

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

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 Monday 12th March. The following items were discussed:

- Outcomes and progress of primary and high schools in the area. Particular focus was given on the changing measure for GCSEs to Progress 8 and Attainment 8. School improvement advisors informed the meeting that providing direct support for schools is now a marketplace with many different providers and schools have to pay for that support.
- Discussion was had about the quality and importance of governing bodies and the role of the local authority.
- Go Higher West Yorkshire – Lizzie Holden attended from Leeds University and outlined her role. Go Higher is carrying out work across Armley and Bramley with

young people looking at progression routes for ages 16+. They are working in schools and are looking to work in community settings going forward.

- Future In Mind – Dr Jane Mischenko attended and outlined the mental health strategy for children and young people in Leeds. Discussion was had about sharing of resources.

4. Health & Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Lowe & Cllr Venner

Better Together

Barca has been delivering a range of community engagement activities. This service works with local people to increase community resilience, build social capital and support healthy lifestyles. Some highlights include;

- Barca has successfully taken over the facilitation of the Women's Health Matters Hopes and Dreams group. This group is based on the Fairfield estate.
- The local resident's group at Gotts Park continues to flourish and has now added a Mums and Tots group. Barca has also linked to LCC / Wades Foundation to provide some health walks for this group.

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group

The new HWB Network took place at the Civic Hall to share information, network and ideas to shape this new partnership group. Over 26 attendees from local organisations attended. The first action point that was decided for this group is to start the work on topic based local health directories.

Early Years Physical Activity Campaign

There will be a small pilot for early years to increase activity levels. This will be run at Armley Children's Centre and then rolled out to all children's centres in Inner West. The resources can be accessed at <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsplaytogether> . There is a more extensive piece of work planned later on in the year.

New Social Isolation Support Tool

The Leeds City Council CAREVIEW app has now loaded on to it a free simple to use interactive social isolation tool for non-health professionals. CAREVIEW is successfully locating residents across the city in the trial areas that require support in matters such as money advice, joining local friendship groups and health services.

Healthy Weight Declaration

Leeds City Council is working towards adopting a Healthy Weight Declaration (HWD). This declaration's objective is to achieve a local authority commitment to promote a healthy weight across the council and the local population. There are 14 standard commitments which will help to raise awareness and connect partners to achieve this goal.

Mentally Healthy Leeds

Mentally Healthy Leeds is a city wide mental health service put in place to reduce mental health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in local communities. This will be achieved by working to;

- Reduce stigma and discrimination
- Reduce social isolation
- Increase resilience (the ability to cope when things get tough and to 'bounce back') this service will work with communities most at risk of poor mental health.

Choose the Cup

April saw the start of a new pilot campaign aiming to improve the oral health of children across the city. Small plastic cups specially designed for babies aged 6 months and above are being distributed in areas of poor oral health. Drinking from this cup helps to develop the skill of sipping, aids the baby with language skills and the transition to solids. They make drinking an occasion which is important if parents are giving children too many sugary drinks.

5. Community Safety – Champion: Cllr Ritchie

- Armley Town Street – Following an increase in ASB, drug taking, Street Drinking and low level crime, a multi-agency tasking group has been established to tackle these issues. The Police, Crime Prevention Officer, LASBAT (Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team) have door knocked several hundred addresses and have undertaken ‘days of action’ and utilised the dispersal order in relation to the street drinkers. The Police are now in the process of obtaining evidence to pursue injunctions in relation to the worst offenders with further days of action planned.
- Burglary/ Theft from Motor Vehicles remain an issue in Bramley. There has been a variety of ongoing work to tackle serious acquisitive crime in the area. Several offenders have been arrested for offences of burglary and theft from motor vehicle. Agencies are aware of persons in the area who are causing issues for the community by door knocking and selling stolen goods and LASBAT are working with the community to obtain the evidence necessary to obtain injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders.
- There has been two custodial sentences secured in recent weeks for prolific vehicle crime offenders and a juvenile burglar. The work in relation to others in the offending circle continues.
- There has been several traffic operations undertaken to deal with speeding vehicles, parking issues and concerns raised by the Councillors and residents across the area. This work will continue through the summer.
- In the first week of June a series of 10 armed robberies took place across the Inner West area. A male has now been arrested and is on remand awaiting trial. In response to this significant work has been undertaken to offer crime prevention advice and reassurance to shopkeepers and commercial premises locally.
- There has been in excess of 10 warrants executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act across the west Leeds area since March. Several people have been arrested and a quantity of Class A and B drugs have been seized.

6. Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum

The Bramley Forum met on 31st May 2018 and discussed the following:

- Councillor Caroline Gruen was elected as the new Chair to the Bramley & Stanningley residents Forum;
- Inspector Sarah Towers was present at the meeting to provide an update on the new policing model.
- The new model has explored consolidating resources to ensure more officers are on duty at all times.
- Moved to a model of 6 neighbourhood teams across Leeds
- Diane Winder provided information on the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and her work on crime reduction
- David Tooley from Housing Leeds provided an update to the meeting and informed the face to face services had now been moved to the new Bramley Hub

7. **Armley Forum Ward Forum**

The last Armley Forum was held on 17th April. Officers from West Yorkshire Combined Authority, First Bus and City Development attended, a discussion was held about Leeds Clean Air Zone and bus developments. The forum members praised bus drivers for their determination and kind actions during the recent snowy weather.

Armley Housing Manager, Peter Wajdner, attended the forum to provide a Housing Leeds Update. The Police also provided an update.

8. **New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood Update**

The New Wortley Core Team met in April with a discussion about Domestic Violence and the local service offer. Partners updated on pieces of work with a particular focus this month on New Wortley Community Centre and the different projects including the new play area, summer activities for young people and various wellbeing activities for local residents.

New Wortley held a 2 day Festival the 4th - 5th of May 2018 the first day highlighted opportunities for community learning and employment in the local area and the second was a community focussed fun day with activities for children and provided a chance for local people to come together and celebrate just some of the good things in the area.

The Care View free app is being trialled in New Wortley until the end of the year. This app enables local services to support potentially vulnerable members of a community by identifying and referring households to appropriate facilities and can help direct services when leafleting streets, whilst maintaining an individual's anonymity.

Corporate

9. **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

10. 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

11. To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.

Background information

- None