

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Outer West Community Committee
[Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley]

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Outer West 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:

Environment: Champion Cllr Amanda Carter – Update from Baz Ali & Lee Hayward

3. Farnley & Wortley

We have been utilising CCTV in areas in order to try to capture Fly Tipping within the wards throughout Farnley & Wortley. At present we haven't been successful with this and it would appear that a lot of people have become wise to NOT discarding items with personal details on them when bags of waste are deposited.

The team have helped all ward Councillors with regards individual service requests as well as requests for bins to be placed in certain areas which they have identified.

We continue to help residents/community groups who have been carrying out community litter picks by loaning litter picking tongs and also issuing refuse bags which we have then removed and disposed of once filled.

Our crews who are trained in the use of mechanical cutting equipment continue to proactively and reactively maintain ginnels and public areas around the Farnley and Wortley ward cutting these and clearing the waste away to help open up these areas and hopefully help residents feel safe.

The new permanent crew for Farnley/Wortley continuing to work at getting on top of what were problem areas and we seem to have seen a reduction in calls for service around Butterbowl etc. as we are able to get to jobs sooner.

We still work closely with housing and have been cutting and clearing many void properties so that tenants can move in and have a manageable garden to attend to.

Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley

We continue working to a seven day schedule as agreed with ward members. We proactively remove fly tips and have a few fly tipping cases moving forward to prosecution. We are exploring ways to deter fly tippers. We are working with ward members to promote proper disposal of waste to the residents of Leeds.

We have been working with a lot of volunteer groups when they wanted to carry out community litter pick. We have loaned them litter pickers, provided gloves, litter bags and arrange to dispose the collected waste.

Worked with the Pudsey Pacers before and after the race on the clean-up.

We worked with Highways to carry out edging in the Harley estate. Very good feedback from residents on how well it looks.

We have de-littered the side grass verges on the Stanningley bypass and Ring Road Dowson's corner to Rodley.

We work closely with the in bloom groups to combine resource to ensure we have a very thorough presentation when the judging takes place.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr Amanda Carter – Update from Insp Sarah Towers

4. West Neighbourhood Policing Team Staffing

1 x Insp
5 x Sergeants
16 x PC's
45 x PCSO's

5. Between 1st April and 30th June - this includes West Inner and Outer areas

West NPT attended **3,325** calls for service. This does not include the requests which come to us via email or from other partner agencies, or which officer may come across whilst on patrol. Submitted 630 pieces of Intelligence. Arrested 107 people and interviewed another 31 who attended voluntarily. Seized 82 vehicles. Stopped over 450 vehicles in traffic operations including for Speeding/ Seatbelt offences/ Mobile Phone/ No insurance. Executed in excess of 30 Warrants for a variety of offences

6. Youth ASB/ Criminal Damage/ Assaults – Pudsey Town Centre

Since the middle of last year, young people causing ASB and committing offences of Criminal Damage and Assault in the Town Centre area of Pudsey, has been an issue. In autumn last year, in conjunction with local Councillors, Metro, Youth Services, LASBT and Housing, we looked at different ideas about how to try and deter these young people from committing offences. A letter was sent out to the Parents of all children at the local High Schools, warning them about ASB and Youth Services gained some Council funding to run extra youth sessions. Overall there appeared to be a reduction in the reported issues.

However, in the last 2 months, the issues have arisen again. The intensity of the problem has increased, the level of offending has increased and the way of tackling the issues has had to change.

In July/August so far, 4 x Dispersal Orders have been signed, covering the Pudsey Town Centre Area; this gives Police the power to prevent people entering a certain area because we believe there will be anti-social behaviour in that area. If the Dispersal is breached, the person in breach can be arrested.

On one occasion, 2 x Police Community Support Officers have been assaulted. However, we have made significant progress, in arresting the main offenders on numerous occasions and working with Partners to look at longer term solutions to the issue.

7. Residential Location Farsley

We have received numerous calls for service to a residential area in Farsley, and had frequent contact with local Councillor's, Housing and LASBT to try and address the issues.

The issues appear to be 2-fold. There are certain residents within this locality, who are committing offences and ASB. They are also encouraging the attendance of a group or groups of young people, who are then also committing ASB and offences in and around the area. Reported crimes of Criminal Damage, Assault, Possession of Offensive weapons; which have resulted in arrests.

2 male juveniles were arrested for assault, and we are currently assessing all the relevant calls and information, to ascertain if further work is needed. We are working with both Housing and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team to look at a longer term solution to the problems.

8. ASB/ Criminal Offences – Heights and Bawns

Although there has been vast improvements in the level of offending and a reduction in calls for Service to the Police; there are still a core group of mainly young people who

have continued to commit offences despite being dealt with by the Police and LASBT over a pro-longed period of time.

Many offenders now have Injunctions in place; these injunctions are designed to prevent the person to whom it applies from associating with certain other people or entering certain locations.

We have also become aware recently, of a new group of young people in the area of the Bawns, who are responsible for an increase in ASB. There have been large organised fights between some groups and officers were assaulted last weekend when arresting 3 females in the area.

Again, the details of all people involved have been acquired and Police action has been taken where appropriate. Details of young people locally have been passed to the Youth Service, and alternative provisions such as LED Sports – with the intention of diverting these young people away from offending.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr A Forsaith – Update from Jon Hindley

9. One You Leeds Summer Nutrition campaign 2019 – 22nd July – 22nd August

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 OYL Recipes Cards as well as outreach activity on offer to support people to engage and consider healthier options.

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

Key Messages: How will YOU eat well this summer? The lengthening days and warmer weather provides a great opportunity to cook and eat well with friends and family. How will you eat well this summer?

Facilitated by Reed Momenta, a range of campaign materials will be available through these key channels:

Web advertising: Paid and organic content promoting easy ways to cook and eat well and a One You Leeds homepage campaign takeover.

Marketing Materials: Free recipe cards to support the campaign

Getting Involved

We are really keen to raise awareness of Eat Well this summer with people who might benefit from taking part. Some suggested ways to get involved.

Talk about the campaign

The key is to make the most noise about Eat Well this summer. People can be directed to speak to a Health Coach at One You Leeds to maximise their chances of success. Signpost to oneyouleeds.co.uk for more information.

Promote the campaign through newsletters, websites and communication channels.

Hand out / display copies of the promotional materials

FREE copies of our marketing materials can be requested by emailing christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk

Embed the campaigns messages in any activities, events, courses and workshops that you deliver.

Support the campaign on social media

Follow @ One You Leeds and Like on Facebook to get involved. There is a lot of content that can be shared.

Share with us what you are doing to promote the campaign so you can inspire others
Email christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk with details.

Smoke Free Side-lines

Public Health have been working alongside Active Leeds and West Riding FA 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.

Smoking is a significant cause of preventable deaths 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 norm.

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.

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.

For more information please contact; Paul.Lambert@leeds.gov.uk

Community Engagement: Forums

10. The date of the next Pudsey & Swinnow Forum is Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7pm at Swinnow Community Centre.
11. Officers from Leeds City Councils Housing and Planning teams will be in attendance along with West Yorkshire Police.
12. The date of the next meeting for Tyersal Forum is 29th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Tyersal Club.
13. Officers from Leeds City Councils Parks & Countryside team will be in attendance along with West Yorkshire Police.

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership: - Update from Rukhsana Mahmood

15. The next NIP meeting has been scheduled for 17TH September as the previous one was cancelled.

Update on projects

Youth Project.

The Tenant Engagement Officer worked in partnership with Youth services who were successful in securing funding from Community Committee NIP fund. In order to run a yearlong youth project from Hillside Community Hall. The aim of the Youth Project is to provide a safe place for all young people to enjoy social and leisure activity that is stimulating, diverse and engaging for youth aged 11- 17yrs.

The take up of these sessions has been successful and there are 15 to 20 young people attending each session.

Outdoor Emergency First Aid Course.

Outer West Housing Advisory Panel funded a Outdoor Emergency First Aid Course for young people. The first aid course was successful and ran at full capacity with 12 young people aged 14 plus participating. This has now been completed and was very successful discussions are taking place with Youth service to mirror the same project in the Heights area.

Bawn's & Heights Fun Day -Due to the success of last year's first ever fun day in the area. The Community Committee and Outer West HAP each part funded the community fun day for this year. The Community fun day was held on Tuesday 13th

August 12 to 4pm it turned out that it was the only dry day that week and was well attended by partners and community.

Local residents came along took part in some fun activities and the talent completion also getting information from service providers ie Debt Forum, Forward Leeds, Children's Centre, Police, LASBAT, Housing Leeds and many more.

Digital Inclusion project Tenant Engagement Officer worked in partnership with Armley Helping Hands to secure funding for this project from Community Committee funding set aside for the Neighbourhood Improvement Area.

The proposal is to work with local residents to help improve their IT skills using the Learn My Way platform. Also the project will support local residents to apply for employment using online job sites which will also entail developing a comprehensive CV and the end of the project 4 computers will be donated to the community centre. The first session started Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at Hillside Community Hall.

BARCA voluntary sector organisation

BARCA are looking to deliver services in the Heights & Bawns area under their umbrella of the Better Together Programme re Health & Wellbeing activities. This is in the early stages of discussion and progress will be reported at later stage.

Your Back yard – Voluntary Sector Organisation

Tenant Engagement Officer had discussion with the organisation to do some work in the area. Carried out a site visit of the Bawns & Heights with the Director of Your Back Yard and highlighted the issues in the area. .

Your Back Yard was successful in securing funding from the monies set aside for NIP by Community Committee.

Supported Your Back Yard to apply for funding from the NIP pot to deliver a programme of activities and interventions aimed at improving people's physical health, and wellbeing, across the Heights and Bawns area, for all ages and sectors of the community, drawing together and building on existing provision. Your Back Yard has successfully secured the funding for this project. Tenant Engagement Officer will work in partnership and they will be invited to the NIP to provide update on the work carried out in the area.

Premises – Challenges

One of the major concerns is that there are no appropriate venues to run activities from in the area especially on the Heights estate. At present the Hillside Community Hall is used for the Bawns estate.

Updates from Key Services

Update from Caron Skeete, Customer Services Team Leader, Pudsey HUB

16. Council services have weekly room bookings to accommodate the community so that they do not have to travel into Leeds.eg Register, Leeds Housing Options, Money Buddies, MABS, Credit Union, Welfare rights, One You Leeds.
17. Room hire is advertised and there are regular room bookings for, Camera Club (who also has photographs displayed in Hub), Diddly Oms – Baby Yoga, Bulgarian School Cross Stitch Class, Readers Group, Displays to promote Fulneck Moravian Museum, Work with organisation to promote job vacancies ie Pudsey JC+, Groundwork, Scope Hold recruitment sessions for organisations ie. Jet2.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

19. 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 Policies and City Priorities

20. 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

21. 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

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

Risk Management

23. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

26. 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.