

**Report of:** Area Leader

**Report to:** Inner North East Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay wards

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**to note**

## **Community Committee Update Report**

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### **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. Since the last Community Committee, work has progressed in a number of areas, including through the Committee's sub groups and local partnerships.

### **Sub Groups**

#### **INE Environmental Sub Group**

3. The INE Environmental Sub Group met on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The meeting was chaired by the INE Environment Champion, Cllr Sharon Hamilton, and attended by Cllr Mohammed Rafique (Chapel Allerton), Cllr Jacob Goddard (Roundhay), and representatives from Parks & Countryside, Waste Management, and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
4. Mike Kinnaird from Parks & Countryside provided various service updates including feedback on the Leeds Quality Parks (LQP) assessments. Once again, all the community parks in the Inner North East area – Chapel Allerton, Potternewton, Norma Hutchinson and Meanwood Park – all passed, which is unique for a community committee area. Roundhay Park has a Green Flag Award and Allerton Grange Field also retained its Green Flag Community Award.
5. Matthew Birkett from Waste Management provided updates on the expansion of the garden waste collection service with a further 12,000 properties added citywide. Spring saw very high presentation rates for garden waste but the drought in the summer period saw rates drop considerably, showing how unpredictable the demand can be.

- Marc Otley from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team updated the group regarding staffing changes and recruitment across the service as well as the resources being put in place for the de-leaving programme. The next meeting will take place in the New Year.

### **INE Finance Sub Group**

- The INE Finance Sub Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met on 14<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> November to consider applications for funding and make recommendations to the INE Community Committee. Details of all funding decisions that have completed the consultation process have been reported through the INE Finance Report.
- At their recent meeting, the members of the sub group received feedback from the recent Peer Inspections that visited projects supported by the Inner North East Community Committee from their Youth Activity Fund. The sub group along with the INE Children's Champion, Cllr Mohammed Shahzad, are supporting the planning of the next INE Youth Summit which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The recommendations received from young people at the Youth Summit will then be used to influence the next Youth Activity Funding round. The INE Finance Sub Group will meet again on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Neighbourhood Improvement**

- A community clean-up day took place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Avenues & Hiltons area of Chapeltown. Local residents (of all ages), Ward Councillors and council services came together to give the area a spring clean and remove bulky items/fly-tipping. Volunteers were rewarded with refreshments, cakes and biscuits courtesy of Cllr Dowson. A big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who helped make their local area a better and cleaner place to live.



- Work has started to reconvene a number of partnerships in the Inner North East area including the Prince Philip and Mandela Centre User Groups and also the Meanwood Seven Estates partnership.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

- An update on health and wellbeing work in the Inner North East area has been provided in Appendix 1 of this report. The update includes information on seasonal flu and Winter Friends, the third INE Health and Wellbeing partnership meeting and the annual Leeds

Joint Debt Forum meeting which took place on the 27th September at St Georges Centre.

## Community Events

12. The following events have either taken place recently or will take place in the Inner North East area between the submission of this report and the Community Committee meeting date.

### 13. Leeds Black Music Festival & Leeds West Indian Carnival

The Leeds Black Music Festival (26<sup>th</sup> August 2018) and Leeds West Indian Carnival (27<sup>th</sup> August 2018) took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Council officers, local councillors and partners had been involved with planning meetings and community engagement in the lead up to the biggest weekend of the year for the Chapeltown community and one that attracts people from all over Leeds and the UK. The events were another great showcase of the city's vibrant culture and thousands of local people and visitors turned out to enjoy the festivities. Debrief meetings have taken place and will continue in order to ensure that any issues are identified and addressed for future events.



### 14. Chapel Allerton Arts Festival

The 21<sup>st</sup> Chapel Allerton Arts Festival took place from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 with the customary week of events in and around Chapel Allerton culminating in a weekend of live music, food and fun for all the family. The festival continues to be a hugely popular community event, particularly when the weather is kind.

## 15. Bonfire Night

Roundhay Park hosted its spectacular annual bonfire and fireworks display on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. An estimated 70,000 people attend the Roundhay Park event and tens of thousands once again turned out at the park for the bonfire which was set ablaze at 7.30pm before a dramatic fireworks display at 8pm

## 16. WW1 Centenary and Remembrance Day

This year saw the 100 year anniversary of when WW1 ended. A number of remembrance services took place across the Inner North East area. Activities included Meanwood Valley Association organising a week of commemorative events which included talks, a walk, a photographic exhibition, a memorial service and to conclude the week, a special Centenary Concert took place.

The local Meanwood residents knitted 1500 poppies to form a dramatic display, flanking the War Memorial and overlooking the recently restored War Memorial bench.



Local residents from Chapel Allerton came together to rejuvenate the historic landmark of Chapel Allerton War Memorial. The project culminated in a Remembrance service and provided a fitting tribute to local people who gave their lives during the world wars.

Local ward councillors joined the community at the Reginald Centre to honour the fallen and remember their bravery and sacrifice.



## 17. Festive Lights

Festive Lights events took place during November officially starting the build up to Christmas in the Inner North East area. At the time of writing the report the Oakwood, Moortown, Meanwood and Chapel Allerton Festive Lights Switch has taken place.

## 18. Oakwood

Supported by funding from the INE Community Committee, kicked off a packed week of events on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November as Oakwood Tenants & Residents Association (OTRA) hosted their Christmas Market and Festive Lights event in Oakwood with stalls, music, food and festive fun.

## 19. Moortown

Moortown Community Group held the Moortown Corner switch-on event on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November with another great evening of music, singing, food and drink. Roundhay Ukulele Group also performed for the crowd.



## 20. Meanwood

Next to turn on their festive lights was Meanwood on 15<sup>th</sup> November with Meanwood Valley Partnership (MVP) hosting an event in the shopping square on Green Road. This year the excitement kicked off at 5pm, with special performances from Allerton High School, Meanwood C of E and North Leeds Community Singers. Local businesses also supported the event by staying open late and providing refreshments for the crowd. The lights were switched on at 6.30pm by a local community hero, Kingsley Dowling from Holy Trinity Church.

## 21. Chapel Allerton

Chapel Allerton also joined the festive fun on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November with their event at the willow tree in the village centre funded by the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors. Children from Chapel Allerton, St Matthews and Millfield primary schools performed along with Breeze acts Kirpa and Philomena. Bollywood dancers, Trishool, performed before the countdown and they were joined by the Ward Councillors on stage to switch on the lights.



## 22. Roundhay/Street Lane

This year will see the first Roundhay Festive Lights Switch On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Street Lane parade. The event has been organised by Roundhay Residents Association. The Residents association have announced that Stevie Ward and Adam Cuthbertson from Leeds Rhinos are to switch on the Christmas lights. The festivities begin from 4pm with the lights switch on itself at 5pm.



## 23. Chapeltown

Finally, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, The Reginald Centre will host the Chapeltown Winter Festival. The event is jointly organised by the Libraries and Community Hubs officers and supported by the Communities Team. The Reginald Centre will see its first ever lights being switch on at 5.45pm. A puppet show by Puppet Kingdom will perform, which will be followed by a puppet making workshop. There will also be performances, craft activities, Santa's grotto, music and refreshments.



## Communications & Social Media

24. 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 reached 707 'likes' up 26 from the 681 reported at the last Community Committee in September 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.

## **Community Hubs**

25. Appendix 4 and 5 shows the infographics for both The Reginald Centre Community Hub and the Moor Allerton Community Hub from July to September. One of the headlines for the Reginald Centre was the new free chair based exercise which started back in August. 69,396 books were issued during the last quarter.

## **Conclusion**

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

## **Recommendations**

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