

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: The Inner West Community Committee [Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

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For Information

Area 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.
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

Neighbourhood Policing Update

3. 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.
4. At the request of the Community Committee West Yorkshire Police have been invited to provide a policing update to the meeting.

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

5. The Children's Sub Group meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th February 2019, at West Leeds Activity Centre

An update was provided by the Leadership & Management Lead, Children and Families on Secondary School Attainment in the Inner West area. Leeds school results dipped slightly in 2018 (being 65th out of 151 authorities), but are still above average.

Discussion followed around possible differences in attainment between academies and local authority schools, pupil premium/disadvantage data, the role of governors in helping to improve school attainment and also the role of elected members on this agenda.

It was agreed to invite local head teachers to a future sub group meeting, to discuss the above points.

During the second part of the meeting, a presentation by Public Health, on the National Child Measurement Programme was heard. This is a programme where 1 million children are weighed and measured each year in Reception and Year 6.

From 2016/17 data, 1 in 3 children are overweight when leaving primary school and following this discovery by the school, their parents get a letter to inform them.

Leeds obesity rates: in both Reception and Year 6 age children, there is a slight downward trend for 2016/17. With Reception down to 8.6% and Year 6 down to 19.1%. Children in the 1% most deprived areas are also more likely to be obese for a variety of complex reasons. The sub group were keen to explore these issues.

In all 3 Inner West wards, the % of overweight children was slightly higher than the Leeds national average, at Reception and Year 6 measurements.

Following discussion around why this might be the case, a quick overview by Active Leeds on some of their programmes (including the success of Fit and Fed at Castleton Primary School), was delivered.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 13th March 2019, venue to be confirmed.

Peer Inspections

6. As part 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 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 are attached at **Appendix 1**.

Bramley & Stanningley Ward Forum

7. The Bramley Forum last met on the 14th February 2019 and discussed the following:

PCSO's Kaur and Woods provided a policing update to the meeting on behalf of Inspector Sarah Towers. There had been a number of reports concerning criminal damage which were being addressed by a multi-agency partnership working group. Residents were informed that crime in Bramley was low for burglaries but were urged to keep windows and doors locked.

The forum was made aware that the new contact point had moved to Costa Coffee in the Bramley Shopping Centre and Officers would be present on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm.

Presentations were also received from Joe Kent and Rachel Shaw from Barca who provided information about a number of initiatives and projects being run by the organisation

Safina Sher, Community Project Officer for the (SAFER Project) part of the West Yorkshire Financial Exploitation and Abuse Team attended the forum to discuss Trading Standards. The team work with residents to prevent them from becoming victims, with businesses to help them comply with good practice and with partners to put funds back into communities.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday the 28th March.

Bramley Our Place Partnership – Broadleas and Fairfields

8. 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 28th February 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 meeting received a presentation from Public Health Localities and Primary Care Team about discussions with local health professionals about proposals to address Childhood obesity. The recommendations from these discussions include raising awareness of current activity in the ward by taking a whole systems approach, review of current academic and clinical evidence, followed by a stakeholder workshop to discover any gaps with an aim to rewrite local objectives.

Further presentations were also received by LCC Employment & Skills Team on the local profile update and Barca about provision that is on offer to support individuals with employment and training skills.

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

9. The latest Armley Forum took place on 15th January, 2019 at Armley Community Hub.

A discussion around crime figures and general issues with the local area, opened the meeting. Following discussion of issues with bins, the police urged people to be mindful of data protection and not to put personal information in their household bins.

Fake cigarettes and alcohol are being sold in the area. As these can be hazardous to health, forum members were requested to report this to the police, if they come across it.

The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator also attended to discuss his work in Armley as part of the Local Centres Programme. This involves rejuvenating Town Street and linking with in with young people. Phase 2 of this programme is now due, involving the private sector and a positive result for the area is that an In Bloom Group has now been set up.

At the request of the forum, for the next meeting on **19th March 2019**, the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, the new Housing Manager and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team have all been invited to attend.

New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood Update

10. 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. Sub groups aligned to the core priorities consider the Neighbourhood Action plan on a particular

theme with barriers and larger issues to progress flagged back to the Core Team for a more strategic approach. A couple of recent developments to draw your attention to are listed below.

The Safer Cleaner Greener Sub Group meets 6 weekly and is progressing a localised action plan. Some of the key developments include a focus on community engagement through 'Cuppa with a Copper Surgeries' which plan to timetable a range of other services to collaborate on a rota basis. Marketing merchandise is being explored to publicise support services and other modes of marketing communications via the local schools pupil post.

Monthly clean up days are being planned from the start of April through September and a further multi-agency action day to be held in May following the success of the last event. An action plan is being considered to address the top 5 families / households causing local issues of concern.

The Employment & Learning Sub Group have had discussions with Leeds City College around the possibility of delivering some basic English and Maths courses and are also looking at the opportunities for volunteers from the community centre to be able to follow the City & Guilds volunteering accreditation. The potential for local recruitment opportunities with Wortley McDonalds are being investigated. The need for more 'taster' style training/ learning was discussed following feedback from the local community that they were reluctant to sign up for long term courses when they didn't always know if the course was suited to them.

New Wortley Community Centre have established a new Employment, Education & Empowerment group which allows people to access support from whatever point they are at in looking for training and employment.

Identifying extra funding opportunities for the priority neighbourhoods is obviously key and Active Leeds have been working on a physical activity insight paper for 4 priority neighbourhoods including New Wortley which will unlock £500K of funding from Sport England. A Core Team 'Takeover' took place in February to capture the local stories and too the opportunity to engage, influence and connect with a wider audience across New Wortley / Armley helping to "Mobilise your community". This was crucial to demonstrate an understanding of the community and the influencers that do great things already and how they can be encouraged and supported to develop physical activity opportunities in the future.

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

Update from Public Health – Jon Hindley

11. Cold Weather and Isolated / Vulnerable residents

Where's your next hot meal coming from?

If you are a carer, paid or voluntary, a neighbour, someone close to a vulnerable isolated older person or a health and social care professional such as a social worker

or district nurse you may come across someone who is having problems with eating and possibly at risk of malnutrition.

One in ten people are malnourished – often those who are lonely, have a change in personal circumstances, have mobility problems, don't know how to cook, don't know what to cook or just no longer interested.

What do we mean by malnutrition? It is a serious condition that occurs when a person's diet doesn't contain the right amount of nutrients and can be either:

- under-nutrition – not enough nutrients
- over-nutrition – more nutrients than you need

Malnutrition and dehydration are both causes and consequences of illness and have significant impact on anyone's health

But how can we help? Just by starting a conversation:

- “It's going to be cold – have you got a hot meal for later?”
- “I'm off to the shops – need anything?”
- “What are you having for dinner tonight?”
- “Fancy a hot drink?”

It means you can start talking about food and drink in a casual way and find out what help they need. The website www.leeds.gov.uk/nexthotmeal gives you access to all sorts of support material and information that you can pass on too.

So the next time you visit an older person, either professionally or personally, why not ask “Do you know where your next meal is coming from?” and see what happens.

12. Lunch Clubs

2018/19 saw 87 lunch clubs funded across the city with just over 2800 older people receiving a hot, nutritious meal for around 40 weeks of the year.

Leeds Community Foundation, in partnership with Leeds City Council, are pleased to be offering grants to support the vital work of lunch clubs across the city for 2019/20. These grants are specifically for the running costs of lunch clubs and can support new clubs as well as helping existing ones to continue delivering services.

Clubs must run activities in Leeds and be providing regular hot meals to local older people. Funding is awarded as a contribution towards running costs and can help with rent, training, meal costs and volunteer expenses. The scheme cannot cover day trips, home delivery of meals or additional social activities provided by lunch clubs. In order to be eligible, clubs must:

- be run by a management committee, have a constitution/governing document and a bank account in the name of the club (or of the charitable Organisation which runs the club)
- serve approximately 20+ hot meals per week to older people (if you have a smaller number, the panel may use discretion and award a grant which as be scaled down proportionately)
- operate for at least 40 weeks of the year (if you operate for fewer weeks, the panel may use discretion and award a grant which as be scaled down proportionately)

- have adequate insurance and volunteers who are trained, specifically in Food Handling
- new clubs must be able to demonstrate the need for their services
- clubs must make use of appropriate training for volunteers and be prepared to work with other local organizations

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Thursday 14th February 2019. Any queries about the program can be directed to the Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or e-mail grants@leedscf.org.uk

13. Cold Weather and Older Citizens

It is that time of year again when seasonal influenza is here and time to promote the uptake of the best protection – the vaccine.

The link below is for the Council's public facing webpage that has a wealth of information on the why, who and how. Leaflets and posters are available to promote uptake of the vaccine and these can be viewed and downloaded via the webpage.

Leaflets and resources are also available from the Public Health Resource Centre Please encourage uptake of the flu vaccine with service users, their families and carers and frontline staff as you feel appropriate.

For more information on any of these topics please contact Kevin.McGready@leeds.gov.uk or go to www.leeds.gov.uk/flu

14. Winter Friends

Following on from work carried out in 2018 an e-briefing has now been made available to support more people to become Winter Friends. Being a Winter Friend means you are equipped with knowledge, resources and signposting information to support a vulnerable person during winter. There are nine evidence based, high-impact interventions that can support vulnerable people during winter and these are covered in the Winter Friends e-briefing.

You can now access the Winter Friends e-briefing on the Public Health Resource Centre Website by clicking on Winter Friends e-briefing 18/19 (please note you will need to open the file and play as a slideshow in PowerPoint). Once the e-briefing has been viewed, Winter Friends can collect a resource pack from the Public Health Resource Centre (Technorth Centre, 9 Harrogate Road Leeds LS7 3NB) to support conversations and promotion of relevant campaigns. To provide and increase support across Leeds, we would be really grateful if this information could be shared to encourage access to the resources.

For more information on any of these topics please contact Rachel.Brighton2@leeds.gov.uk

For the Social Isolation Tool for signposting vulnerable citizens to support services go to <https://leeds.care.vu/>

Using the isolation support tool

The isolation support tool helps you find the names, websites and phone numbers of support resources for residents who may be socially isolated.

1. Click on the menu ☰ and select “Isolation Tool”.
2. If you know the category for resources you want to look up, pick “Choose from list” and pick the category from the list.
3. If you don’t, click “Interactive” and the tool will ask you some basic questions about the resident, leading you to the most appropriate category. You can go back or restart at any time.
4. By default, all resources are shown. If the resident is not older, BAME or LGBT+, you can exclude resources that are specifically for these people by unticking the boxes at the bottom at any time. Contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

Updates from NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group

15. Item 1: Your views needed on Leeds urgent treatment centres proposal

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.

Read the proposals in full and have your say today:
www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCSurvey.

16. Item 2: The Leeds Big Thank You campaign

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.

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 - 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.

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.

17. Item 3: We're Proud to be 'Looking out for our Neighbours'

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.

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