

**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 9<sup>th</sup> October. The following items were discussed:

- West Leeds Activity Centre – an update was given on the success of the open days which had a large number of local people attend
- Youth Service Review – Chris Dickenson (Commissioning) and Andrea Richardson (Head of Learning for Life) attended and gave an overview of what was within the parameters of the Youth Service Review – ensuring correct contracts are in place with external organisations and whether the Youth Service are meeting the needs of users. A request was made for more monitoring of quality.
- Early Years Update – Obesity levels for young people in Armley and Bramley are increasing against the city wide trend of reducing levels.

- Graeme Tiffany – a specialist in detached youth work gave an interesting presentation on the benefits of outreach and detached work

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

4. The next Environment Sub Group is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

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

#### **5. One You Leeds-Service (OYL)**

This service was launched on the 1st October 2017. Reed Momenta are the provider for One You Leeds. Citizens can self-refer or be referred through a health professional or another service, making it easier for them to make positive health behaviour changes. The service offers a range of options for citizens within our most deprived areas. These include;

- ‘Be Smoke Free’-six free sessions designed to help them kick the habit.
- ‘Manage Your Weight’-designed for residents with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 plus or a BMI of 27 if managing more than one health condition. This allows them to access 12 weight management sessions.
- ‘Move More’-Health and Wellbeing coaches help identify realistic and sustainable ways of introducing more physical activity into a community member’s life.
- ‘Eat Well and Cook Well’-Nutritional and Dietary advice around quality, quantity and Techniques of producing healthy meals and maintaining positive habits.
- ‘Health Coaches’- Designed for clients who would benefit from a more personal support and covers all elements of a holistic healthy lifestyle.

6. **CAREVIEW**-Social Isolation App is an app that can work on any smart mobile device and can help reconnect socially isolated residents to their communities and services which can help improve and maintain their health. CAREVIEW is currently being tested in the 6 x 1% priority neighbourhoods and further afield in a selection of the 10% most deprived wards. The trial is funded by NHS England New Pioneer Fund for 12 months.
7. CAREVIEW works by looking for signs of neglect in the built environment e.g. house in disrepair, untidy garden or post piling up. This may indicate the presence of a socially isolated resident who may require some support and help. A quick push of a button on the app puts a blob of light on a heat map. The heat map is then followed up by Leeds City Council Better Together Contract Outreach Teams who door knock and leaflet to see if any community members require help.

## **BEST START-LEEDS**

8. BEST START is a broad preventative approach across some of the poorest areas of the city which looks at making the first 1001 days of a child's life the very best it can. We know through robust evidence that these early days of a child's life are crucial in helping it reach its true potential and for the child to contribute positively to civic life.
9. To aid this agenda Leeds City Council Children's Services have launched the TALK SHARE LEARN LEEDS app. You can download it for free from App Store or Google play. It is aimed at parents and carers of 0-5s to help them develop essential skills before starting school.

## **10. 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 from 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. Employment services have now met with the Director of a local Care Home to help local community members access the vacancies and prepare for work in this sector.

11. Public Health is looking to inject £10,000 of funding on a local employment and health and wellbeing project based in New Wortley. Project ideas are currently being worked up.

## **12. 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.

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

13. Within the Community Committee area, there are 1,010 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of September 2017 which is a 19% (240 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. There are 4,180 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of November 2016, which is a 1.76% (75 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.
14. From April to September 2017, there have been 1,157 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 338 supported to secure employment and 505 to improve their skills.

15. 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. 334 residents from Inner West have engaged or have completed this programme, 26% (87) of these have secured employment.

### **Community Safety – Champion: Cllr Ritchie**

16. Darker nights bring us many policing challenges. Local Officers have been busy spreading Crime prevention advice and targeting those who seek to harm us by committing crime.
17. It is satisfying to report that we have secured detention for several prolific offenders in the last month. Of particular note a career criminal from Bramley was detained, after been on the run for weeks. Tenacious enquiries by officers eventually paid off and he is now in prison awaiting trial, for many offences.
18. One of our sheltered housing complexes was targeted by burglars but the offenders were caught within a day and charged to Court.
19. Residents of Armley Town Street report that past problems there are much improved.
20. The Bonfire period is always very testing but with careful planning and interagency work I am pleased to say that there were no major problems. Officers and partner agencies worked extremely hard in the months prior to Bonfire night to educate and divert young people from disorderly conduct.
21. As the nights draw in and Christmas approaches please check your own crime prevention strategy;
1. Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn key)
  2. Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
  3. Install a visual burglar alarm and good outside lighting
  4. Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property when you are away
  5. Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
  6. Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition and trim hedges so your neighbours can keep an eye out for you
  7. Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
  8. Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home

9. Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
10. Hide expensive items from view, including Christmas presents under the tree.

### **Armley Forum**

22. A Community Led Forum was held on the 17th October, the next Armley Forum will be on 21st November.
23. The Armley Christmas Lights Switch on held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Armley Library and Love and Light Tea Rooms hosted Christmas Fayre during the day. The weather was kind to this year's switch on which was a great success.

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

24. The next Bramley & Stanningley is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
25. The Bramley Lights Switch on is planned for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Corporate**

26. **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**

27. 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**

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

### **Background information**

- None