

**Report of: Area Leader**

**Report to: The Inner West Community Committee**

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**For Information**

**Area Update Report**

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#### Purpose of report

This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Children and Young People.

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

##### **Neighbourhood Policing Update**

1. Leeds City Councils 'City Priorities Plan' sets out its ambitions to achieve sustainable reductions in crime and disorder, tackle anti-social behavior and to build stronger cohesive communities.
2. At the request of the Community Committee West Yorkshire Police have been invited to provide a policing update to the meeting.

**Children & Young People – Champion: Cllr C Gruen & Cllr H Bithell.**

3. Following the success of last year's Inner West Youth Summit, the Communities team attended the sub group meeting with the Children's Champions to discuss the Youth Summit for 2018/19. The event will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at the Civic Hall**. A diary invite has been sent to all Inner West 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. For information the next Children's Sub Group meeting is on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 10am, (venue tbc).
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. The Peer Inspection report will soon be forwarded to all members for their information.
6. Primary School Results for the Inner West Community Committee area were also discussed, with data for each ward to follow when it has been validated. Although the improvement in Leeds is greater than the national rate, there are some schools with results that are of concern. Possible interventions, such moderating, forums and working with Local Authority Governors were discussed.
7. Engagement activities with the Leeds Playhouse (formerly West Yorkshire Playhouse) were promoted with education, youth and community strands running. They are a theatre of sanctuary, working with asylum seekers and refugees and will also come out and work with community groups. More information can be found online at [www.leedsplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.leedsplayhouse.org.uk).

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

#### Public Health Employment Project in New Wortley

8. The employability project is proving a great success and resource to the services at New Wortley Community Centre. It has enabled us to provide one to one support to service users and volunteers looking to gain employment and training to enhance their skills, lifestyle and overall wellbeing. We currently have ten service users working with our support worker on CV writing, job applications, employability skills and goal setting for improving career prospects. The past two months have seen five of these gain both full and part time positions in various different roles with one opening their own take away business. Two are now volunteering at least three days a week and waiting to hear on recent job applications. One is now completing a Diplomas in Electric installation and two are working towards getting work ready and setting small achievable goals to get back into a working routine after ill health.

Partnership working plays a huge part in this project. Remploy and Engage Leeds Deliver Drop in sessions that we refer service users into.  
For more information on any of these topics please contact  
Rebecca.Houlding@newwortleycc.org>

#### CAREVIEW-Social Isolation Support Tool

9. Careview is a smart phone app which helps our community outreach teams locate socially isolated citizens. CAREVIEW has now completed a successful 12 month evaluated trial. The full evaluation is available on request and we are now looking to expand the projects functions across Leeds. 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".

For more information on any of these topics please contact  
Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

#### WNW Health and Wellbeing Partnership Meeting

10. Partners working in the 10% most deprived areas of Leeds were invited to the WNW Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting in October. The theme of the meeting was Winter Wellbeing and presentations were given by representatives of the new Home 'Plus' Leeds service and Armley Helping Hands about their Time to Shine Project 'Don't Call Me Old'. Partners were given the opportunity to share information about the work they are doing on Winter Wellbeing and link with other partners for support or ideas. All information, including resources available have been shared with the whole Partnership group to help promote any opportunities for further partnership working and support of Winter Wellbeing Campaigns including Winter Friends.

The new West Leeds Debt Forum leaflet which was included in the previous meeting themed around Money Worries is available for distribution and information has been circulated amongst the group.

For more information on any of these topics please contact Sue.Mulligan@leeds.gov.uk

#### **Employment & Skills**

11. The Service are currently working on the Ward Profile Interim reports, which ward members will receive end of November / beginning of December.

#### **Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum**

12. The Bramley Forum last met on the 27th September 2018 and discussed the following:

Harpreet Singh provided a policing update to the meeting on behalf of Inspector Sarah Towers. There had been a number of reports concerning youth nuisance relating to motorcycles and deliberate fires and residential burglaries.

Residents were urged to keep windows and doors locked as offences are likely to continue with the forthcoming darker nights period approaching, resulting in longer risk periods for offending.

Councilor Kim Groves attended the meeting to inform residents on the work she was doing as the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Transport Committee Chair. She informed residents that she had recently taken up the role and was keen to get feedback on challenges and barriers and share information going forward. Councilor Groves was accompanied by Paul Moses of First Buses who informed of the investments being made in new buses and work on improving customer services.

Oliver Bamford of Leeds City Council was also in attendance and provided information about the Bramley Hub which had now been in operation for almost a year and had received over 3,000 enquiries.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday the 29th November.

### **Bramley Our Place Partnership – Broadleas and Fairfields**

13. 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 continually developing a work programme against the 3 identified priorities which will be underpinned by community engagement. These include;

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

The last partnership meeting took place on the 17th October and attendees heard of new initiatives being developed by the sub group structures which had been set up in alignment to the 3 themes mentioned above.

Some of the key developments include the initiation of a Bramley Business Forum and an engaged program of activity working with the 4 schools that serve the Broadleas and Fairfields areas i.e. Bramley, Hollybush, Stanningley and Summerfield Primary schools. This programme includes educating and engaging the children on making improvements to the built up environment and building aspirations. Another project modelled on the New Wortley Transition Programme is being considered by schools in

partnership with Leeds Youth Service with the aim of the programme to support children with their move to secondary school.

The 3 sub-groups will continue to meet quarterly and work coherently to develop localised projects in line with the priorities of the partnership.

### **Armley Ward Forum**

14. The last Armley Forum took place on 18th September 2018. The Police reported there had been a reduction in burglaries.

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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood Update**

15. 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. There has been a range of activity undertaken against the action plan, a selection of which is highlighted below.

**Children and Young Peoples Engagement Mapping** – One of the first agreed activities of the New Wortley Core Team was to identify a ‘Top 10’ list of key children and young people at risk of being drawn into ASB and crime. Using a more intensive collaborative case management approach, we brought the data from wider providers of Children and Young Peoples provision together. Having shared their community data, this identified key individuals and families for collective focus. By doing this in New Wortley we found individuals with needs that were not previously on any services’ radar, while others had multiple interventions from services unaware of each other’s work.

This approach has now been used for over a year and has recently been reviewed by the Children & Young People working group. They have found that all identified key individuals and families are now engaging with some form of provision. Even those that are reluctant to work with statutory services are engaging with Third Sector providers such as New Wortley Community Centre and BARCA.

**Public Health Employment Project** – The employability project is proving a successful additional resource to the services currently run at New Wortley Community Centre. It provides one to one support to service users and volunteers looking to gain employment and training to enhance their skills, lifestyle and overall wellbeing. The project currently has 10 service users working with a support worker on CV writing, job applications, employability skills and goal setting for improving career prospects. The past two months

have seen 5 of these gain a mix of full and part time positions in various different roles with one opening their own take away business. Two are now volunteering at least 3 days a week and waiting to hear on recent job applications. Another is now completing a Diploma in Electric installation and two others are working towards getting work ready and setting small achievable goals to get back into a working routine after ill health.

Partnership working plays a huge part in this project. Remploy and Engage Leeds deliver drop in sessions that service users are referred to. This helps with capacity and broadens the opportunities into employment and training whilst supporting the Community Centre to further develop opportunities for all. By working in this way, Engage Leeds have helped the project support a further 21 people from the local area. Out of these; 9 are now in employment and others have been supported to attend interviews, develop CV's and job applications. The staff are fantastic, approachable and a great resource in the centre. The project has also helped to boost the confidence and self-esteem of all involved including the Employment Support Worker.

**Community Voice – The New Wortley Core Team** recognised the need to find out more from residents on how they feel about where they live, what they felt were the priorities and also what were the strengths. We also wanted to look at how the work we were undertaking in these areas was perceived and if local people felt the benefits of the changes being made. We felt it would be useful to have the soft data to inform decision making in conversation with other services around priorities. With that in mind **Priority Neighbourhood Surveys** are now being done as part of the annual home visits by Housing Leeds with more being done directly online, and via partners at events etc. The same survey is being used in Boggart Hill in Seacroft, which will provide some comparison of 2 priority neighbourhoods. The analysis should provide some useful information on assets, issues, employment and how residents currently access information and their preferred options. These surveys will be repeated yearly and provide comparison data.

We are currently in the process of producing a **Welcome Pack** for New Wortley utilising the template and learning from Boggart Hill. This will be available for all new residents at the sign up process to help familiarise them with information, support and guidance available to them locally. The document will also be made available to all residents currently living in the area to ensure they are aware of the local services on offer.

A project has also been delivered which looked at **Transforming Communities through Art and Culture**. This was a new initiative which took place over the summer at New Wortley Community Centre in partnership with the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The aim was to use art as a way of improving self-confidence, developing creativity and community cohesion by the creation of art pieces for the community centre. Day trips were also undertaken for local residents to visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to understand how art can be a catalyst for change and reinvigorate a community.

### **Christmas Bin Collection**

16. Update from Carolyn Moss, Business Officer, Waste Management **See Appendix 1**

## **Womens Services**

17. Councillor Smart will provide an introduction to the work taking place and her role within this.

### **Corporate**

18. **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**

19. 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**

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

### **Background information**

- None