

**Report of:** The South East Area Leader

**Report to:** The Outer South Community Committee  
(Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell)

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For decision

## Outer South Community Committee Update Report

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### Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

### Main issues

Updates by theme:

#### Children and Families: Councillor Karen Bruce

2. We received over **15 Youth Activity Fund applications for 2018-19** activities and reviewed these, alongside feedback from a number of children and young people. Feedback from the children and young people is an essential element of the funding process and is considered before recommendations are made on which applications should be funded by the Outer South Community Committee.
3. So far a number of applications have been approved, covering a variety of activities such as the **Mini Breeze events** run by the Breeze Team; **dance activities and dance sessions** coordinated by DAZL; **a takeover festival** for children and young people organised by Morley Town Centre Management Board and **multi-activity sessions** (sport, education, culture) that will be delivered by Leeds Youth Service.

## Environment: Councillor Karen Bruce

4. **Litter and dog fouling** was discussed as being an issue in all **4 wards**, with a total of **5 community clean ups** organised to coincide with the **Great British Spring Clean**.
5. **Housing Leeds** agreed to share details of their **estate walkabouts** for 2018-19.
6. **Bottle banks** requested for **Tingley** have been well received by the local community.
7. **Highways** gave an update on the report that went to the **Executive Board** on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, on the effectiveness of **20 mph zones**.
8. There has been a discussion around the possibility of the Outer South Community Committee having a **Service Level Agreement** with Parks & Countryside. The service are now looking in to this and will report back in the future.

## Community Safety: Councillor Lisa Mulherin

9. Anti-Social Behaviour have opened **4 new cases in Ardsley & Robin Hood; 5 new cases in Morley North; 7 new cases in Morley South** and **5 new cases in Rothwell** in the last **3 month** period (this does not reflect on the number of complaints received for the same period that are resolved without going to full investigation).
10. There was **1 hate crime** reported in the **Rothwell ward** during this period.
11. Anti-social behaviour obtained a partial premises closure on a property on Fairleigh Crescent, where a vulnerable tenant was being targeted by people drinking alcohol and causing ASB. The partial closure allows the person to remain in their property until they can be rehoused and effectively stops the people who were targeting them from entering the address, or face being arrested.
12. PS Abbott has moved to the Integrated Offender Management Team at Stainbeck Police Station and PS Pickard has moved to the Safer Neighbourhood and Roads Policy Team at Carr Gate. Their replacements are PS Connelly who is now working from Rothwell and PS Stevens works from Morley.
13. On March 26<sup>th</sup> the **Neighbourhood Policing Team** morphed from Officers spread over **5 teams** to **3 teams** and they now work an extra day on their set of shifts. A number of new Ward Officers and PCSO's have joined the teams and the south locality is headed by a dedicated Inspector, **Ian O'Brien** who has responsibility not just for Outer South but also Inner South.

14. Outer South will have its anniversary of the domestic abuse locality meeting in July. This is where cases of domestic abuse are discussed with partner agencies. Cases are discussed that meet the Standard and Medium DASHH assessment, that attending Officers complete as part of the process of dealing with incidents. The attendees are tasked so as to provide support not just to the victims and children but also the perpetrators. The process already operates at 3 other localities and there is a push to spread this to the rest of the Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team areas.

### **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson**

15. Within the Community Committee area, there are **520 people** claiming **Job Seekers Allowance** (JSA), as of March 2018 which is a **2%** (10 people) increase compared to the same period last year. There are **3,045 people** claiming **Employment Support Allowance** (ESA), as of August 2017, which is a **4%** (110 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.

16. From April to March 2018, there have been **603** residents accessing **Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes**, with **226** supported to secure employment and **271** to improve their skills.

17. **The Personal Work Support Package** (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support, is working well. From October 2015 to end of March 2018, a total of **3,000** residents have started on the programme, **30%** (839) have secured employment. **130** residents from Outer South have engaged or have completed this programme, **28%** (37) of these have secured employment.

18. Staff from **The Point** attended a **Morley Community Hub** event at **Morley Jobcentre** on the **28th February** to promote services at The Point including the Jobshop. Vacancies within the White Rose Shopping centre and other vacancies across the city including Apprenticeships were also promoted. Unfortunately, attendance at the event was impacted by adverse weather conditions. However, in total **40** individuals were supported with information and/or signposting to services which is positive under the circumstances.

19. Staff from **The Point** will be supplementing the resource from **Morley Hub Jobshop** at the **Morley Jobsfair** which will take place on **7th September** at **Morley Town Hall** to promote the full range of services and support available including vacancies, courses and apprenticeships.

## Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw

### 20. 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](mailto:deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk) or on **0113 378 6049**.

### 21. Mentally Healthy Leeds

The service will work with communities most at risk of poor mental health, including those in the most deprived areas of Leeds; young women; men aged 30-60; people who are LGBTQ; refugees and asylum seekers. By identifying, understanding and building on protective factors, people will be supported to stay mentally and emotionally well. **Mentally Healthy Leeds** will engage with local services, communities, groups and individuals to identify needs and respond in effective ways. The service will use a variety of community development approaches including peer support, volunteering, groups and activities as well as awareness-raising activity. Training will also be offered to communities and local employers.

### 22. Primary Care Update

#### **Suicide Prevention in Primary Care working group**

Following recommendations made in the latest Suicide Audit a steering group has been established with primary care colleagues to develop an action plan to support an increased awareness and recognition of patients who may be at risk of suicide, as well as the appropriate management of poor mental health.

### 23. 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/>

## Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

24. The Outer South Tenant Engagement Officer regularly attends **13 TARA/community group meetings** in all **4 wards**, as well as all **annual general meetings** and **special meetings**. All **annual support reviews** and **annual support grants** for TARAs have been actioned. The Tenant Engagement Officer has arranged for most TARAs/community groups to have their accounts audited by West Yorkshire Community Accounting Services (WYCAS). Only Churwell TARA (Morley) prefer their own auditors and East Ardsley TARA is yet to decide whether to use the free WYCAS service in 2018/19.
25. Working in partnership with the **Community Committee** continues to be an important objective for the **Outer South Housing Advisory Panel**. This partnership works very well in practice, to make sure tenants and residents benefit from this collaborative working approach, making best use of available funds. The Outer South Housing Advisory Panel and Community Committee look for best value for money and using money wisely remains a priority to benefit all Outer South communities.
26. Nearly **£63,000** of match funding was provided to support **Housing Advisory Panel** projects in 2017/18. Match funding was sought from wellbeing funding/the local Housing Managers' environmental budgets and bidders also identified match funding from various sources to money go further.
27. Overall the bids for the Outer South wards are:
- **Ardsley and Robin Hood: 10 bids totalling £4,869.92** (a community trip, 6 community events, a CCTV project, updating electrics/heating in a community centre, goalposts)
  - **Morley North: 2 bids totalling £3,629.99** (new metal fence/barrier, bins store at a sheltered building)
  - **Morley South: 3 bids totalling £1,134.50** (2 community trips, new bins project)
  - **Rothwell: 9 bids totalling £6,640.89** (metal fencing, new bollards, new bins project, TV/DVD in sheltered building, 4 community events)
  - **All 4 wards: 5 bids totalling £10,052.39** (2 youth projects, a foodbank project, a Community Heroes Event and the Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme)
28. The Outer South Housing Advisory Panel budget this year is the same as 2017/18, **£37,886.83**. With the **£7,242.16** under spend in 2017-18, this totals **£45,052.44**. At the Outer South Housing Advisory Panel meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 4 other bids were approved totalling **£5,599.00**, so the remaining budget is **£39,435.44**.

## Outer South Community Committee Communications

29. A copy of the most recent **Outer South Community Committee Newsletter** highlighting key aspects of Community Committee activities is attached for information (**Appendix 1**). The Communities Team will be circulating the newsletter to their contacts and on social media. **Appendix 2** details recent social media activity for the Outer South Facebook page.

## **Conclusions**

30. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

## **Recommendations**

31. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.