

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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.
3. The report seeks to make nominations to each of the Outer North East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2021/22.

Main issues

4. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer North East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2021/22.

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Environmental Sub Group	3 = 1 place for each ward	Cllr Sam Firth Cllr Neil Buckley Cllr Linda Richards	Cllr Linda Richards

5. The above table presents the representatives for each of the Outer North East Community Committee Sub Groups and the nominated chair for the sub group.

Updates by theme

Environment & Community Safety

6. The next Environmental Sub Group meeting will be taking place later on in July, following the appointments to the group.

Children and Families

7. At the start of the year consultation began with young people, to capture their views on how they would like the Youth Activity Funding spent in their area. A separate report outlining the results, will be presented to the Outer North East Community Committee.

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care

Community Volunteer Hubs

8. Both Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAECare) and Wetherby In Support of the Elderly (WiSE) continue to offer support to those vulnerable residents in Outer North East Leeds as part of the city's ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Wetherby In Support of the Elderly

9. WISE continues to act as the operational hub for the Harewood and Wetherby wards. The organisation have recently had a conversation with Voluntary Action Leeds as to how this may look post-June. Subject to negotiation and conversations internally and with partners, that WISE would be happy to consider continuing to support vulnerable people around the pandemic through the summer. Although, at present, it is unclear how this will actually look in reality.
10. In addition WISE continues to work towards restarting their core services. Their advice and information scheme continues to be operational and they are now actively looking to recommence the café, transport scheme and activities as soon as possible in a safe Covid compliant way.

Ward Business

11. Since the last Community Committee on 22 March 2021, ward member meetings are now taking place on a regular basis via Zoom. Services attending those meetings are; Cleaner Neighbourhood Team, Parks & Countryside; Traffic & Highways Maintenance, Housing and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.
12. The first Town and Parish Council Forum of the municipal year will be taking place on 29 July 2021. Updates will be provided by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team.

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Updates from Key Services

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

14. There is a new Team Leader looking after the wards that make up the Outer North East area.
15. There have been issues with overflowing bins. This is due to the increased outdoor activity taking place in the rural areas, especially with the good weather that has taken place recently. This has then led to an increase in the litter bins needing to be more frequent emptied. With limited staff, this has presented a challenge.
16. One of the priorities for the new Team Leader is to have a sweeping schedule in place. The team have recognised that the impact of the pandemic has meant that some of the major roads have not been swept. The A58 has now been swept. The team removed 38 tonnes of silt. The service is working on the other main roads in the Outer North East ward and will be sweeping all the village roads too.
17. The team has also been working with local volunteers in regards to collecting litter bags once they are full. The team have given the service's contact number to volunteers, so volunteers are able to contact the team direct, rather than going through the councillors.
18. Staff have started to return back from shielding and the service is beginning to pick up and action more jobs, much more speedily. The situation with staffing should improve quite considerably once all restrictions have been lifted.
19. A number of historical litter bins which were funded by the Outer North Community Committee in the last financial year, have now been installed.

20. A number of well used but broken bins in the Alwoodley ward have been replaced with new black bins.

Public Health

Covid-19 Information-General Briefing

21. As Leeds moves towards the cessation of government lockdown regulations in a steady and staged manner it is still important that local residents adhere to government advice and regulations.

22. What you can and cannot do during the national lockdown.

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown>

Vaccinations in Leeds.

23. When local residents are called for their vaccination it is extremely important they attend to help reduce infection rates within Leeds so we can return to a normal life as soon as possible.

24. If any local community members have any fears or anxiety about receiving the vaccination they can talk to their local doctor, health professional, LCC Public Health officer or visit these approved information site.

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- <https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>

Men's Health Groups Set to Continue after Lock Down

25. Due to the ongoing success and general popularity of a variety of local men's health groups in the area they are set to continue after lockdown and offer a full menu of services, support and friendship groups. As well as contributing to aiding local men to recover and become, healthier and more resilient they can also help men to;

- Access a free loan I-pad and associated training to become more digitally literate. This in turn also opens up a world of on line support groups, exercise classes, cookery lessons, basic D.I.Y and an opportunity to talk openly and confidentially about their problems and issues and how these might be solved.
- Access to financial inclusion services to help manage debt and money worries.
- Access to free smoking cessation and weight management services either within a group scenario or an intensive personal support option.

26. For more information please contact:

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- Russ Giles russ.giles@nhs.net

Men's Health Unlocked-Activities across the City.

27. To find out more about 'What's On' for Men please visit;

- o <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/M7mhQ/8/>

Leeds Anti-Social Behavioural Team

28. The LASBT East Team continues to work largely from home and utilises our risk assessments to enable visits, letter drops, door knock, noise seizures, serving papers, as required. A return to a mixture of home working and office based work is expected from late June onwards.

29. The East Team currently have 17 active cases in the area, with 12 in the Alwoodley ward and 5 in the Wetherby ward.

30. The vast majority are issues between neighbours related to noise initially, that have escalated. There are no other trends and no emerging issues at this time.

31. There are specific locational hotspots and the cases are well scattered in terms of street addresses.

Housing

32. In the last Outer North East Housing Advisory Panel meeting back in March 2021, the panel approved all the bids resulting in an over spend on the 20/21 year budget of just over £4,300.

33. This was a positive outcome as there were concerns that there would be a big underspend in the run up to the end of that financial year. The projects were for – Durrant Close parking signs, Moss Syke Planters, Lingfield Bin Store, Bondgate and Spring Gardens Parking, Youth Work Cookery project and funding towards Boston Spa Tree planting.

Breakdown of spend for 20/21 by Ward

Budget by Ward Area	Number of Projects Submitted	Number of Projects Approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Alwoodley	6	4	£11,844.86	32.33%
Wetherby	3	2	£535.00	1.46%
Harewood	3	3	£10,416.52	28.43%
MultipleONE	1	1	£300.00	0.82%
AllONE	3	3	£17,850.46	48.72%
Total	16	13	£40,946.84	111.75%

34. In the June meeting, the panel were informed that the budget for 2021/2022 was £22,878.83
35. The panel had two bids tabled, which were for planters at Alderton Heights and bollards at Alderton Heights. The bid for bollards was not approved. As the panel pointed out it was not a project in line with the ethos of HAP funding. In that it was not improving the environment as this was a replacement of bollards. It appears that Housing are increasingly using HAP funding to cover their budget shortfall. The bid for the planters was approved at a value of £780.
36. Outside of HAP projects, the Tenant Engagement Officer is currently assisting Thorne Parish Council in arranging for Continental Landscapes to allow wild flowers and reduced mowing in certain areas.

Community Hubs & Libraries

37. The community hubs and library sites in the Outer North East Community Committee area are adapted and are fully Covid safe. This has enabled the service to continue to provide a key service to our communities. The staff are doing a combination of face to face work and working from home to support the service.
38. The service is working on our road map towards reopening the services fully in a safe way for staff and customers alike. The current working model is below:-

Customer Services Face to Face

- Booking telephone appointments
- Booking PC slots using Netloan and using self Service PC's
- Collecting LWSS vouchers
- Providing proofs for LWSS
- Requesting Trussell Trust e-vouchers
- Posting out of Council Tax bills
- Temporary parking permits
- Raising repairs
- To drop off documents
- To purchase radar keys
- Tenancy Termination Notices

Library/PC Usage

39. The service is currently offering the browsing model across Leeds, which means the community are welcome to come in and choose their own library books. Alternatively, customers can reserve a book and collect from their local library, if they feel more comfortable with this. This is done via the library enquiries on 0113 3785005.
40. The 'Selection Bags' are now available and have been popular with the customers. These can be ordered either face to face or over the telephone via library enquiries on 0113 3785005. The bags will have a selection of 6 books for adults or children ranging from crime, romance, key stages, picture books etc.
41. The public access PCs are open and bookable with full use of the multi-function printers and scanners, some sites also offer table top scanners. These are 45 minute sessions (which can be extended if needed).

42. The service is currently upgrading the self-service public access PCs across the city, this will enable faster more efficient access for customers.
43. The One Stop Services are currently being offered from Wetherby Library and will continue to do so

Breeze Pass Annual Membership Summary

The Vision:

44. The vision for Breeze Membership is to give all children and young people in Leeds access to a wide range of rich and diverse cultural and sporting activities through a range of free, discounted and VIP access to services, to make Leeds the best city for young people to grow up in.

The Aims:

45. Providing opportunity for all children and young people to access quality provision by working with cultural, sporting and commercial leisure sectors in Leeds to offer discounted or free access to services and activities with a Breeze Leeds membership.
46. Removing barriers for those most vulnerable and in need, to ensure all young people can access Breeze membership benefits in an inclusive and equitable way.
47. Offering engaging, accessible and easy to use communication channels with information about membership benefits, discounts, Breeze events as well as other services from partners across the city.
48. Ensuring young people are consulted with and at the heart of what we do, offering them the opportunity to shape and develop the cultural and sporting offer in Leeds.

The Strategy:

49. To introduce a paid annual membership to Breeze, to add value and credibility to the scheme.
50. To offer a free membership to children on free school meals.
51. Re-brand the membership to position it as a new product but maintain links with the quality recognition of the events and services provided by Breeze.
52. To engage with council services and the commercial sector to secure discounts (annual and seasonal) or exclusive VIP offers (early bird ticketing, VIP packages) in areas of:
 - Family and young people leisure venues
 - Visitor attractions and museums
 - Leisure centres and sporting facilities
 - Cinemas and theatres

- Play Centres
 - Holiday events and activities
 - Sporting events (Leeds United and Leeds Rhinos)
 - Concerts and festivals
 - Shops
 - Food venues
53. Redevelop the website to support the new brand and its offer and sign up, to ensure it is engaging and attractive to the target audience.
54. Develop an app to support the membership along with push notifications of new offers and promotions.
55. Devise a successful 'launch' marketing campaign through schools, digital platforms and through cultural and sporting venues.
56. Develop a full communication strategy to continually support the services provided by the membership to be focused on social media and digital communications.
57. To establish a young people's project team to be able to continually consult and support development of Breeze and all its services.
58. Appendix 2 shows imagery from the new branding. This is being sent out to companies to try and engage them to become Pass Partners.

Youth Service

Outer North East (combined)

59. The team were successful in a recent funding application to the Housing Advisory Panel which has resulted in the delivery of outdoor cooking projects on a weekly basis. The team have commenced this in the Wetherby Ward with Harwood and Alwoodley due to commence in the coming weeks.

Harewood

60. The team are in discussions with respect to accessing St Peters' Church with the intention of re-opening our centre based provision in Thorner.

61. The team previously engaged a group with respect to cannabis use in the Barwick area. This has now subsided and the team have not received any further calls for service.

62. The team continue to take the mobile youth service van to the area (parking in the village hall car park)

Wetherby

63. The team have now completed lettings for both Barleyfields Community Centre and Boston Spa Children's Centre with respect to the team's centre based youth

provision. Until a time when these lettings are confirmed/opened the team continue their detached youth work delivery.

64. The HAP funded cooking project is proving extremely successful and is engaging various groups of young people.

65. The team continue to link with local PCSO's following recent incident re older male attending provision with a knife.

Alwoodley

66. Detached youth work continues, a key focus at present is drug use (and running) from local young people.

67. The team are now using Moortown Methodist Church and engaging young people via our centre based provision.

68. Mobile van is taken to the area on a weekly basis.

69. Due to pandemic the team are yet to return to lunchtime provision at Allerton High

70. The team are currently waiting for a start date for Lingfield Community Centre.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

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

Risk Management

6. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. 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.