

**Report of:** Area Leader

**Report to:** Inner East Community Committee – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills. Killingbeck & Seacroft

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**To Note**

## **Area Update Report – March 2019**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides an update on the on-going work programme of the Inner East Community Committee.

### **Main issues**

#### **Children and Young People**

##### **Inner East Youth Summit**

2. A report has been produced following the Inner East Youth Summit which took place Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The report can be found in **Appendix 1**.
3. This report provides members with feedback, information and recommendations of the 'Have Your Say' Youth Summit. The purpose of the event was for young people from the Inner East Community Committee area to attend an inspiring event, experience a selection of different activities and have the chance to meet their elected members.
4. Consultation took place at the event and young people worked in groups to discuss which projects they would want funded for their communities in the Inner East wards, in order to prioritise spend of the Inner East Youth Activity Fund in 2019/20.
5. Young people at the event prioritised the below five activities, in order of preference:
  - Youth Club
  - Dance
  - DJ/ Production skills
  - Sports (particularly football and boxing)

- Art
6. Other popular activities included: fun days, cooking, coding, music and cycling.
  7. The recommendations from the Youth Summit will be used when allocating funding at the Inner East Youth Activity Funding Round. Further details are provided at **paragraph 8**.

### **Inner East Youth Activity Funding Round**

8. At the time of writing, the Inner East Youth Activity funding round is open and will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Inner East Children and Young People's Sub-Group will be meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March where all applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be made to the Community Committee for consideration.
9. The recommendations of the sub-group will be tabled for consideration as part of the **Inner East Finance Report**.

## **Environment**

### **Environment Sub-Group**

10. The Environment sub- group met on Thursday 10 January 2019. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Denise Ragan (chair), Cllr Arif Hussain and Cllr Katie Dye and is attended by officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Housing, Parks & Countryside and Waste Management.

### **Fly Tipping**

11. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team has renewed its focus on fly tipping and has agreed actions with Inner East ward members as follows;
  - Further use of covert CCTV
  - Awareness raising by leaving items in situ in hotspots (where it is safe to do so) using 'crime scene' tape and stickers which say this is an illegal fly tip, and leafletting properties local to the items to advise how to dispose of items and how to report individuals who are fly tipping.
  - Providing translated information/leaflets and pictures where there are high proportion of people whose first language is not English.
  - Increasing educational materials via social media and 'welcome to "an area" leaflets'.
  - Bin yard improvements in Harehills working with Groundwork to improve around 25 bin yards to reduce and eliminate fly tipping.
  - Expanding the Public Space Projection Order (PSPO) working area in Harehills.
  - Continuing visiting businesses to ensure their compliance with legislation around their waste and their legal 'Duty of Care'.
  - Targeting waste carrying vehicles in joint operations with the Police and other partners.

- Working with Hubbub to improve a number of back streets in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill to reduce fly tipping as part of the national 'Love where you live' campaign.
- Roll out of 'Keep Burmantofts (name to be confirmed) Tidy' campaign in the priority neighbourhoods.

## **Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care**

### **Public Health Update**

12. Every quarter, Public Health have committed to providing an update to the community committee of key pieces of work in the locality. This is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.

### **Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

13. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership met on Thursday 31 January at the Compton Centre. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Denise Ragan (chair), Cllr David Jenkins and is attended by officers from Public Health and the voluntary and community sector. Discussions took place around problem gambling, winter wellbeing and the introduction of a skills audit. Further details can be found in the Public Health update in **Appendix 2**.

### **NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group Update**

#### **Your views needed on Leeds urgent treatment centres proposal**

14. NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has developed a proposal for urgent treatment centres for the citizens of Leeds and would like to hear your views. Over the last few years we have spoken to local people who have told us that it's not always clear who would be best placed to help you, or a loved one, when you're not feeling well or have been injured. This is especially the case where you feel you need to be seen quite quickly but you know it's not an emergency. We know that the way services are currently designed to help you in this situation – which we often call urgent care services – are not easy to understand. Urgent care is care that someone feels is needed on the same day but their illness or injury is not life-threatening. This could include anything from cuts, minor injuries, bites or stings through to mild fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea etc. We feel that our proposals will help simplify the system for you when you have an urgent care need. The CCG is encouraging people to feedback their views by completing a survey, available online or in paper format. You can also attend one of the events the CCG has organised. Further details are available on the web address below.

15. Read the proposals in full and have your say today: [www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCSurvey](http://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCSurvey).

### **The Leeds Big Thank You Campaign**

16. We write to make you aware of a new citywide campaign, the 'big thank you / you can be a winter hero'. This is a system-wide campaign that covers the NHS, Leeds City Council, community and voluntary sector organisations, carers and the unsung heroes among our communities. I hope you will join me in supporting this very compassionate campaign that we recently launched with the Yorkshire Evening Post.

17. Please join us in:

- Saying a public thank you to all those in our wards who are helping people stay well this. Write your message on the board here: [www.bigthankyouleeds.co.uk](http://www.bigthankyouleeds.co.uk) - you can see the messages we've already received here: <https://bigthankyouleeds.co.uk/big-thank-you-gallery/>
- Sharing the message on your social media and at events you are at, that we can all be winter heroes by: looking after our own health, checking in on our elderly or vulnerable neighbours and being prepared for bad weather.

18. The campaign seeks to encourage people to say a thank you to their winter heroes from all walks of life. This could range from frontline public sector staff, community and voluntary staff as well as people within our communities who look out for others such as unpaid carers or a community connector. At the same time we are also encouraging people to think about small steps they could take so that they too could be a winter hero. This could include getting a flu jab, looking out for neighbour or planning ahead for any bad weather. This is an opportunity to try an innovative approach to deliver some of our key prevention messages for winter in an effort to reduce wider system pressures. We're pleased with the support we've received locally from the NHS in Leeds, Leeds City Council and our community and voluntary sector organisations. Recently we have also been joined by West Yorkshire Police, the British Transport Police and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust. You will know many individuals and organisations in your ward and beyond who keep your community and the city going through winter and beyond. Now's a great chance to say thanks to them.

### **We're Proud to be 'Looking out for our Neighbours'**

19. We are excited to announce that we are supporting a brand new community campaign from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' is a new campaign that aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do simple things to look out for one another. Although lots of people in Leeds are already doing great things to help those around them, there is still more we can all do to positively impact on the wellbeing of others. A Health Foundation report (December 2018) highlighted how living alone can make older people 50% more likely to find themselves in A&E than those living with family. Pensioners living alone are also 25% more likely to develop a mental health condition. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' aims to change this - by inspiring people to do small things to reach out to the people around them. The campaign will launch on the 15th March across West Yorkshire and Harrogate and has been co-created with over 100 residents in these areas, drawing on their neighbourly experiences. Keep an eye out for more information.

### **Inner East Committee Facebook account**

20. The Communities Team officers have continued to use social media to promote the activities of the Inner East Community Committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. At the time of writing the report, the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page currently has 814 followers. In the past month, the page has reached 6,046 people and there have been 1119 post engagements.

## **Conclusion**

21. The work of the Communities Team in partnership with council departments, external partners and with elected members is working towards the priorities of the Community Committee and the aspirations of the neighbourhood improvement and 'priority neighbourhood' approaches. This programme of work should be seen as a work in progress which is consolidating the Community Committee's role as a local decision-making body by strengthening the links between the local authority and the communities it serves.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.
2. Note the recommendations from the Inner East Youth Summit, as contained in Appendix 1.
3. Note the Public Health Locality Update, as contained in Appendix 2.