



Report of: The South East Area Leader
Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)
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OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – UPDATE REPORT

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention an update report on work based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It also provides opportunities for further questions or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2 Main issues – update by themes

Update on Children and Families – Cllr Helen Hayden

- 2.1 We received five Youth Activity Fund applications for summer 2018 activities and five young people at the Swarcliffe Community Centre helped us to consider these applications.

Update on Employment, Skills and Welfare – Cllr Pauleen Grahame

2.2 Promoting Apprenticeships

The annual apprenticeship recruitment fair held at Leeds Arena in March was once again very successful with around 6,500 attendees and a series of seminars aimed at providing information to parents about apprenticeships is being planned for the Autumn.

2.3 School engagement activities

Of the 31 high schools across the city, all five outer east Leeds schools have asked the Employment and Skills service to provide information about apprenticeships to their students and their parents and carers via a number of activities including parents' evenings, careers fairs, destination days and year group presentations.

Update on Thorpe Park

- 2.4 The construction programme is on track and the retail park is due to open in October 2018. To date, the following construction outputs have been achieved:
- People into new jobs = 186**
- 17 from local wards
 - 28 from other Leeds postcodes
 - 140 from non-Leeds postcodes
- People into new apprenticeships = 20**
- 2 from the local target wards
 - 3 from other Leeds postcodes
 - 15 from non-Leeds postcodes
- 2.5 To date Scarborough Group, GMI, partners and sub-contractors have been involved in 29 separate activities engaging with 9,898 young people, parents and teachers through a range of careers events, workshops and curriculum challenges.
- 2.6 The new office building, named Paradigm, was completed in December 2016. As yet no end user tenant has been announced.
- 2.7 There will be 36 individual retail and leisure units. Occupiers announced so far are Next, TK Maxx, Boots, Pure Gym, M&S food and Outfit. The developer is in discussion with a number of restaurant providers. The Employment and Skills service will engage with the tenants at the most appropriate time in order to promote and support the end user jobs.
- 2.8 The Odeon cinema will open in Spring 2019.
- 2.9 Redrow are the housebuilders for the 300 new homes. It is anticipated the first show homes will be built during the autumn 2018. A 3-5 year homebuilding programme will follow.

Updates on Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Cllr Keith Wakefield

- 2.10 **Healthy Weight Declaration**
Leeds City Council is working towards adopting the Healthy Weight Declaration (HWD). The aim of the HWD is to achieve a local authority commitment to promoting healthy weight across all council teams with a view to improving the health and wellbeing of the local population. The Declaration includes 14 standard commitments and the opportunity of several locally chosen priorities. It will provide the rationale and a platform to connect council teams to work together to raise awareness and deliver on the importance of healthy weight and supporting local people to be a healthy weight. For more information contact deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 6049.
- 2.11 **Mentally Healthy Leeds**
Mentally Healthy Leeds is a citywide 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’ from difficulties).
- 2.12 Mentally Healthy Leeds is funded by Leeds City Council Public Health. It is led by Touchstone and delivered in partnership with Community Links, TCV and Oblong. <https://www.touchstonesupport.org.uk/services/mentally-healthy-leeds/>
- 2.13 The city also has the excellent websites MindWell www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk for adults, and MindMate www.mindmate.org.uk for children and young people in Leeds.

Primary Care Update

- 2.14 *Increasing MMR uptake in Leeds*
Following a recent Measles outbreak in Leeds, Public Health England and Leeds City Council are continuing to promote the importance of the MMR vaccination in order to try and ensure there are no further outbreaks in the City. The following key messages should be shared with communities as wide as possible. Key information can be found via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Update on Environment and Community Safety – Cllr Mary Harland

- 2.15 **Environment - Cross Gates & Whinmoor / Temple Newsam wards**
- The team has litter-picked the Ring Road including the hedgerow and central reservation, and also cleared the open land between Mill Greens and York Road, in Swarcliffe
 - The team have now cut back and cleaned seven ginnels. Three of them are in Cross Gates (Manston Approach, Church Lane and Station Road at the side of M&S), three on Stanks Drive in Swarcliffe, one on High Bank Approach in Colton and they are on with identifying others where work is required.
 - 20 new bins have been installed over the two wards. Closer working with Yorkshire Housing is enabling better use of resources and joint clean-up operations.
 - Continued support and team working with the in Bloom groups across the zone.

- 2.16 **Environment - Garforth & Swillington / Kippax & Methley wards**
- Garforth has had a new bin installed on Aberford Road which was funded by Lidl. There has also been one placed behind Nisa on Main Street to help reduce littering in that area.
 - Methley has received five new bins, some are additional as request by the parish council and some have replaced damaged bins.
 - Continued support and team working with the Methley Wombles tackling issues in and around Methley.
 - Allerton Bywater received two new bins to replaced damaged ones.
 - Continued support and team working with the in Bloom groups across the zone.

Community Safety

- 2.17 The LeedsWatch service is being modernised and, in the longer term, the aim is to bring costs down by looking at ways of using new technology. From April 2018 the Community Committee Wellbeing budget will no longer be charged the BT charge for the fibre service of existing CCTV cameras, as alternative funding has been identified for these costs. The service will remain the same but the cost to the community committee will be greatly reduced, as detailed in the Delegated Budget Report.
- The Community Committee Wellbeing budget will still fund a CCTV service charge of £1,000 per camera per annum. There are 12 cameras across outer east funded by the Community Committee.

2.18 **Police**

Further changes to staff have taken place and revised lists of officers for each ward has recently been circulated to councillors.

Update on Housing

2.19 **Community Payback 2017/18**

- 25 referrals completed
- 43 days work completed
- Contribution for outer south east £8,431.12 overall return on investment £12,436.20
- Community Pack for 2018/19 funded by Housing Revenue Account so no contribution required from HAP

2.20 **Housing Advisory Panel**

- 2017/18 carry over of £11,042.87 this was due to March meeting being cancelled
- 2018/19 budget is £54,138.76

2.21 **Schemes agreed at May meeting**

- LUFC Foundation Kicks in Halton Moor - £15,331
- Coronation Parade (Halton Moor) £5,000 match funding contribution towards new play park
- Westbourne Gardens community centre (Garforth) tarmac small area - £1,970.48
- Halliday Court (Garforth) relocate waste bins to external location: £5,000.72

2.22 **Community Development**

- Halton Moor – Launch of garden completion in April applications coming in judging of gardens to take place first two weeks of July
- Halliday Court Garforth – Residents approached Housing Leeds to improve a dull concrete wall at the rear of the centre, working with a graffiti artist ideas were given and wall now completed
- Neville's new build sites – staff met with housing growth team, the team were impressed with how many residents were engaged with last year on the Whinmoor pub site, and wish to develop similar plan of engagement.
- Tour de Yorkshire – Community Payback team spent a number of days painting street furniture along Kippax High Street in preparation for the tour passing through

Update on South East Debt Forum

- 2.23 In April 2018, responding to requests from partners, the South East Debt Forum arranged two training sessions:
- 2.24 The first presentation was from Forward Leeds, at Swarcliffe Community Centre. They gave a detailed presentation on the drug and alcohol treatment services that they provide in Leeds and their contact number is 0113 887 2477.
- 2.25 Secondly, following the Beat the Odds campaign presentation from LCC Financial Inclusion Team last November, debt forum members expressed interest in a more in depth training session. The debt forum arranged for the Gambling Support Service (Newport Citizens Advice) to provide two Gambling Related Harm training sessions aimed at frontline workers. These were held at The Point, White Rose Centre and were open to members of all four debt forums in Leeds. Information included: how to screen for gambling related harm, brief interventions, where to refer and a toolkit for offering advice. The National Gambling Helpline is available 8 am to midnight and the number is: 0808 8020 133 or alternatively to find details of the nearest provider: GamCare on www.gamcare.org.uk.

Update on Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

- 2.26 The number of new case investigations opened in the last three month period, (this does not include the number of complaints received for the same period which are resolved without going to full investigation) was as follows:
- Crossgates & Whinmoor ward: 5
 - Garforth & Swillington ward: 5
 - Kippax & Methley ward: 0
 - Temple Newsam ward: 5
- Only one Hate Crime report was made in any of the above wards, which was in Temple Newsam ward. Following persistent ASB at a property on Hebden Walk in Whinmoor, the team obtained full possession.

Update on Youth Service

- 2.27 This report focuses on the work undertaken by the Youth Service Localities team in the outer east area of Leeds. In total 629 different young people have been engaged in activities during the January to April 2018 period. The following is a flavour of what the young people have been involved in:
- 2.28 **One to One Sessions** – During January to April 2018, Youth Workers have worked with approximately 19 young people who have either self-referred or been referred by parents, social care or cluster partners. Young people are offered programmes relevant to their needs, including: Social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing, school attendance, confidence and Self-esteem. One Young Person have been supported into an apprenticeship and is now working in Intensive Care at St. James Hospital. The young person is thoroughly enjoying his role and progressing well.
- 2.29 **Swarcliffe Activity Evening** - The Youth Matters Group engaged in two workshop to plan their roles for the February activity event at Swarcliffe Community Centre. Each group members was assigned a meet and greet role

with the Lord Mayor of Leeds, local councillors & senior officers from Children's & Families Services and PCSOs. During the event the young people were professional and made the Lord Mayor, councillors and other officers very welcome and showed them around and introduced the activities taking place. The activity event included inflatables, photo booth, music, graffiti art, games and challenges. 74 young people attended the event and all had the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor, local councillors and other officers.

- 2.30 **Senior Youth Club member training** - Eight young people are currently engaged in a 20 week senior member training programme covering: What is the Purpose of Youth Work, Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Child Protection, Risk Assessments, Communication, Teamwork, Session Planning, Conflict Resolution, and Emotional & Mental Health & Equality & Diversity. Young people are developing skills which are transferable and will benefit their prospects in future. They will also achieve a Leeds Youth Award when they have completed the course.
- 2.31 **Voice & Influence** - Halton Moor / Swarcliffe Youth Matters & Micklefield YpMyg group members attended the *Get Your Rights* workshop at the Civic Hall where the group took part in six workshops educating them on their rights when accessing the health matters including hospitals and GP practices. The Swarcliffe Youth Matters & Micklefield YpMyg Group took part in a competition on *What would make Leeds a Child Friendly City*. Young people were asked to design a poster with their ideas. Out of 350 submissions, one of our members along with nine other young people from around the city had a winning idea and she has been informed that her idea for a roller disco would become a reality in April to be held in the event space at Leeds Market. A young person from Swarcliffe was invited to sit on an interview panel to support the interviews for a new Pathways worker and the young person fed back that he felt he engaged well in the process and is grateful for the opportunity.
- 2.32 **Allerton Bywater Youth Club** - The attendance at Allerton Bywater Youth Club has increased during the January to April period, the session has been promoted via the SSE Facebook page and is now welcoming nearly 40 young people per week. The sessions is engaging young people in physical activities whilst addressing behaviour issues. Feedback from parents has been positive regards the session and the range of activities being offered.
- 2.33 **Swarcliffe Youth Matters** – The Youth Matters group were invited by Leeds City Council to visit a new build of 22 new houses to look at how the houses are planned and built. The group undertook a health & safety test and along with local councillors had a walk around the site accompanied by the site managers and housing officers. One of the senior members in the Youth Matters Group participated in a training session to support the delivery of the activity days planned for summer 2018, after completing the course this enables the young person to become an active member of the team, completing the Competency in Inflatable Training. Youth Matters Group were nominated for a Child Friendly Leeds Award and received a certificate in the category of *Young People of the Year*.

Community engagement

3 Social media

3.1 Highlights of the Outer East Community Committee Facebook activity from 6 March 2018 - 18 May 2018 is included in **Appendix 1**. It gives details of the top three most popular posts ('post clicks' to expand the text + 'reactions, comments or shares') during this period.

Two things to note:

- 'Reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'Engagement' is number of reactions, comments or shares. Engagement is a better marker for seeing if people are interested in the posts because they need to interact with it. Eg a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read/expand it, the engagement level is zero.

Whilst still leading the way, the page has gained a further 25 new page 'likes' in the last 12 weeks and currently has 2,036 followers, which is 218% more than the next most popular Community Committee page.

3.2 The Committee is encouraged to Like and Share relevant information from the page and promote the page when possible. The quick search is:
@LccOuterEast

3.3 Our new councillors are asked to Like the page and Like/ Share relevant posts as appropriate.

4 Outer East Community Committee newsletter

4.1 The Communities Team produces a newsletter highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting. The team circulates the newsletter to contacts via social media and community hubs such as libraries. The latest newsletter is attached as **Appendix 2**.

5 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

6 Background documents

There are no background documents associated with this paper.