

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

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For consideration

Outer 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 Dan Cohen

3. Since the last Community Committee meeting in June, two youth summits have been held for both the Wetherby and Harewood ward. The first youth summit was held 21 June at Wetherby High School and the second summit was held at Wetherby Mercure Hotel on 12 July. The event was promoted through clusters and directly to schools. 70 pupils attended in total with representation from 5 different schools.

4. Pupils attended from two of the wards in the Community Committee area. The pupils engaged well and had the opportunity to ask questions to 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. At the session at the Mecure Hotel, the young people had the opportunity to ask questions to MP Alec Shelbrooke.
5. The Communities Team and the Voice and Influence Team are currently in the process of organising the feedback received from both summits.

Environment & Community Safety: Councillor Gerald Wilkinson

6. 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 16 July 2019 and received updates from Parks and Countryside, Waste Management and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. As part of the Parks & Countryside update, the sub group was informed that the In Bloom and garden judging was taking place. The sub group was also notified that phase two of autumn planning was also taking place.
7. 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.
8. West Yorkshire Police will provide an update for the December Community Committee.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Matthew Robinson

9. 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

10. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.
11. A newsletter will be provided for the December community committee meeting.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

June 2019

12. Leeds Fostering Service held an information session which included staff and experienced foster carers speaking about their experience of fostering. These sessions will now take place at other hubs across the city as feedback 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.
13. This month's secret cinema club showed A Bug's Life with 15 attendees. There was also a cinema club for adults held showing Brief Encounter with 14 attendees.
14. The chess club has become very popular with over 20 children attending. The sessions are run by a volunteer from the local community.
15. A 'Laughing' yoga group has started for under 5', the first session was attended by 15 children.
16. A number of activities took place to celebrate the Great Get Together throughout week commencing 17 June. There was a chess club with 20 attendees, family secret cinema club with 14 attendees, Lego and Duplo play with 10 attendees and an artist club: Collage Crafts with 12 attendees.

July 2019

17. The Classics Cinema Club showed Singing in the Rain and was attended by 10 people. This month's Secret Cinema Club showed Aladdin with around 15 attendees.
18. Moor Allerton have made a flying start to this year's summer reading challenge with 357 joiners already. Community Librarians have attended 16 school assemblies and promoted the challenge in Suburban magazine and North Leeds.
19. This month's chess club had 12 attendees.
20. One You Leeds held a pop-up session where they provide general information on all services and have sign up forms for people to refer into One You. They do have the facility to complete carbon monoxide reading on people who smoke. Feedback from the session was: *"Staff are always very welcoming and always happy to help me. This can be quieter with referrals as I get around 1-3 each pop up. This is a good centre for networking as I do get interest from professionals"*.

August 2019

21. One You Leeds pop-up took place.
22. Springfield Home Care recruitment event.
23. An extra £500 funding has been awarded by the Outer North East Community Committee to continue with the Zumba and Yoga classes for the next year.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

24. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have supported the clean-up and preparatory work for Yorkshire in Bloom on the following dates and locations; 8 July – Barwick, 15 July - Bramham and 19 July at Scholes. The team supported Years 3 and 4 of three classes from Scholes (Elmet) Primary School with litter pickers and bags for their litter picking.
25. The event on the 16 July was a success. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team arranged to collect the full litter bags after the event.
26. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team supported local residents affected by the floods in Wetherby. Team Leader, Carol Collins visited the residents with staff to reassure them that we will help where we can. Carol arranged for skips and sand bags and followed through the support in order to keep continuity with the residents.
27. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Leader and Enforcement Officer held meetings with all three wards and their members to discuss the fly tipping strategy. It was an overall consensus that all the ward members were happy for the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to continue with the current process in investigating fly tipping and to have the waste removed as soon as possible. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team staff continue to remove reported fly tipping as well as removing fly tip proactively on a daily basis as and when required.
28. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have had a couple of meetings in July with Harewood and Wetherby ward members to discuss these issues in their area. Follow up work is in process by all who attended as agreed at these meetings.
29. Dog Wardens are planning on doing some educational work in schools around dog fouling/littering and will be looking at designing some signs with the pupils.
30. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team continue to support local volunteers carrying out litter picking in our areas, such as the Parish Council in Alwoodley and a new volunteering group lead by a local resident called Nigel. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team will collect the bags full of waste that will be left besides our litter bins in Alwoodley.
31. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have acted swiftly and cleared up the mess from the park and ride site in Alwoodley, after travellers were sited at the location.
32. For the Bramham Festival, which took place on 22 August 19, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team made sure that the highway and the surrounding areas had been cleared of litter and waste. The team also kept a daily check on the area leading up to the festival for any hazards.

33. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have been working in partnership with the events team and the police for The UCI Para Cycle Race taking place on 21 September. The event will be starting off from Wetherby Town Hall.

Public Health

One You Leeds

24. 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.

25. 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

26. 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.

27. 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'.

28. 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.

29. 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.

Wetherby Ward Leader's Visit

30. On 21 July 2019, Leader of Leeds City Council, Cllr Judith Blake and Chief Executive, Tom Riordan visited Wetherby ward, as part of their commitment to visit all wards in Leeds. Wetherby ward members Cllr Harrington and Lamb; Neil Evans, Director of Resources & Housing and Communities Team Officers accompanied Cllr Blake and Tom on the visit. As part of the visit Cllr Blake and Tom visited and met staff at Wetherby leisure centre and Wetherby High School to discuss improvements to the area. The leaders also saw some of the main landmarks in Wetherby, through a whistle stop tour of the area.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

35. 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

36. 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

37. 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

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

Risk Management

39. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

42. 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.