

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

Children & Young People – Champion: Cllr C Gruen

3. Following the success of last year's Inner West Youth Summit, the Communities team will be meeting with the Children's Champions to discuss the Youth Summit for 2018/19. Once a date and venue have been agreed the details will be circulated to all Members in the hope that as many Members as possible will be able to attend part or all of the day. Findings from the young people who attended the event last year have helped to inform spend on young people's activities during 2018.
4. Invites to the C&YP sub group meetings will be sent out, however for information the next meetings are on 23rd October at 11am (venue tbc) and 12th February at 10am (venue tbc).

Peer Inspections

5. As part of the monitoring of Youth Activities Funded projects a series of peer inspections have been carried out within Inner West over the summer months. Young people from across the city along with colleagues from the Communities Team have visited projects and the young people were tasked with speaking to attendees and organisers to get feedback on what was working well and what young people wanted to see, feedback from the peer inspections can be used to inform future commissioning.

Hawksworth Wood

6. There was a very successful Hawksworth Wood Fun Day held in July in conjunction with Hawksworth Primary School. It was a very sunny day in the middle of the World Cup and lots of local residents came along. The event is growing year on year with lots of local groups and organisations involved. It was also an opportunity for residents to look at the skatepark where building work was underway. The HAVA funded skatepark has now been completed and opened at the beginning of September.

Armley Festival

7. The event took place on Armley moor and attracted between 1500 – 1800 people. On the day there were 10 exhibitors including the Police, Fire Service, Education establishments and sports clubs; and over 40 stalls of which 17 were commercial ventures selling sweets, table-top games, arts & crafts, beauty products, toys, novelty items and food stalls. The remaining stalls were a combination of charities, volunteer, faith and partner organisations who were there to promote their services and offer advice.

There were also a number of activities that were provided for people to enjoy free of charge. These included, a nail bar, face painting, inflatables, circus skills and football skills. Stage performances by the Samba Band, which was a collaboration of school kids from across the area, were received enthusiastically as were the other stage performers and the Armley's Got Talent competition was very popular.

In conclusion, the event did everything it set out to do. It brought the wider community together, it allowed families to have an affordable and fun day out and it promoted services that aim to improve the physical, mental and emotional health of residents.

Bramley Festival

8. There were between 2000 to 2500 people attended the annual event in Bramley Park. There were included 70 stalls along with 12 exhibitors. Exhibitors included sports and fitness clubs, Police and Fire services and education organisations. There were also a number of activities that were provided for people to enjoy free of charge. These included, a nail bar, face painting, inflatables, circus skills, football skills and a rodeo bull.

Stage performances by local dance and music groups were received enthusiastically and the Bramley's Got Talent competition was as popular with people queuing to have the chance to perform.

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

Better Together

9. Barca the local health and wellbeing registered charity have completed their first quarter of the second year of the council's outreach service-Better Together. This service helps engage with local residents who are not accessing community and clinical services which may help them improve and maintain their health and wellbeing. They have made strong progress of 629 community contacts towards their annual target of 3000. Their main concentration this quarter has been helping isolated middle age men access men's groups in Armley and Bramley. The St George's Crypt Group and Gotts Park Social Sessions have been particularly successful as this moving clip of a local men's group demonstrates.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXLb4pxOIHs&feature=youtu.be>

For more information on any of these topics please contact

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CAREVIEW-Social Isolation Support Tool

10. Careview is a smart phone app which helps our community outreach teams locate socially isolated citizens. CAREVIEW is approaching the end of its academically evaluated 12 month council trial and a full evaluation report will be available at the end of the year. This platform has a newly developed support tool that non-health professionals and residents can access should they require information on how to signpost an isolated resident to a support service. It can be accessed without signing up by visiting <https://leeds.care.vu/> and then Click on the menu ☰ and select "Isolation Tool".

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Malnutrition Helpline

11. Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds City Council are pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition in older people. The malnutrition helpline puts the public and health and social care professionals in touch with a team of dietitians who can provide advice on a range of issues relating to difficulties with eating and drinking.

People can access support by calling 0113 843 0905 Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm or e-mail the team Ich.malnutrition@nhs.net

12. Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme. Leeds Community Foundation (LCF) is running the Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme, with support from Leeds City Council Public Health. The fund will support a range of community-based projects that help vulnerable people in Leeds who are most affected by cold weather. This includes households with young children and pregnant women as well as people with a range of physical/mental health problems, on low income, with disabilities, aged over 65 or otherwise vulnerable. LCF are looking for innovative ideas that support vulnerable people and provide real tangible help.
- For more information please contact Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or grants@leedscf.org.uk

Employment & Skills

13. Universal Credit (UC) is one of the main elements of the Government's Welfare Reform Programme available for both in work and out of work claimants and a partial roll out went live in Leeds on the 1st February 2016. The first groups to whom it applied were new single, job seeking claimants without children or a mortgage.
- In the Government's Autumn Budget in November 2017 a number of changes were announced that have had an impact on UC. The most significant impact for Leeds was the closing of the existing UC claiming process. Therefore, since January 2018 no further new claims for UC have been made in Leeds and instead new claimants had to revert back to claiming the legacy benefits that UC will eventually replace. Leeds moves to the full UC digital claiming platform on 10th October 2018 for all new claimants. UC briefings for Members are being organised for September.
- Within the Community Committee area, there are 1,015 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of March 2018 which is a 16% (195 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. There are 4,085 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of August 2017, which is a 4% (190 people) decrease compared to the same period last year. The first reported data on UC March 2018 shows that 430 people are currently claiming the out of work element of UC in the Community Committee area.
- From April to March 2018, there have been 1,603 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 572 supported to secure employment and 670 to improve their skills.
- 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. Since it commenced in April 2015 (mandatory since October 2015), 2,998 people have started on the programme with 839 (28%) securing employment. From the Community Committee area, 175 have started the programme with 55 (31%) people supported into work.

Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum

14. Bramley Forum

The Bramley Forum met on the 26th July 2018 and discussed the following:

Inspector Sarah Towers was present at the meeting to provide a policing update to the forum. The discussion focused on social media groups in Bramley and concerns relating to the perception of crime being on the increase. Inspector Towers informed that the police were actively aware of crime in the area and do their best to respond with the resources available. Crime had actually decreased but methods of reporting had changed and more incidents were now being recorded.

Officers Andrew Molyneux and Chris Way provided a Highways update. Chris Way informed that his team were finishing off the 20mph signs in Bramley and Stanningley and traffic orders were being looked at for parking restrictions in some areas. A lot of speed calming measures had been installed and had proven to reduce speeds.

First Buses Paul Moses was in attendance and gave an update to the forum. First Buses have 500 drivers in Bramley and 200 buses of which 173 where in active use. More staff were being recruited and a further investment of circa £300 million was going towards 285 new buses. Residents were informed there would be some service changes happening in September.

15. Bramley Our Place Partnership

The Bramley Our Place Partnership was brought together to develop a local improvement plan for Bramley, focusing on the Broadleas and Fairfields.

The partnership is currently developing a work programme against the 3 identified priorities which will be underpinned by community engagement;

- Children & Young People
- Community Safety & Environment
- Jobs & Skills, educational attainment (increased employment and more of the community in learning)

The main initiative since the refresh focused on the environment and children and young people. This was a joint project working with Bramley Primary School, Housing Leeds, Waste Management and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods to deliver a dedicated school week focusing on the environment. The school devised a program that fitted in with the school curriculum and partners enhanced the students experience by coordinating a 2 day litter pick as well as presentations throughout the week at school assemblies. Following the success of this initiative it is planned to continue this initiative over the course of the new academic year. The main aim of this initiative is to build aspirations amongst the students about keeping their environment clean and tidy.

Further initiatives are now being explored by the partnership as they construct a development plan to set measurable targets and understand what difference can be made on the ground. This is being explored by 3 sub-groups working coherently to the 3 identified priorities mentioned earlier.

Armley Ward Forum

16. The last Armley Forum took place on 19th June. The Police reported there had been a reduction in burglaries. Two officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team attended, they provided a general update on the area, spoke about a recruitment campaign and about an initiative to address littering from vehicles.

The forum heard from Leeds Community Homes about their consultation event on 1st August regarding the proposed building of affordable housing on Mistress Lane. Peter Mudge from the Communities Team also attended to discuss his work in Armley as the Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator.

The next Forum is to take place on 18th September.

New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood Update

17. The New Wortley Core Team continues to meet every 6 weeks to bring together partners, monitor progress against agreed actions and ensure there is a collective, joined up approach to work taking place within the priority neighbourhood. The last meeting of the Core Group took place on 23rd July and focused on Employment Skills & Welfare. Discussions particularly focused on the rollout of Universal Credit and the CLLD programme.

Over the last few months, the Core Team has been reviewing its Action Plan for 2018/19 (Appendix 1). It continues to focus on five main themes of:

Children & Young People
Community Voice
Employment Skills & Welfare
Health & Wellbeing
Safer, Cleaner, Greener

The sub group for each theme have identified three priorities as a main focus for the coming year, with a range of key activities that they aim to undertake to help deliver these. Examples include:

Building on the success of last year, a transition support programme will once again be delivered to support the Year 6 cohort leaving Castleton Primary and to help them move into high school.

A bespoke Annual Home Visit form for residents in the Priority Neighbourhoods has now been designed, which would be able to monitor customer satisfaction and perceptions of improvements. Rollout of this is now being discussed for New Wortley.

A multi-agency day of action is scheduled for early October. This will focus on a range of community safety and environmental messages, particularly around bonfire night and the darker nights.

Funding has been approved under the Local Centres Programme to develop a gateway feature to improve the junction of Green Lane and Tong Road. Proposals are being

worked up in conjunction with Leeds Beckett University to look at potential options and will engage them to work with the community to develop those ideas.

Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Update

18. The Community Led Local Development (CLLD) funding programme in Leeds is getting ready to launch. The programme has over £3.3million of European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) monies available to fund projects that will help improve employment, skills and business prospects in the most disadvantaged areas of the city in parts of East, West and South Leeds. All organisations within the third, public and private sectors can apply to deliver a project. Organisations who bid will need to provide an equal amount of match funding for their project.

A series of launch events across Leeds are taking place in September where organisations can learn more about the programme and how to apply. Following this the CLLD Team will be issuing calls for organisations to bid for funding.

Each area of the city, West, East and South, has a different emphasis and the launch events reflect these with a different keynote speaker at each. Organisations may be interested in attending more than one event depending on their area of interest and where they deliver services.

Events across the city are listed below:

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| • Energising East Leeds Launch | 12th September |
| • South Leeds Together Launch | 17th September |
| • West Leeds Working West Leeds Thriving | 20th September |
| • South Leeds Together Launch | 24th September |
| • Energising East Leeds Launch | 25th September |
| • West Leeds Working West Leeds Thriving | 26th September |

Corporate

19. **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

20. 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

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

Background information

- None