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Report to: Inner North East Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay wards

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to note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides an update on the work programme of Inner North East Community Committee, its recent successes and current challenges.

Main issues

2. Since the last Community Committee, work has progressed in a number of areas, including through the Committee's sub groups and local partnerships for Chapeltown and Meanwood, which are currently evolving into Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.

Sub Groups

3. The main issues discussed at the sub groups recently are set out here:-

Environmental Sub Group

4. The most recent Environmental Sub Group took place on 23rd January 2018 and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Locality Team. As part of the Parks & Countryside update, the Sub Group was informed that Leeds City Council and Meanwood Valley Partnership have been jointly awarded £65,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Meanwood Valley: Wilderness on your Doorstep project. Starting next month, the project focuses on celebrating the rich

natural history of the Meanwood Valley. Work has also begun on the new Moortown Park with fencing and a compound in advance of playground works.

5. In terms of Waste Management, an update was provided on Christmas collections. As expected presentation rates were high with increased side waste and the weather did cause some minor issues, but all waste was recovered and complaints were minimal.
6. As part of the Environmental Team update, an update was provided on the de-leaving season. Operations had gone well and Members acknowledged the good work of the team reflected in very few complaints from residents.

Wellbeing Advisory Group

7. The Wellbeing Advisory Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met on two occasions considering applications for funding and making recommendations to the INE Community Committee. Details of the projects and funding are contained in the Wellbeing Report including applications that were declined.
8. Following the completion of the 2018 INE Youth Summit on 17th January 2018, the funding round has now been opened for organisations to apply for Youth Activity Funding for activities during the summer school break. The round is open until 28th February 2018 and the Wellbeing Advisory Group will be meeting twice in March to consider project applications and make recommendations to the full Committee.

Neighbourhood Improvement

Chapeltown

9. International Women's day will be celebrated at The Reginald Centre with a celebration event that will link directly to the one held by Cllr Judith Blake in the City Centre. This will include guest speakers, music, refreshments and entertainment.
10. An action day took place on the Scott Hall and Sholebroke area which included Housing Leeds, WYP, Communities Team, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and LASBT. This was very successful with lots of resident engagement and the area being tidied up.



11. Chapeltown Neighbourhood watch group have been supported by ward councillors to purchase equipment to set up a gardening group. Residents will help their neighbours to tidy their gardens and also lend out equipment to any neighbours who wish to do it themselves.

Meanwood

12. Team Beckhills are working closely with ward members, Communities Team, Highways, Housing, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and Waste Management to progress the second phase of the steps and pavement work and also to tackle issues around waste on the estate.

13. The Meanwood Seven Estates meeting scheduled for 22nd November 2017 had to be cancelled and will be rearranged. Cllr Sharon Hamilton is still working to secure funding for proposed CCTV for the Stonegates estate following issues of antisocial behaviour.

Community Safety

14. The Inner North East Neighbourhood Police Team have provided the below update on crime, antisocial behaviour and community safety in the local area. For the period 25/12/17 to 09/02/18 in general there has been a fall in numbers of crimes reported across all crime types with the exception of Theft from Motor Vehicles

15. Burglary Residential (which now includes sheds/garages) shows 74 offences recorded across all three wards which is lower than the same period last year. Operation Brewlock continues with the aim of increasing visibility from agencies such as Police, taxi licensing, environmental services, Communities Team and Leeds Antisocial Behaviour Team (LASBT). Crime reduction visits are operated every two weeks offering crime prevention advice to residents with PCSO's working with the Communities Team. Common issues are properties being targeted due to lack of lights left on from late afternoon onwards, insecure doors and windows and the continued theft of high valued vehicles due to residents leaving the car keys in insecure locations around the house.

16. Burglary of business/Commercial premises shows 16 recorded offences since 25/12/17, on the lead up to Christmas there was a spate of Public House burglaries where offenders were gaining access during opening hours via insecure fire doors and rear exits. With offences occurring citywide, a district operation was set up resulting in a team of Manchester based criminals being arrested and receiving custodial sentences. The Whitehouse on Wetherby Road and The Deer Park on Street Lane were targeted. More recently there has been a slight increase in overnight offences at commercial properties including some buildings along the Roundhay Road corridor.

17. Theft from Motor Vehicle has 69 recorded offences since the 25/12/17 which is up on previous years. Offences are across all three ward areas and predominantly overnight. Overwhelmingly property stolen is clearly visible inside the vehicle which presents an

easy target for the thieves. **Theft of Motor Vehicle** figures are low with only 7 offences recorded since the 25/12/17. Increased vehicle security means that offenders need the keys to steal most modern cars.

18. Robbery has just 9 offences recorded for all three wards since 25/12/17. In the main these are street robberies that often involve pupils walking home from school who are threatened with violence and have their mobile phones stolen. There appear to be no patterns to the offences at this time.
19. Following the tragic car crash in Meanwood before Christmas when five young people lost their lives, the driver is now serving a prison sentence. The Neighbourhood Police Team continue to maintain contact with families in the area and are pleased to report that tensions remain low.
20. From the 26th March 2018 West Yorkshire Police are relaunching Neighbourhood Policing. Locally this will mean that Inner North East will be merging with Outer North East (Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby Wards) and the new area will be called North East Leeds PWA. There will be three Sergeant led teams of Ward Officers and Police Community Support Officers with the structure headed by Inspector Richard Horn who will be introduced to Committee Members in due course.

Employment & Skills

21. At its January meeting the ENE Employment & Skills Board received an update on the Talent and Skills Plan which has now been approved by Executive Board. This focuses on the growth sectors such digital technology and engineering. The Plan aims to tackle 6 'calls to action' including working with residents and employers to improve the education and skills system, encouraging more representative workforce and improving connectivity e.g. to Thorpe Park and the South Bank.
22. The Board also received an update on the Community Led Local Development European funded programme. The East Leeds Local Action Group is currently being formed and projects are likely to be commissioned in spring 2019. The Board also considered the emerging Work and Health Programme which replaces the Work Programme. Reed in Partnership have the contract to deliver the programme across this region and are keen to work in partnership to tackle challenges faced by those seeking work, e.g. housing and disability.

Leeds Health & Care Plan

23. The Leeds Health and Care Plan is the Leeds description of what it envisages health and care will look like in the future and how it will contribute to the delivery of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021. In Leeds, we have a commitment to progressing the Leeds Health and Care Plan through meaningful conversations and

engagement with the public and communities. An ongoing conversation with Community Committees is key to this. As a result, building on previous conversations, the Leeds Health and Care Plan was discussed in further detail at the each of the Community Committees in Nov and Dec 2017. These were led by a local GP representative alongside a senior health and care leader with a focus on our progress so far and the emerging model of Local Care Partnerships.

24. Positively, each of the Community Committees:

- Supported the updated Leeds Health and Care Plan as a basis for conversation with citizens on the future of health and care.
- Supported widespread conversation and discussion of the Leeds Health and Care Plan.
- Supported the emerging model of Local Care Partnerships and agreed to actively engage with its development in their communities.

25. A number of themes came out from the conversations with Community Committees.

These continue to play a significant role in shaping the future of health and care in the city through the development of the Leeds Health and Care Plan.

26. In order to progress the thinking and partnership working that has been done to help inform the Leeds Health and Care Plan to date, a broader conversation will be had with citizens in communities. The conversation will be focussed on the ideas and direction of travel outlined in the Leeds Health and Care Plan and the changes proposed to integrate our system of community services. Citizens and communities will be engaged on what community strengths already exist for health and care, what they think about the plan and ideas to change community services, and how they wish to continue to be involved.

27. Using the feedback received, work is ongoing to develop the Local Care Partnership model through partnership wide engagement. This is a major change locally and will touch the lives of all people in Leeds. These changes will take a number of years to work towards and people are unlikely to start to see any changes until 2019-20 at the earliest. Before this point we will work with local people and stakeholders to make sure the model will deliver what people need and continue to inform them of progress.

Community Events

28. On Friday 1st December, The Reginald Centre hosted the Chapeltown Winter Festival. The event was jointly organised by Communities Team, Libraries and Community Hubs officers and had a storytelling performance by Rainbow Factory, Music by Manuka, and festive dancing from Trishool. The festive activities, included face painting, Santa's grotto, music and food. There was also a tombola and a raffle in which £200 was raised for charity. The local ward members including the Lord Mayor Cllr Dowson, counted down to the lights switch on.



29. 16 Days of Action – Domestic Violence

The 16 Days of Action ran from 25th November 2017 to 10th December 2017 with the aim of raising awareness of Domestic Violence issues and support services. The Inner North East Community Committee agreed to support activity during the 16 days with £1,500 from Wellbeing funding. Working with community partners, this year saw the most comprehensive programme of activities yet, supported with a social media campaign throughout the 16 days. This included radio coverage, coffee mornings, white ribbon walks and larger awareness events. INE Committee Members attended to support much of the activity.





30. 2018 INE Youth Summit

On 17th January 2018 at Sheepcar Club, the second Inner North East Youth Summit took place. The Lord Mayor was in attendance and opened the event. Approximately 34 young people and 25 adults attended from 14 community partner organisations. Partners included; Meanwood Amateur Boxing Club, RJC dance, First Base, Getaways Girls, ACES, North Leeds Music Centre, Cyclops Pedal Power, Gipsil, Feel Food Factor, LCC Youth Service, Leeds Street Doctors, Playhouse Youth and PHAB. Further information can be found in the INE YAF Summer Activities 2017-18 report presented to the Committee on 5th March 2018.



Communications & Social Media

31. The Communities Team officers have continued to use social media to promote the activities of the Inner North East Community Committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. The INE Facebook page recently passed the 600 'likes' milestone and, at the time of writing, the page has reached 605 'likes' up 37 from the 568 reported at the last Community Committee in December 2017. Social media continues to be an important communications tool between the council and local residents, and work is ongoing as to how this resource can be further utilised.

Challenges and Opportunities

32. The **Local Centres Programme** (LCP) seeks to utilise the £5m announced at Full Council in March 2017 to fund innovative and sustainable improvements to town and district centres as a component of supporting regeneration and growth across the city. The funding will provide a catalyst to drive further investment, lever match funding and maximise the impact of public investment by aligning it with other funds. The programme will build upon previous investment and utilise the best ideas from across the city to create accessible opportunities for growth.

33. There will be two rounds of bidding, with the first round having commenced in December 2017. Officers have worked proactively with Ward Members, Community Committees, business groups and others to develop expressions of interest which meet local needs within the terms of the Local Centres Programme (LCP). The expressions of interest will be evaluated and appropriate bids brought forward to Executive Board for consideration in March 2018 for call 1. A number of local bids have been submitted following consultation with ward Members.

Conclusion

34. The report outlines a wide range activities being undertaken by the Community Committee.

Recommendations

35. That members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.