Community Committee commissioned two events to celebrate the International Day of Older People which took place in October. One at Blackburn Hall in Rothwell and one at Morley Town Hall. Both events were well attended, and feedback shows, well received. The theme for this year was diversity which the event in Rothwell particularly embraced, hosting a renowned Bollywood dancer who demonstrated and then taught the older people to belly dance.
16. A new free healthy living service called "[One You Leeds](#)" which helps people improve their lifestyle and health, launched at the start of October. One You Leeds will offer programmes for people who want to change their lifestyle behaviour including: stopping smoking, managing their weight, eating more healthily, learning how to cook and being more physically active.

Frontline staff can refer clients to the service using the referral form on the health professional area of the website www.oneyouleeds.co.uk/health-professionals-referral Or

clients can self-referral online at www.oneyouleeds.co.uk/sign-up or by calling: 0800 169 4219

17. The older peoples working group will next meet on 29th January 2018 where it will discuss the possibility of digital access projects for older people in the Outer South.

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

18. The Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) meets to review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is represented by four Outer South Ward Members, Councillors Jack Dunn, David Nagle, Shirley Varley and Robert Finnigan. The panel have a budget to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects that are in line with local priorities.

19. Since the Committee last met the HAP has agreed to fund a number of projects including;

- To establish goal posts on the greenspace in Lofthouse behind Longthorpe Lane and Ramsgate.
- To install four new litter bins on the Glen sports fields in Morley.
- To match fund a number of the Festive Lights in Outer South, alongside the Community Committee and Morley Town Hall.
- The John O'Gaunts Luncheon Club Christmas meal, with transport, for elderly residents
- Match funded the Carlton Village Christmas party with the Community Committee
- Match funding towards the Outer South Community Committee's Community Heroes event.

20. Housing Leeds are carrying out a citywide review of HAPs during 2017 and are currently consulting with elected Members, residents and partners www.leeds.gov.uk/hapreview as to what this revised service should look like. All interested parties are encouraged to follow the link and carry out the survey to aid informed and responsive changes.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

21. On the 21st October 2015 the Council's Executive Board approved a process for the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy; The CIL is a non-negotiable charge on many new buildings in £s per square metre on gross internal floor area. Developments become liable at grant of planning permission (or as they start to be built if no planning permission is required) and the Demand Notice (invoice) is sent when works commence on site. CIL payments are then made in

22. It was agreed that a percentage of this money should be reinvested into the local area where the development has taken place and spend of this percentage should be agreed locally. Any planning applications approved prior to 6th April 2015 are not subject to a CIL contribution

23. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee, and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood fund'. It can be spent on (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; Or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. Executive Board has set out guidance on the process here.

<https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s137749/CIL%20Report%20Appendix%201%20091015.pdf>

24. In the Outer South this means that the money for Morley North and Morley South will be administered by Morley Town Council, monies for Rothwell and Ardsley & Robin Hood will be administered by the Outer South Community Committee.

25. It is recommended that in Outer South the CIL allocated to the committee is spent in the ward which generated it, and Communities team officers are asked to work with ward members to develop an expenditure plan.

Outer South Community Heroes event 2017

26. The Outer South Community Committee held its annual Community Heroes awards ceremony on **Thursday 12th October at Morley Town Hall.**

27. There were a number of changes to how the event was organised this year, in response to feedback from previous years. Everyone who has worked with the Community Committee and received funding in the past year received a certificate in the post, thanking them for their contribution to their community, along with a letter inviting them to nominate people for additional awards. This was also advertised on the Outer South Facebook page and in the Rothwell Record.

28. Over 90 nominations for 56 separate individuals were received. This included a number of nominees who were previously unknown to the Communities team, which was really positive as it meant that we were able to celebrate all those who volunteer across the Outer South, not just those who have worked with the Community Committee.

29. Voting was available through Facebook, email, telephone and letter to the Communities team, and a number of votes were taken via each method. In total over 600 votes were received, which is a phenomenal number of Community Members engaging in the event. The Facebook post was delivered to over 11,000 people and over 1,500 people interacted with it, either by sending a message, sharing it, or looking at the details.

30. Those who had been nominated were invited to the event, along with their guests, and 140 people attended on the night. We left feedback sheets on every table and received feedback from 67 people (47%). Of those who responded 88% said they would like to attend future Community Committee events

31. There was a specific question on the form asking for feedback on the new nomination and voting system. 13 people (19%) chose to give feedback on the changes. 6 people (8%) thought it a positive move; 4 people (5%) were happy with the nomination process but had reservations on the voting process, with comments such as ‘older people do not tend to vote’; 3 people (4%) said they were not even aware of the Community Committee before seeing this years Facebook posts; and 1 person (1%) stated that people should have been able to vote by another means than just electronic.
32. To respond to the person who suggested voting should be available via a non-electronic method: a large number of votes were taken via telephone and letter, but the Communities team must ensure this method is more widely advertised next year if some were unaware of it.
33. Overall feedback shows that the changed system was well received, the Facebook post was the highest reaching post the Outer South has had since it established its Facebook account, and we know that at least 3 of those who attended the event had never even heard of the Community Committee previously so engagement with new audiences is being made through the celebration.
34. But there is still learning to take away; self-promotion by nominees during the voting process needs to be addressed and we need to ensure that the overall voting system is as fair as possible. A consultation has now been made live online and shared with all of our mailing list for further feedback on the process by those who weren’t nominated, and paper feedback forms will be available in libraries for those who do not use the internet. This feedback will inform decision making for next years event.

Outer South Community Committee Communications

35. A copy of the most recent **Outer South Community Committee Newsletter** highlighting key aspects of Community Committee activities is attached for information (**Appendix 1**). The Communities Team will be circulating the newsletter to their contacts and on social media. **Appendix 2** details recent social media activity for the Outer South Facebook page.

Conclusions

36. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

37. The community committee is asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years

38. None.

following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.