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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. Due to the local election period, since the last Community Committee there has been minimal activity through the Committee's sub groups and local partnerships. The sub groups and partnerships have started to reconvene over recent weeks and there will be more activity to report at the next Committee meeting.

Sub Groups

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

INE Environmental Sub Group

4. The most recent Environmental Sub Group took place on 23rd January 2018 and normally there would have been another meeting arranged for April. However, due to the election period a decision was taken to defer the next meeting until after the election. As part of the agenda for the July Committee meeting, Members will be appointed to the INE Environmental Sub Group and meetings for the 2018/19 municipal year will be scheduled.

INE Wellbeing Advisory Group

5. The Wellbeing Advisory Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met on several occasions considering applications for funding and making recommendations to the INE Community Committee.
6. In particular, during March this sub group considered applications for Youth Activity Funding and recommendations were made to the full Committee. Following consultation, these recommendations were approved and as a result the programme of summer activities for young people funded by the Inner North East Community Committee has been finalised. Details of these projects and other funding decisions are contained in the Finance Report including applications that were declined.
7. For clarity, it has been agreed that from this year the sub group will be called the **INECC Finance Sub Group** as it makes recommendations on all funding available to the Committee (Wellbeing/YAF/CRIS/CIL).

Neighbourhood Improvement

Chapelton

8. In partnership with LCC Community Hubs, Communities Team officers have organised the Chapelton Great Get Together at The Reginald Centre on Saturday 23rd June 2018. The event promotes community cohesion, pride and togetherness, and the inaugural event in 2017 was a big success. At the time of writing this report the event is yet to take place but will include music, performances, food, bouncy castle, face-painting and much more.
9. Planning meetings have begun in advance of Leeds West Indian Carnival 2018. LCC officers, West Yorkshire Police and community organisations initially met on 5th June 2018 and will be meeting regularly over the coming weeks to debrief on last year's 50th carnival, identify issues, discuss solutions and agree the approach for this year's event.
10. Chapelton Neighbourhood watch group continue to be supported to help local residents engage with the local police team and LCC on matters of community safety, crime and antisocial behaviour. The group met on 6th June 2018 with attendance from the Ward Officer, PC Mark Rothery, and LCC Communities Team.

Meanwood

11. 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. Phase 1 is almost complete and £500,000 of investment has just been approved for Phase 2. The areas for the second phase have been identified from the consultation work that took place with local residents to prioritise the areas in most need.

12. Led by the Chapel Allerton Ward Members, plans are also being progressed to engage with residents on the Beckhill estate in respect of proposals to develop the former school site at Beckhill Approach. Taylor Wimpey have been selected by the Council as the preferred bidder for the site and proposals and preliminary work is now being done to inform the planning application for a residential development. Members are in close contact with the developer and LCC Land & Property officers, and a community information and engagement event is currently planned for mid-July.
13. The Meanwood Seven Estates partnership has not met for some time. LCC Communities Team will be working closely with Housing Leeds and community partners to get the partnership together again in the coming weeks and ensure the momentum is maintained.
14. On the morning of 16th May 2018 a Community Action Day took place at Potternewton Court. The multi-agency action day was organised following environmental and antisocial behaviour concerns raised by local residents and partners. Officers from Housing Leeds, Communities Team, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team attended on the day. The area was litter-picked and swept, fly-tipping was removed and residents were spoken to about ASB and tenancy concerns.



Community Safety Update

15. The following update on crime, antisocial behaviour and community safety issues has been provided by the Neighbourhood Police Team. The new team structure has now taken shape and we are well into the fourth month, this is something to think about with regards to the above figures as they now reflect all six wards (Chapel Allerton,

Moortown, Roundhay, Alwoodley, Wetherby, Harewood) of North East Leeds rather than just the three wards in the Inner North East Community Committee area. The reported period is from 30th April to 18th June 2018. Overall, the team report that crime figures are comparably low, but partnership work continues to improve community safety in the area.

16. **Burglary Residential** (which now includes sheds/garages) shows 121 offences recorded across all six wards. The figure is lower than the same point last year as we continue with several proactive operations such as Operation Brewlock (local) and Operation Dawngreen (district). The theme across all wards is offenders targeting properties with high value cars on show on the driveways and keys being accessible within the houses. An increase in insecure doors and windows has also been noted as the weather gets warmer.
17. **Theft from Motor Vehicle** shows 69 recorded offences since the 30/4/18. Offences are across all ward areas and they are predominantly overnight offences. The trend continues in the Roundhay ward area but figures are still relatively low at 23 offences recorded since the 30/4/18.
18. **Community Safety** – As mentioned above, community meetings have started in the build up to Leeds Black Music Festival and Carnival weekend. To compliment the community meetings staffing has been increased across the Chapel Allerton Ward area and additional resources such as roads policing and mounted police are patrolling the ward to help reassure the public as we approach Carnival. There are still some drugs feuds going on in the area while there is a current void in the leadership of local gangs. Successful recent operations have seen many gang members in the Chapeltown and wider area receiving lengthy prison sentences and this is leading to disputes and fall outs between those remain.

Community Events

19. International Women's Day 2018

The Reginald Centre celebrated International Women's Day on Thursday 8th March. There were guest speakers at the event and the film 'Hidden Figures' was shown which tells the story of 3 Afro-American women who overcame prejudice to have a significant impact in the space race. Despite the best efforts of the snowy weather, the event was well attended with food served and a jazz band providing music for the day.

20. Moortown Community Garden

On 17th March, despite the snowy and wintery conditions, the Moortown Ward Councillors joined residents for the official opening of the Moortown Community Garden at Moortown Corner. The initial concept was put forward by Moortown Community Group and the area consists of seating, planters, an information board and a community noticeboard. The project was funded by Green Leeds and Moortown Ward Councillors. A big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the project!



21. International Roma Day 2018

On 7th April the Reginald Centre hosted an event to celebrate International Roma Day. The event included Roma music performances, traditional food, a Roma film, crafts and table tennis. This is the first time the event has been celebrated at a community hub and was attended by around 50 people from the community. Funding was provided by the INE Community Committee to purchase craft material, food, book vouchers for the entertainers and transport. The event was a huge success with positive feedback from attendees.

22. Oakwood Day 2018

Oakwood Day was celebrated on Saturday 28th April with the community coming together to enjoy music, stalls, food, performances and lots more family fun! Organised by Oakwood Traders and Residents Association (OTRA) and supported by LCC, Ward Members, local businesses and community organisations, the event is in its third year and continues to build community spirit and pride in Oakwood. Oakwood Library also held a giant games event in the library and garden on the day using the new games purchased using Youth Activity Funding received from the INE Community Committee. The event was well attended and lots of positive feedback was received. Further events will be organised during the summer months.



23. Meanwood Festival & Fun Day 2018

On Bank Holiday Monday 28th May 2018, the Meanwood Fun Day took place at Meanwood Cricket Ground. The fun day marks the end of the now annual Meanwood Festival, celebrating local culture and everything 'Meanwood'. Meanwood Valley Partnership (MVP) organise the event with support from LCC, local businesses and the community. The Inner North East Community Committee supported the event with Wellbeing funding and the provision of a community skip. Food, music, stalls, games and performances contributed to a fun packed day enjoyed by the whole community.



24. Chapel Allerton War Memorial Project

Wednesday 6th June 2018 saw the latest action in the project to rejuvenate the Chapel Allerton War Memorial. Supported by the Chapel Allerton Ward Members and Leeds

City Council, a fantastic and enthusiastic group of local residents have come together to form the Friends of Chapel Allerton War Memorial. On the day, volunteers started the process of restoring the cemetery railings where the memorial is situated. The group returned on 17th June to complete the work and were joined by Cllr Jane Dowson.



Communications & Social Media

25. 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 657 'likes' up 52 from the 605 reported at the last Community Committee in March 2018. 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

26. At the INE Community Committee meeting in March, an update was provided on the **Local Centres Programme (LCP)** which 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.

27. In the first of two bidding rounds, 3 schemes were submitted for consideration in the Inner North East area and two of those were provisionally approved by Executive Board. The Willow Tree Island scheme (Chapel Allerton Ward) and the Meanwood Rd/Green Lane junction scheme in Meanwood (Moortown Ward) will now be progressed and further updates will be provided to the Committee. Work will be done with Roundhay

Ward Members to ensure that a scheme is identified and put forward for the next bidding round.

Conclusion

28. The report outlines a wide range activities being undertaken or supported by the Community Committee.

Recommendations

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