

Report of: West North West Area Leader

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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To note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Health, Well-being & Adult Social Care; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
2. The report also updates the Community Committee on community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Main issues

3. The Outer North West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates six sub groups: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Well-being; Highways & Transportation and Policy.
4. Sub group meetings are informal meetings and not open to the public, however local residents or representatives of other organisations may be invited to attend and speak at the discretion of the chair of each sub group.
5. Where possible the Community Committee Champion has been aligned with the relevant sub group chair and in consultation with the theme leads have provided the following updates:

Environment & Community Safety

6. Community Safety

The sub group met on the 22nd February 2018 to discuss Community Safety issues. The Environment & Community Safety Champion will provide a verbal update at the Community Committee meeting.

7. Environment

The sub group met on 30th January 2018. Officers from The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team gave an update on work undertaken since the last meeting. The zonal areas are still working well and recruitment is underway to fill vacancies within the team.

The new Housing Manager for Horsforth introduced himself to the meeting and gave an overview of his first few weeks in the role.

Parks and Countryside gave an update on the Leeds Parks Fund which is a charitable initiative dedicated to improving our parks and greenspaces, the fund is generated in a range of ways from people leaving money in their wills, to those who donate in cafes based in parks. The fund can support projects to benefit publically accessible green spaces in Leeds.

Children's Services and Family Health

8. The 4th annual Outer North West Children's And Young People's Voice event was held on the 2nd February 2018 at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley. Young people from 28 primary and high schools across the Outer North West attended, with 110 students participating in a range of activities. This was a good opportunity to bring young people together from many different schools to talk with their local Councillors about what was important to them and for their voice to be heard.

This year saw Councillors and young people deciding together how best to spend a potential £40,000 of Youth Activity Fund money. There was some really helpful feedback from the young people who attended and this will be fed into discussions at the Children and Young People's sub group when they make recommendations for allocating funding in 2018/19.

The young people were also challenged to come up with a project of their own design working to a budget of £1,500. There were some fantastic designs including the winning idea which was to encourage young people to get active through running with a Colour Run event at the end of a short training programme. There has already been interest from local activity providers in bidding for Youth Activity Fund monies to deliver this activity.

9. Outer North West Community Plan

As part of the community committee constitution, there is a requirement that committees have a community plan outlining the committee's work programme and priorities for the year.

10. Please find attached at **appendix 1** a draft proposal of such a plan for 2018. Members are asked to consider the community plan and key priorities for the year.

Conclusions

11. The Outer North West Community Committee sub groups provide the committee with the opportunity to consider information on key areas of work in partnership with officers and community organisations, as well as enabling direct links to be established with the Community Champions and Executive Board Members.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to:
 - Note the work of the sub groups and areas of partnership working since the last Community Committee meeting.
 - Comment on the Outer North West draft Community Plan and to agree the committee's key priorities for 2018.