

**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**

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### **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** met on 17 November 2017 and discussed plans for the Outer South Youth Summit, which will take place on 22 February 2018. The summit's theme will be democracy, with children and young people being invited to take part in consultation on the type of activities they feel the Community Committee should be funding through its Youth Activity Fund in 2018/19. As the event will be at Leeds Civic Hall, there will also be the opportunity for children and young people to see the Council Chambers and see real democracy in action, by getting involved in a 'mock vote'.
3. The **Children & Families Sub Group** has an extraordinary meeting on 9 March 2018. This is to listen to the feedback of children and young people on the Youth Activity Fund applications for 2018/19. Feedback from the children and young people is an essential element of the funding process and will be considered before the sub group makes recommendations on which applications it would like to fund through the Community Committee in 2018/19.

## Environment: Councillor Karen Bruce

4. The **Environmental Sub Group** is due to meet again on the 14 March 2018. To be discussed at the meeting are options for the Outer South Site Based Gardeners Scheme in 2018/19, which is delivered by LCC Parks and Countryside.

### 5. **Clean Air Zone consultation**

The council are consulting on a Clean Air Zone to improve air quality and reduce the impact on health. It is seeking the views of people living, working and commuting in Leeds and the wider region on its proposals. Leeds along with 27 other local authorities across the UK has been identified by the government as needing to introduce a range of solutions to meet legal limits on air pollution and therefore improve air quality within the shortest possible timescale.

The Clean Air Zone covers all roads within the Outer Ring Road, with the motorways acting as the southern boundary. The area is vast and will include over half the population (59%) of Leeds. The Clean Air Zone will affect HGVs, buses, coaches, taxis and private hire. The consultation period runs from 2 January to 2 March 2018.

Have your say at [www.leeds.gov.uk/airqualityconsultation](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/airqualityconsultation)

## Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin

6. Seven youths aged between 16 and 18 years old pleaded guilty to offences of affray/assault in December, in relation to offences that occurred in Rothwell and Oulton in November 2016. All have been given Youth Panel Contracts from between 6 and 10 months.
7. Intensive work has been carried out to tackle inappropriate parking around the primary school in Robin Hood, in conjunction with the school and Mark Sadler, Road Safety Officer at Leeds City Council.
8. Further progress has been made to tackle ASB in the Rothwell area, specifically the Commercial Street/Jail Yard parade locations, by working in conjunction with local businesses. At the **Children & Families Sub Group** meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the sub group agreed to meet once again with Morrison's in an attempt to further tackle some of the ASB issues in the area surrounding the supermarket.
9. The Domestic Abuse Locality meetings are now firmly embedded at Outer South, where Standard and Medium graded incidents are discussed with partners to offer support to all involved through a variety of partnership intervention.
10. The new Neighbourhood Policing Teams will operate from 26 March 2018.

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson**

11. The next update will be available May/June 2018.

## **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw**

12. The **Older Persons Working Group** met on 29 January 2018 and discussed a report on the Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme, which is currently being provided by Morley Elderly Action. The purpose of the report was to:

- inform a discussion on the effectiveness of continuing a garden maintenance scheme for older people in the Outer South area;
- investigate alternatives for comparability; and
- provide options for consideration for the new financial year.

Following discussions, the **Older Persons Working Group** recommended that Morley Elderly Action submit another application for funding for 2018/19, with a number of amendments to its current application. This includes reducing the length of the garden maintenance season, starting in April rather than March, as well as increasing the age range of residents that can access the scheme, from 60 to 67. The application will be considered at the next Community Committee on 26 February 2018.

13. The **Older Persons Working Group** also discussed how the sheltered housing teams are tackling social isolation in sheltered housing complexes. A sheltered housing activity calendar was discussed specifically for Outer South purposes. This is to be created by sheltered housing so that this can be distributed through the Neighbourhood Networks, as well as being left on community noticeboards.

14. Age UK presented a draft application proposal for consideration by the **Older Persons Working Group** for a befriending service in the Outer South area, working with care homes to tackle social isolation. Following discussions at the meeting, Age UK are going to make some changes to their application in the hope that this can be considered by the Community Committee on 26 February 2018.

## **15. Winter Wellbeing**

Winter Friends has to date successfully delivered information to over 122 organisations citywide, including West Yorkshire Police, Libraries, Neighbourhood Communities Teams, Children's Day Services, Complex Need Day Services and various voluntary sector organisations. The development of resources continues to be assessed for various target audiences including families/parents, various languages and easy read for people with learning disabilities. The brand new 'Stay Well in Leeds this Winter' leaflet contains more localised information for pharmacies, GP practices and local services.

## **16. National Diabetes Prevention Programme (NDPP)**

The National Diabetes Prevention Programme, Healthier You, is an evidence based programme which offers a great opportunity to reduce type 2 diabetes (TTD) in Leeds. Over 32,000 people in Leeds are known to be at high risk of developing TTD and 26% of those at high risk can be prevented from developing TTD by attending intensive behaviour change programmes.

The programme works through a referral system where GPs refer patients at high risk to the programme provider, Ingeus. Codes are applied to patients to identify referrals, the process is direct and secure via NHS mail and Ingeus then contact the patient to book them on. Participants attend thirteen 90 minute sessions over the course of 9 months and topics covered include information on TTD, lifestyle and behaviour change.

### **Primary Care Update**

#### **Suicide Prevention**

Following recommendations from the 2011-2013 suicide audit, a group has been set up to co-ordinate work that will contribute to reduced levels of suicide in the city. The group will look to support existing work programmes, identify necessary training and raising the awareness of suicide amongst primary care staff. The group will feed back work into the Leeds Strategic Suicide Prevention Group.

#### **Alcohol and Smoking Brief Intervention survey**

A survey will be sent to both primary and secondary care staff to gather insight from healthcare workers in Leeds, to inform how to improve and support effective delivery of alcohol and tobacco brief interventions. This insight is important to help us move towards a situation where the use of brief interventions on alcohol and smoking is recognised as 'normal' practice by all frontline staff.

## **Outer South Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor David Nagle**

### **17. Ardsley & Robin Hood**

A free standing notice board has been installed at the side of the public footpath and roadway at St Gabriel's Community Centre. Inspections have also been carried out to identify the problems with damp at the church end of the building and quotes are being sought to extend the central heating into this part of the building, rectify ventilation issues and carry out internal and external work to improve the damp proofing and drainage issues.

## 18. Rothwell

Replacement furniture has been provided at Windmill Youth and Community Centre, which is more durable and easy to clean and more suitable for the Youth Service bookings at the centre. The new booking by GT sports on Friday evenings at Blackburn Hall is proving popular, providing multi-sports activities and family boxing. Work to the disabled ramp at the rear of Blackburn Hall will soon be completed with a replacement metal handrail being installed in place of the existing wooden one.

## 19. Morley Town Hall

The issue of disrepair at Morley Town Hall had been on the agenda of the **Community Committee Community Centres Sub Group** for a number of months. Due to a lack of funds available however, the work was unable to progress.

The condition of the chairs in the Alexandra Room Concert Hall was such that many of them were unsafe and unusable and were getting to the point where the balcony would be completely unfit for concerts and community activities. A chandelier also needed installing in the large banqueting suite but the costs were very high due to the height of the ceiling and the weight of the chandelier. Alongside this a number of chairs in the Morleian Room needed replacing, as these were causing health and safety concerns due to a number of trips and falls, as a result of the design of the existing chairs.

Working alongside Morley Councillors, the Communities Team were able to develop a plan of action to complete a substantial number of improvements to Morley Town Hall including:

- The refurbishment & renovation of all 120 heritage chairs in the Alexandra Room.
- Refurbishment & renovation of the roll top balcony in the Alexandra Room.
- 100 new replacement chairs for the Morleian Room.
- Installation of a chandelier in the large banqueting suite above the grand piano.

As there was not enough wellbeing or capital budget available to accommodate the work, an agreement was made with Morley Councillors that this would be funded via the Ward Based Initiative Scheme. The full costs of work will be around £18,000 in total.

To date the chandelier has been installed, the Morleian Room chairs have been replaced and the repair/refurbishment work on the Alexandra Room chairs is currently underway, with the first batch of restored chairs in place. The full works will be completed by the end of February 2018, in plenty of time for the concert summer season at Morley Town Hall.

## Community Centre Pricing Policy

20. In July 2014, it was agreed Community Committees would consider free lettings based on the priorities for their area. This came into effect for letting renewals starting on 1 September 2015.
21. For 2017/18 a limit has been set across the city for the value of discounted lettings. All hirers must now pay a **minimum of 25%** of the value of the let.
22. There are no additional free or discounted lets agreed by the Community Committee this financial year to report.

Community Centre	Organisation	Start date	End date	Community Rate	Discount 75%	Charge 25%
Lewisham Park CC	Kids for Kids Youth Group	24/07/17	24/07/17	£ 100.00	£ 75.00	£ 25.00
Lewisham Park CC	Kids for Kids Youth Group	07/09/17	26/10/17	£ 800.00	£ 600.00	£ 200.00
Micklefield Y&A Centre	Micklefield TRA	29/10/17	29/10/17	£ 44.00	£ 33.00	£ 11.00
Micklefield Y&A Centre	Micklefield Scout Group	18/01/18	26/03/18	£ 180.00	£ 135.00	£ 45.00
Windmill Y&C Centre	Engage Leeds	05/10/17	25/01/18	£ 119.00	£ 89.25	£ 29.75
Windmill Y&C Centre	Leeds Mind Connect for Health	19/10/17	19/10/17	£ 15.00	£ 5.00	£ 10.00
Windmill Y&C Centre	Leeds Mind Connect for Health	25/10/17	06/12/17	£ 87.50	£ 65.63	£ 21.88
				<b>£ 1,345.50</b>	<b>£ 1,002.88</b>	<b>£ 342.63</b>

Min. charge £10

### 23. Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

The Outer South Housing Advisory Panel met on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at Northfield Community Centre in Robin Hood. The budget at the start of this meeting was £11,544.99. Below are the decisions made by OS HAP panel members in relation to four presented bids:

#### **New Bins at Royds Court Sheltered Scheme in Rothwell - approved**

This will increase the waste and recycling capacity of the sheltered complex. The total cost was £854.34.

### **Digital Inclusion Project - deferred**

This bid was for a weekly drop-in IT project over 26 weeks to develop skills, address social isolation and improve education and job readiness, whilst supporting a range of learning abilities. This bid was for £1,720.00 and match funding was to be sought from a Community Committee large grant. The panel deferred this bid pending work to include Rothwell and Morley venues, focusing on the most deprived communities in these areas. Funding from "Time to Shine" will also be sought.

### **Garden Maintenance Service - for all OS Leeds wards - approved**

£10,980.66 was requested from the OS HAP to support the successful Morley Elderly Action gardening project that is in its 18th year. So far 500 tenants and residents living in all four OS Leeds wards receive help from this scheme. 125 of this number are LCC tenants. The bid enabled the scheme to be opened up to another 74 tenants from all 4 wards if funded in full. Panel members approved £7,500.00 towards the requested amount, recognising that the numbers of new LCC tenants taking part in the scheme would be less than quoted 74 in the bid. Funding of £19,700.00 will be sought from a large grant from Community Committee also.

### **TV, DVD player and wall bracket for Royds Court Sheltered Scheme, Rothwell - approved**

Residents in Royds Court requested a large, wall-mounted smart TV and DVD player so they can organise film afternoons/evenings and invite residents of other sheltered schemes like Springfield Street, Windmill Green and Black Burn Court to attend. This addresses issues of social isolation and facilitates other activities to address health and wellbeing, like singing and gentle exercise. The panel approved this bid in full for £524.77.

24. An overview of the cancelled bids or bids "on hold" was given as these represented a third of the bids on the OSHAP Action Plan, so panel members could know the other actions taken. The details are as follows.

- High Ridge Parking - bid on hold pending more information.
- Cherry Tree Walk environmental issues - actioned via internal funding/local Housing Manager's environmental funds (tenants aware of the actions).
- Westerton's Furniture - bid cancelled/wellbeing match funding not sought. Funds awarded returned to the OSHAP budget.
- Tarmac parking area to the rear of Stanhope Community Centre - quote for work £10,500 and bid doesn't benefit any tenants. Will look to see if other funding is available.
- Jumbles Court - parking lines painted by Housing Leeds.
- Windmill Green fence/kerb issues. Internal funding to be sought for the fence as this is a repair/replacement issue (£11K quoted).
- Harwood Mews & other road signs - Harwood Mews have the road sign now. Highways could not support the installation of other road signs.
- John o' Gaunts fences/gates. Bid cancelled as the land belongs to tenants.
- Temple Lawn planters - removed by Community Payback as a 5 day task.

- Denshaws' gate/key - cancelled as a repair.
- Blackburn Court washing line - funded via repairs/local Housing Manager's environmental funds.
- Midland House TV/social inclusion bid - on hold at present.
- Woodlesford Primary School Memorial bid - not enough tenants benefit. Other funding sources sought.
- Leigh View Wellbeing Club - bid for funds to pay for room hire for wellbeing meetings/presentations covered via Community Committee funds.
- 8 Northfield Avenue fencing - £10,500 bid cancelled due to access issues for tenants/emergency services.
- Lewisham Park memorial bench - funded via local councillors.

25. 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](http://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.

### **Outer South Community Committee Communications**

26. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

28. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

29. None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years 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.