

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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For consideration

Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Children and Families: Councillor Mohammed Shahzad

3. The Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit was held at The Banqueting Suite in the Civic Hall on Wednesday 29 January 2019. The Youth Summit included a visit to the council chambers and lunch at the Rose Bowl. The event was promoted through clusters and directly to schools. 92 pupils attended in total with representation from 10 different schools (including 2 secondary schools).

4. Pupils attended from all three wards in the Community Committee area. The pupils engaged well with a tour and had the opportunity to ask questions to the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and their local councillors. Pupils learnt about how local decisions are made, with young people also taking part in an exercise that reflected the funding process that the local councillors go through when deciding what projects to fund.



5. Following the Youth Summit and the list of activities that the young people wanted the funding to be spent on, a 'funding round' was opened in February. A number of meetings took place with the members for the Finance Sub Group, to go through the funding applications received. Approximately 20 applications were considered, providing activities during the 6 week summer holidays. Feedback from the children and young people is an essential element of the funding process and is considered before recommendations are made on which applications should be funded by the Inner North East Community Committee.
6. A number of applications were approved, covering a variety of activities such as the Mini Breeze events run by the Breeze Team; dance and drama activities provided by Art Camp UK and multi-activity sessions (sport, education, culture) that will be delivered by Active Leeds. At the time of writing the report, the summer provision is well underway and a number of peer inspections, with councillor attendance, have taken place.
7. The Communities Team and the Voice and Influence Team are currently in the process of organising the Youth Summit to consult on how the 2020/21 Youth Activity Fund should be spent. The Youth Summit will be taking place on 6 November 2020 at the Banqueting Suite at Civic Hall, with the 'funding round' then opening up shortly after, from 1 December until 31 January 2020, allowing providers a longer window to apply.
8. Cllr Shahzad attended the STAR awards for looked children and young people looked after. The events were held on two different days; 24 July for the young people's awards and 25 July for the children's awards. Both events took place at Elland Road Banqueting suite and included food and entertainment. Cllr Shahzad had the honour of announcing, along with one of the children, the award for personal development. Cllr Shahzad said it was great to see on both nights children, young

people and their carers being able to enjoy and celebrate the achievements which were made in some very difficult circumstances.

Environment: Councillor Sharon Hamilton

9. Following the appointment of sub group members, dates for the Environmental Sub Group meeting have been set for the remainder of the municipal year. The first Environmental Sub Group meeting took place on 8 July 2019 and received updates from Parks and Countryside and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. As part of the Parks & Countryside update, the sub group was informed that the Leeds Quality Parks (LQP) assessments were starting again. It was confirmed that all 4 community parks had passed the LQP assessment. It was also confirmed that grass cutting was now taking place and due to the wet weather weed spraying had been delayed for 3 weeks.
10. The update from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team included positive feedback from The Keep Britain Tidy, British Spring Clean campaign, which took place in April 2019. The ward members discussed the fly tipping strategy and the approach that would work best for their wards. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team confirmed and provided reassurance to the members that all was in hand for Leeds West Indian Carnival, Chapel Allerton Arts Festival and The Ed Sheeran Concert.

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

11. The Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Review Report went through Executive Board at the end of June and its recommendations were approved. Work is now underway to make these changes a reality. Approval has been sought to recruit to the posts to create a Triage Team and the redesign of the noise nuisance service is underway, as is the creation of the Community Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). All this is captured in the Anti-Social Behaviour Three Year Strategy Document which has been approved by Councillor Coupar and will be formally published shortly.
12. West Yorkshire Police will provide an update for the December Community Committee.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Jacob Goddard

13. The Employment, Skills and Welfare service provide reports for the Community Committees twice a year during November and May. The service also provides detailed ward profiles to members twice a year. These are currently being delivered to members throughout August and September.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

14. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page.

15. **Appendix 2**, is the Inner North East Community Committee Newsletter. The newsletter will be provided twice a year and the Communities Team will be circulating the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.

Updates from Key Services

Chapel Allerton target ward work

16. A programme of 'Community Clean Ups' or Environmental Action Days continues in the target ward of Chapel Allerton, working with Ward Members, residents and cleaner neighbourhoods colleagues to tackle litter and fly-tipping, whilst encouraging community participation. Most recently, a Community Clean-up took place in the Mexboroughs/Saviles area of Chapeltown on 27 July 2019.

17. On a very wet Saturday, residents, councillors and council services came out in force to give the area a clean-up. Despite the miserable weather, a team of community volunteers turned out to help with litter-picking and eight 7.5 tons wagon loads of bulky waste was removed from the area. The mechanical path and road sweepers were also in the area. A big 'THANK YOU!' to all the volunteers and to the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for their fantastic effort!

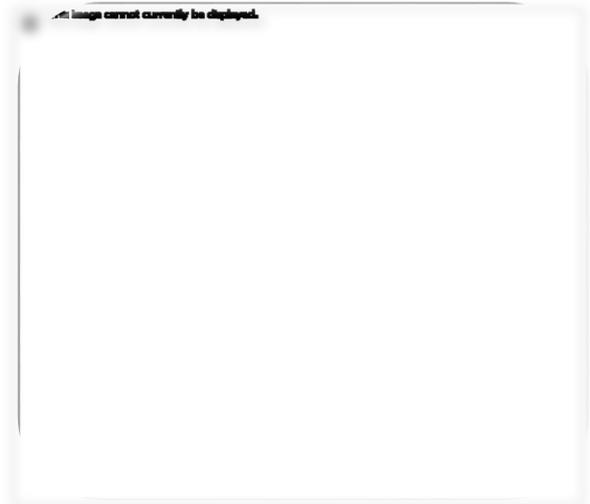
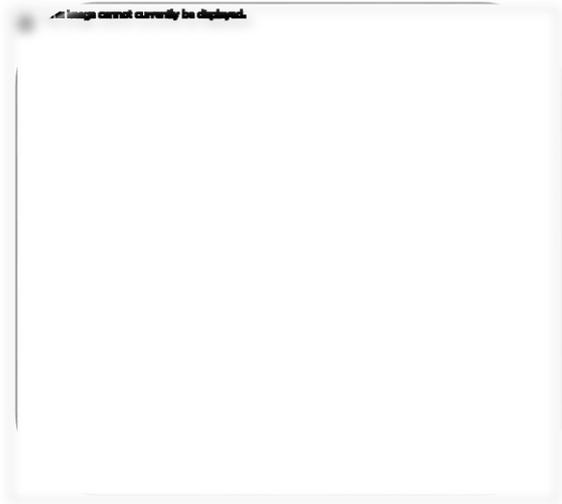


18. Also in the Mexboroughs area of Chapeltown a group of local residents have been supported by the Communities Team, through funding from the Community Committee to run a kids Fun Day. The event planned for Saturday 31 August 2019 is entirely community led and will involve games and activities for young people as well as food and refreshments for local residents. An informal road closure will be in place at the top of Mexborough Grove on the day to create a safe space for local children to play.



19. Engagement activity has continued in the build up to the carnival weekend. Attendance at local residents groups and PACT meetings has taken place in order to keep residents informed of planning, as well as understanding community concerns in relation to the Bank Holiday weekend festivities.
20. Intensive partnership work was undertaken around the use of the Black And Minority Ethnic (BAME) Health and Wellbeing Hub by Soca Village which has addressed local concerns over noise nuisance, whilst also securing the continued use of the site by the organisation. Soca Village's cooperation, understanding and engagement are to be commended during this process which has helped to reach an agreement more acceptable to the local community.
21. Engagement with local businesses has taken place in partnership with the Police, Leeds City Council Licensing, Leeds City Council Environmental Health and Community Street Marshalls to promote the Temporary Events Notice's process for carnival weekend and secure compliance with the new approach. At the time of writing this report the events had yet to take place so further feedback will be provided to the Community Committee in the December Community Committee Update Report.
22. Partnership meetings continuing to support the key community centre's such as the Mandela Centre and Prince Philip, addressing repair/maintenance issues, usage, provision and aspirations of user groups. Various projects are being explored to develop both centers and ensure their value to the community is maintained.
23. Funding has been secured from the Early Intervention Youth Fund to support local community partners to engage with communities, with the goal of forming a strategy focused on ending youth violence. Target areas are Chapeltown and Harehills. 5 community partners are on board including Black Health Initiative and CFYDC Chance from the Chapeltown area. Initial meetings took place in April, May and June, with engagement planned to be completed by the end of September 2019.

24. The Green Gym Project run by The Conservation Volunteers at the BAME Health & Wellbeing Hub in Chapeltown celebrated its first anniversary on 7 August, with the unveiling of a special plaque to mark the renaming of the garden area as the Apna Frederick Hurdle Friendship Garden. The decision was reached in consultation with users of the day center and was a fitting way to celebrate a year of the successful Green Gym project. The project happens every Wednesday and volunteers have helped the users of the center to cultivate the outside area with plants, flowers and vegetables. As well as gardening, all kinds of activities are provided to help the users to be active and entertained.



25. A project is also being progressed to provide an extension to the BAME Health and Wellbeing Hub by building a conservatory to better connect users to the outside area. Plans have been drawn up in consultation with Ward Members and the centre manager, Will Morris. Costings have been provided and a funding package will be looked at over the coming weeks.

Community Hubs

26. 10 new Community Health Champions have been recruited through Woodhouse Medical Practice by the Project Development Worker. A Community Health Champions induction/welcome event was delivered by the PDW Woodhouse Surgery on 18 July 2019.

27. One You Leeds have booked a room to use for Eat Well Sessions. This has generated £1,260 for Leeds City Council

28. This month's Cinema club showed Lego Batman with around 45 attendees.

29. Leeds Fostering Service held an information session which included staff and experienced foster carers speaking about their experience of fostering. Feedback from other sessions was that having a presence in an informal environment put people at their ease and made it more likely for them to approach the team to talk about fostering.

30. Leeds Older People's forum held an informal session with older people coming into The Reginald Centre. This was to support their work on finding out what are the key issues for older people and what are the best ways to find out.
31. Reverend Nicholas lo Polito from St Martin's Church will be hosting meditation sessions for residents. The difference here is that most meditation sessions are based around Eastern/Asian traditions or ideologies, whereas this particular offering is from a Christian background. Reverend Nicholas insisted that it is not about converting people in any way to Christianity but that it was about meditation. Reverend Nicholas wanted to offer the sessions at The Reginald Centre rather than the church to give wider appeal and further their objective to connect with and serve their community better.
32. The Reginald Centre is currently delivering the first Healthy Holidays/Holiday Hunger Scheme. The scheme started during the second week of the school holidays and targets children who usually access free school meals during term time to make sure that children are fed. Delivery is 4 days per week for the full 5 weeks of the summer. Each day lasts from 10.30am - 2.30pm, consisting of a morning activity, followed by a hot meal provided by Catering Leeds, then an afternoon activity. Active Leeds involve the children in various sporting activities, with the librarians holding sessions in the hub that include cinema clubs, crafts, board games and coding.
33. The Mask We Wear was a project working with young women supported by Leeds Inspired, part of Leeds City Council. The project included performances by young women using dance, costumes and masks and was a chance for the young women to explore their personal reflections on identity and what it means to be a young woman in an age of social media and contemporary challenges in society.
34. The Reginald Centre has identified the Carnival Princess from the Friday Youth Group and have raised funds (£90 from a staff bake sale) for the group to design and make her carnival outfit. The Carnival Princess costume is in the process of being made by staff at The Reginald Centre and one of the carnival organisers.
35. One You Leeds held a pop-up session where they provide general information on all services. They also have the facility to complete carbon monoxide reading on people who smoke. Feedback from the session was: *"This is a very good centre as I get NHS staff interest and good amount of foot fall from the public. I usually get between 2-3 sign ups but the last 2 times I have received around 6 which is brilliant"*.
36. Partnering with the Chapeltown Primary Care Network and the GP Confederation, a public consultation was held in the Reginald Centre, to better understand health inequalities in the area and the role they play in the high prevalence of Cardio Vascular Disease in Chapeltown. They will be using the outcomes of this consultation to help design provision for the future

37. A new jazz dance class took place over the last 4 week period at the Reginald Centre. By week 3 the group had over 20 participants. A funding bid has now been submitted so this popular activity can continue.
38. This year's Great Get Together took place in Reginald Park behind the Reginald Centre. There was musical entertainment from a group called Bassa Bassa. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Taylor attended the event. Customers were encouraged to bring along food to share with others from the local community. The event was supported by the Chapel Allerton ward councillors and was attended by around 50 people from the local community.
39. **Appendix 3**, provides the latest quarterly infographic for the Reginald Centre Community Hub.

Public Health

INE Health and Wellbeing Partnership

40. The Inner North East Health and Wellbeing Network is a partnership consisting of 33 organisations taking an organic, asset based approach to improve service delivery and engage further with communities around health and wellbeing programmes. The core function of the network is to strengthen partnerships through the form of networking, sharing ideas, contacts, resources/information, as well as establishing common grounds and making links between services to allow enhanced quality and collaboration to take place across the area.
24. The last meeting held on 25 June 2019 consisted of a presentation delivered by Darren Meade from Unique Improvements around Cancer Awareness, particularly around prevention and early diagnosis. Shaun Cale from Public Health then provided an overview and demonstration of the Organisational Directory Doing Good Leeds, which provides interactive information across the city in relation to services, local groups and venues. Members found the networking element very useful and were able to identify how they can strengthen their efforts to serve the community, giving feedback around their proposals to follow up initial conversations held at the meeting. The Inner North East Health and Wellbeing Network mailing list is gaining traction and is found to be an incredibly useful resource to cascade information and to support neighbouring organisations with their campaigns. The next session is arranged for 26 September 2019 at the Reginald Centre.

One You Leeds

25. The Summer Nutrition Campaign 2019 runs from 22 July 2019 until 22 August 2019. The aim of the Summer Nutrition Campaign is to raise awareness of healthier meal options for adults in Leeds by delivering a local level campaign. There are 500 copies of One You Leeds recipes cards, as well as outreach activity on offer to support people to engage and consider healthier options.

26. One You Leeds will be offering free Eat Well and Cook Well support, guidance on ways to cook more and eat better through outreach activity, as well as opportunities on the One You Leeds website, with links to NHS guidance.

Smoke Free Side-Lines

27. Public Health have been working alongside Active Leeds and West Riding Football Association to introduce a Smoke Free Side-Lines Initiative across the city. The initiative aims to create better health promoting environments, protect children and young people from tobacco smoke and provide them with a smoke-free environment at sport facilities.

28. Smoking is a significant cause of preventable death in Leeds and contributes to increasing health inequalities. Smoking is understood to often be a childhood addiction, with evidence showing most adult smokers start smoking at a young age, with 66% of smokers starting before they are 18. Young people are most at risk of becoming smokers themselves if they grow up in communities where smoking is the social 'norm'.

29. Smoke Free Side-Lines is aimed at sports clubs and leagues and looks to support adults involved in sport and physical activity to understand their responsibility as positive role models. It is about promoting a sports club as a healthy and inclusive place, where the wellbeing of all but particularly children and young people, is a priority.

30. It is planned to launch the Smoke Free Side-Lines Initiative in Leeds (and other West Yorkshire areas) in September 2019, coinciding with the new football season and school year. Bespoke digital infographic posters are currently being developed for each local authority in West Yorkshire to support and promote the initiative.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

41. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

42. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

43. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

44. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

45. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

46. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

47. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

48. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

49. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.