



**Community
Committee**



Outer West Community Committee

Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey

**Meeting to be held in The Lounge Area, Pudsey
Leisure Centre, Market Place, Pudsey, LS28 7BE**
Wednesday, 28th September, 2016 at 6.30 pm

Councillors:

A Carter
Mrs A Carter
R Wood

Calverley and Farsley;
Calverley and Farsley;
Calverley and Farsley;

A Blackburn
D Blackburn
T Wilford

Farnley and Wortley;
Farnley and Wortley;
Farnley and Wortley;

M Coulson
J Jarosz
R Lewis

Pudsey;
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Co-optees

Reverend Canon
Paul Ayers

Pudsey

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Calverley & Farsley – Calverley Park; Farsley Town Street

Farnley & Wortley – Farnley Hall; Wortley Towers

Pudsey – Pudsey Town Hall; Pudsey Park

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1			APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded). (*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting.)	
2			EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC 1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report. 2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information. 3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:- RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:	

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4			DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST To disclose or draw attention to any Disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-16 of the Members' Code Conduct.	
5			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence.	
6			OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY FORUM In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.	
7			MINUTES To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2016.	1 - 10

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8	Calverley and Farsley; Farnley and Wortley; Pudsey		FINANCE UPDATE REPORT To receive the report of the West North West Area Leader which provides the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots. The report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund. This report also asks the Community Committee to approve the funding process and timescales for the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget (Report attached)	11 - 18
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10	Calverley and Farsley; Farnley and Wortley; Pudsey		COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT The report of the West North West Area Leader updates the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: Environment, Business, Employment & Skills and General Purposes. This report also updates the Committee on pieces of work and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting. (Report attached)	25 - 38

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11	All Wards		LEEDS TRANSPORT CONVERSATION The report of the Chief Officer Highways and Transport reports on the Transport Conversation and engagement process and seeks feedback and input from Members on the future strategic approach to transport in the city and the development of a proposition and delivery plan for the £173.5 million fund due to be allocated following the cancellation of the NGT project. (Report attached)	39 - 44
12			DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The Next meeting of the Outer West Community Committee will be held on Friday 13th January 2017 at 1pm. Third Party Recording Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda. Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title. b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete.	

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OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Coulson in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, D Blackburn,
Mrs A Carter, J Jarosz, R Lewis, T Wilford
and R Wood

1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There was no exempt information.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

5 Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Andrew Carter.

6 Minutes

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Outer West Community Committee held on 18th May 2016 were approved as a correct record.

7 Minutes of Housing Advisory Panel

Members said how successful the Big Lunch event had been and thanked all those who had been involved in organising and taking part in the event.

The Chair commented that the proposed 'conversation dinner' events be replaced with other engagement activities that link to the Councils' breakthrough projects including 'Stronger communities benefitting from stronger cities' and 'best city for people to grow old in'.

RESOLVED - Members noted the minutes of the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel held on 27th April 2016.

8 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The report of the City Solicitor invited the Committee to make appointments to the following:-

- Outside Bodies as detailed at Appendix 1 of the submitted report;
- One representative to the Corporate Parenting Board;
- Community Committee Champions as listed in the submitted report; and
- Children's Services Cluster Partnerships also listed in submitted report.

Members discussed the roles of the Community Committee Champions, their experiences of being in the roles and whether the Boards that they sit on are still fit for purpose.

Members requested that a letter go to the Executive Member for Children's Services to gain clarification on the roles of Children's Services Champion and role on the Corporate Parenting Board.

The Area Leader informed Members that she would also take the comments of the Committee to Cllr. Coupar as Executive Member for Communities and liaise with Members.

Cllr. Jarosz informed Members that she was now the secretary of the Thomas and Sarah Lund's Almshouse Trust.

RESOLVED – That the Committee appointed to the following:-

Outside Bodies

- Borough of Pudsey Charity (appointment for 3 years)
 - Cllr. R Lewis
 - Cllr. J Jarosz
- Joseph Lepton's Charity (appointment for 5 years)
 - Cllr. M Coulson
- Thomas and Sarah Lund's Almshouse Trust (appointment for 4 years)
 - Cllr. R Lewis
 - Cllr. J Jarosz

Community Committee Champions

- Environment and Community Safety
 - Cllr. M Coulson
- Employment, Skills and Welfare
 - Cllr. D Blackburn
- Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care
 - Cllr. J Jarosz
- Children's Services – No appointment made

Cluster Partnerships

- Farnley
 - Cllr. A Blackburn
- Pudsey
 - Cllr. J Jarosz
 - Cllr. Amanda Carter

Corporate Parenting Board – No appointment made

Members resolved to appoint to the Children's Services Champion and Corporate Parenting Board at the next meeting.

9 Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees

The report of the City Solicitor invited Members to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the duration of the 2016/17 municipal year.

One nomination had been received for the Reverend Canon Paul Ayers of Pudsey Parish Church.

Members noted that co-optees can be nominated from all areas of the community.

RESOLVED – That the Committee appointed the Reverend Canon Paul Ayers as co-optee to the Outer West Community Committee for the duration of 2016/17 municipal year.

10 Housing Advisory Panel Report

The report of the Chief Officer Housing Management sought Ward Councillor nominations from Outer West Community Committee to the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP).

The Housing Manager – Tenant and Community Involvement attended the meeting.

He gave a brief overview of the main issues as outlined in the submitted report with requests for one Member per ward. He also thanked Members for their contributions the previous year.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed to the Housing Advisory Panel:

- Pudsey – Cllr. R Lewis
- Farnley & Wortley – Cllr. A Blackburn
- Calverley & Farsley – Cllr. R Wood

11 Finance Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17.

Members were informed that the Outer West Community Committee had received an allocation of £113,310 for the 2016/17 financial year. Taking account of project underspends and carry forward figures from 2015/16, the total fund available for new projects in 2016/17 was £149,482.55.

Members informed that funding had been committed to 26 projects for 2016/17. Following the commissioning round there is £2,195 still available for allocation for Wellbeing Revenue in the 2016/17 budget.

Members were asked to note the information provided in tables 1 and 2 which provided an update on the small grants received and approved and the skips approved since the last meeting.

Members attention was drawn to point 13 Table 3 of the submitted report. The Members were reminded of the projects under the Youth Activity Fund which they had approved;

- Mini Breeze
- Pop-up Activity Camps
- Breeze Friday Night Project

Members were asked to consider the following projects for approval;
Table 3 of submitted report

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested
Love Pudsey Youth Café (initially 6 months)	Love Pudsey	£2,080
Yarn Bomb Summer School at Sunny Bank	Stitch up CIC	£3,000
AIM Higher Youth Club	AIM Education	£3,140
Champions Rugby Fun Days	West Leeds Rugby Union Football Club	£465

Members discussed the projects listed at Table 3

Members requested clarification on the new streamlined process for Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund.

Members were also asked to consider point 14 of the submitted report, in reference to a £6k pot of funding being approved from YAF to be commissioned on activities for the Farnley & Wortley Ward.

Members were asked to give consideration to point 16 of the submitted report on minimum conditions for taking delegated decisions with a request to continue using the same process.

Members requested that wherever possible to bring new applications to either Community Committee or General purposes meetings.

The Committee were informed of an action day that had taken place on the Bawns. The event was a success with 6 skips being filled.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- Noted the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17
- Noted the small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting at table 1 and 2 of the submitted report.
- Noted the current budget position for the Youth Activities Fund and consider any applications received for 2016/17 at table 3 and point 12 of the submitted report.

Table 3 of submitted report

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Approved
Love Pudsey Youth Café (initially 6 months)	Love Pudsey	£8,320	APPROVED
Yarn Bomb Summer School at Sunny Bank	Stitch up CIC	£3,000	APPROVED
AIM Higher Youth Club	AIM Education	£3,140	APPROVED
Champions Rugby Fun Days	West Leeds Rugby Union Football Club	£465	APPROVED

- Reviewed and agreed the minimum conditions for taking delegated decisions outside of Community Committees as set out in paragraphs 14,15,16 and 17 of the submitted report.
- Members approved a £6k pot of funding from YAF to be commissioned on activities for the Farnley & Wortley Ward.

12 Universal Credit Report

The report of the Chief Officer (Welfare and Benefits) provided the Committee with an update on the citywide aspects of Universal Credit. The report highlighted the impact on the people across the city, information on how the council has prepared for implementation of the new benefit and what support is in place for customers.

The Chief Officer attended the meeting and outlined the key differences of Universal Credit:

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to be held on Wednesday, 28th September, 2016

- All claims to be made on-line
- Built in delay of 5-6 weeks for first payment of Universal Credit
- Payments are normally paid monthly in arrears and to only one person in the household
- Housing costs element of Universal Credit to be paid directly to the tenant

The Chief Officer said that the roll out of Universal Credit would not be completed until 2021.

He outlined the 3 Phases of roll out as:

Phase 1 payments to single people started in February 2016. The majority of these are single people still living at home with mum and dad.

Phase 2 – Transition is due to commence in Dec 2017. This will include new claims from families and couples.

Phase 3 – Migration which would be those already receiving benefits changing to Universal Credit. This will be a complex part of the change and no date has been set for this phase to commence.

Members were informed of the roll of the Council as assisting people with on line system and monitoring and gathering evidence of any issues which need to be raised with DWP.

Members were informed that Phase 2 could cause more issues as families would have to wait 5-6 weeks for payments. The Chief Officer explained that no monetary assistance could be provided but were able to assist with food and clothing.

Members noted that Universal Credit could cause issues for those in work also as they would be assessed monthly and would only know if they were to receive payment until 7 days before payment due.

Members also noted that Universal Credit had not addressed the issues of free school meals or prescriptions.

Members were informed that the view was that Leeds would be able to cope with the changes but the next five years are important and the timing of publicised changes was crucial.

Members discussed the following points:

- Disability Claims
- New claimants
- Those on agency or short time work
- Risk of payments paid to only one person on household
- How DWP would receive evidence of issues raised
- Sanctions under Universal Credit

RESOVLED – The Committee noted the information provided about Universal Credit, the impact for the people and the work that is being undertaken across the city to support people to make and manage a Universal Credit claim.

Cllr. Amanda Carter left the meeting during this item.

13 Housing Lettings Policy

The report of the Director of Environment and Housing provided an update for the Committee on the consultation for the lettings policy review.

Housing Manager, Lettings and Tenancy Management attended the meeting.

Members were reminded that in February 2016, Executive Board agreed to commence consultation on proposed changes to Housing Leeds' current lettings framework with a view to approving a revised policy in September/October 2016.

The consultation commenced with two Elected Member sessions in early March 2016. This had been followed up by further consultation with local tenant and resident groups, statutory and voluntary sector partners and individual tenants and residents.

Members had been provided with information appended to the submitted report which listed property types across Leeds. Members were informed that work is currently being undertaken to provide more detailed information based at a ward level and that this information would be provided to Members shortly.

Members were asked to contact officers directly if they wished to discuss specifics on property types within their ward.

Members attention was drawn to point 13 of the submitted report which set out the drivers for change identified by Housing Leeds:

- The majority of the LLPs had been in place for many years and whilst they had been periodically reviewed, there had been little or in some cases, no change.
- They do not comply with equalities legislation leaving the council open to legal challenge based on discrimination.
- They often rely on the judgement that tenancy behaviour is linked to age, rather than evidence.
- There is inconsistent application of the policies with evidence that they restrict housing opportunities to younger people in some communities and result in concentrations in other areas.

In response to Members questions the Committee was informed that policies on Introductory Tenancy and Secure Tenancy were due to be reviewed in respect of the changes in the Housing and Planning Act.

Members informed that the lettings policy would still include:

- Giving preference to tenants with a good tenancy record.
- Conducting home visits to prospective applicants prior to making an offer.
- Introducing pre tenancy training for 146 and 17 year olds, and applicants who are unable to demonstrate a good tenancy record.
- Using our good neighbour criteria in areas with significant issues of anti-social and criminal behaviour.

Members were informed that home visits were proving to be helpful in gathering information about tenants and prospective tenants.

Members were also informed that a Tenant Fraud initiative was cutting down on sub-letting with three dedicated officers to address this issue. An update on Tenancy Fraud to be sent to Members.

Members informed that in addition to face to face consultation an online survey was available on the Council's Talking Point portal, which had been promoted through the Leeds Homes flyer and website. 600 responses had been received via the Leeds Homes flyer. Other forms of consultation were via the tenant newsletter and social media.

Members discussed a number of issues including:

- Property types
- Where to house people who required specific support
- Anti-social behaviour
- Properties specifically designed for the elderly
- The need to have a balance of ages within housing areas.

RESOLVED - Members of the Community Committee commented on the proposals set out in the lettings policy consultation.

14 Adult Social Care Update

The report of the Chief Officer Access and Care Delivery, Adult Social Care highlights steps taken to provide an integrated service for District Nursing, Community Matrons, Intermediate Care Services and area-based Social Work which formerly operated to geographical populations with therapy services spread across intermediate care and domiciliary physiotherapy.

Members were informed that the new Neighbourhood Team lead by a Community Matron joins together G.P.'s, Adult Social Care, District Nurses, Intermediate Care Services, Social workers and other agencies such as mental health organisations and third sector organisations. The newly formed local teams meet regularly to discuss cases and the best support for the patient, family, friends and carers.

In response to Members questions it was explained that specific training to address issues of care had been given and one person as a 'care manager'

would liaise and co-ordinate the care of an individual. This would prevent duplication, and stop confusion for the service user.

The Neighbourhood Team hope to be housed in one location to make it easier to discuss cases and issues.

Members were informed that there are 13 Neighbourhood Teams across the city all up and working.

RESOLVED – That:-

- Members noted the update of the submitted report.
- Members noted the desire to return to the Community Committee Chairs Forum in July with a summary of this round of updates and also a proposal to open discussions about the possibility of holding Integration Workshops involving Members, citizens, health and adult social care professionals, volunteers and third sector representatives and other partners.
- At the request of the Chair, officers agreed to support with the co-ordination of a themed workshop focusing on older people in line with Leeds City Council's breakthrough project, Leeds a city for people to grow old in.

15 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and the time of the next meeting will be 28th September 2016 at 6:30pm, the venue still to be confirmed.

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Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey

Report author: Harpreet Singh 336 7862

Date: 28 September 2016

For decision

Finance Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots.
2. The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund
3. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the funding process and timescales for the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget.

Main issues

4. Community Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
5. The Outer West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a funding round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Community Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.

6. In addition, the Outer West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund funding.
7. The Community Committee also received an allocation of capital funding in 2016/17.

Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement 2016/17

8. The Outer West Community Committee received an allocation of **£113,310** for the 2016/17 financial year. Taking into account project underspends and carry forward figures from 2015/16, the total fund available for new projects in 2016/17 was **£149,482.55**. This funding has now been committed to **26** projects for 2016/17.
9. Taking into account underspends and the balance following the funding round there is **£1,693.00** still available for allocation for Wellbeing Revenue in the 2016/17 budget.

Small Grants & Skips

10. There have been no Small Grant applications since the last Outer West Community Committee meeting. **Table 1** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Table 1: Skip Approvals (15/06/16 – 06/09/16)

Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Local Residents Community Clean Up – Victoria Crescent	£140	£140
Swinnow Community Centre	£140	£140

11. Taking these into account, there is **£6,882.58** still available for allocation for Small Grants and for Skip Hire in the 2016/17 budget. The Community Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

2016/17 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

12. In addition to wellbeing revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of capital funding. The latest update received from the Council's Finance Department shows, there is **£41,600** in capital monies available for allocation in 2016/17.

2016/17 Youth Activities Fund (YAF)

13. In 2016/17, the Outer West Community Committee received a sum of **£41,670.00** Youth Activity Fund. This fund is for sports and cultural activities for young people aged 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.
14. A General Purposes Sub Group was held on 23 August where members reviewed the process for funding the YAF and suggested 2 funding rounds are held a year and for any late applications to only be considered under exceptional circumstances (**Appendix 1**). In the event that an application is received the Communities Team will consider the application and seek permission from the chair for the application to be circulated to members for approval by a delegated decision.

15. The committee also made recommendations to approve the project listed in **Table 2**. This project has since been circulated to all members and approved by a delegated decision.

Table 2: Youth Activity Fund – Projects Considerations

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Scrap Tinker Lab	Scrap – Centre of Creative Reuse Play and Learning	£2,950.00	£2,950.00 - Approved

16. Members are asked to approve the process for funding the YAF set out in Appendix 1.
17. In total the funding has now been committed to 9 projects for 2016/17, this leaves **£3,394** for allocation this financial year.

2017/18 Wellbeing Funding Round

18. Members are asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2017/18. In previous years, this has been done through an open application process synced with the Inner North West and Inner West Community Committees.
19. It is proposed that the funding round follows the same process again, with applications invited between 28 October 2016 and 13 January 2017, for approvals at the March Community Committee meeting.

The proposed priorities below are also reflected in the Community Plan 2016/17 (see Appendix 1 of the Area Update report)

Outer West Wellbeing fund priorities

- Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
- Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
- Support activities that make people and places feel safer
- Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
- Develop and make better use of community assets
- Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
- Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
- Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
- Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities

The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on a proposed date of Monday 13 February 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Members are asked to approve the process.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

20. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people being taken into account through the Youth Engagement Panels.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

21. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

22. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

d. Resources and value for money

23. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

f. Risk Management

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

Conclusion

26. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2016-17.

Recommendations

27. The Committee is asked to:

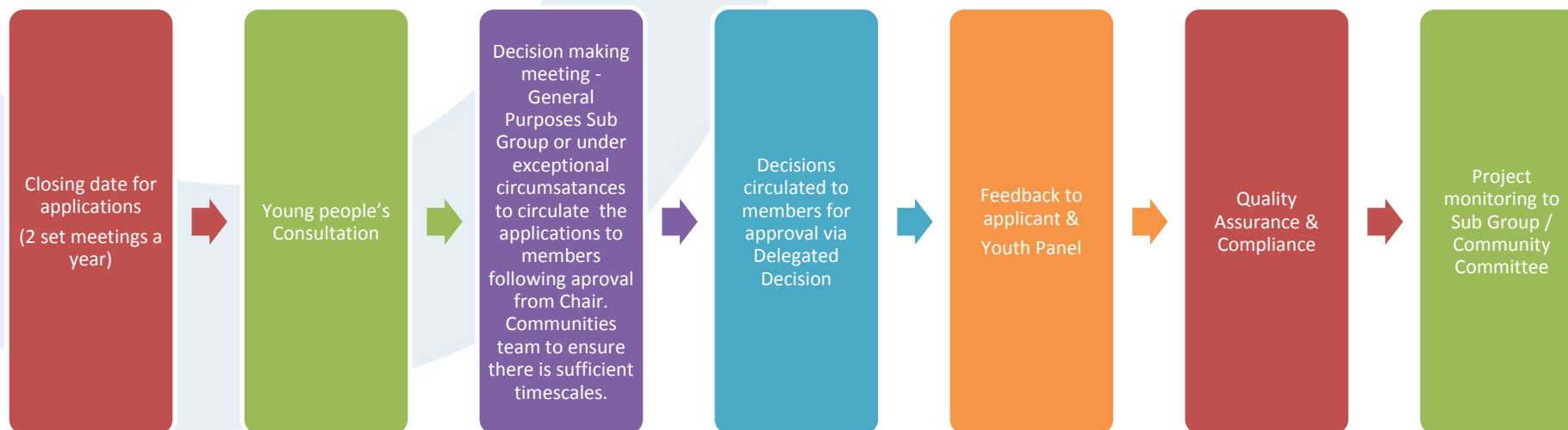
- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17
- Note the small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting at **Table 1**
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund and consider any applications received for 2016/17.
- Note the current budget position for the Youth Activities Fund and consider any applications received for 2016/17 at **Table 2**
- Members are asked to approve the process set out in appendix 1 to funding the YAF.
- Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2016/17.

Background information

- **None**

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Proposed process for funding the Outer West Youth Activities Funding



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Report of: Sue Wynne, Chief Officer Employment and Skills

Report to: Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley, Farnley and Wortley, Pudsey

Report author: Jane Hopkins, Head of Communities and Partnerships

Date: 28 September 2016

Title: Employment and Skills Update

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Community Committee on Employment and Skills Service activity and note key unemployment data for the Area.

Main issues

2. Take up of services has decreased across the Area. In 2015/16, for Outer West 691 people accessed our services, a decrease on the previous year's total 883. Please see the ward analysis by service activity below

People Accessing the Service 2015/16 (April 2015 – March 2016)	Jobshops	Employment Leads	LCC Apprenticeships	Community Learning	Apprenticeship Hub	Re-Making Leads	Headstart	Work Experience	Devolved Youth Contract	Total
Calverley & Farsley	28	6	2	118	3	0	3	0	0	160
Farnley and Wortley	136	9	3	178	3	0	6	0	11	346
Pudsey	24	7	0	136	0	0	13	0	5	185
Total	188	22	5	432	6	0	22	0	16	691

3. The total job outcomes, qualification and skills achievements, by ward, as a result of these interventions are detailed in the table below. Outcome volumes for jobs have decreased from the previous year by 19% and for skills have shown a minimal decrease by 8%. Also, 27% of people who have accessed employability support have gained employment and 89% of people who have accessed skills provision have successfully completed their programme / course.

	People Into Work 2015/16	People with Improved Skills 2015/16
Calverley & Farsley	37 (23%)	126 (95%)
Farnley and Wortley	120 (35%)	177 (84%)
Pudsey	33 (18%)	144 (89%)
Total	190 (27%)	447 (89%)

4. **Jobshops:** The Personal Work Support Package (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional jobsearch support, is working well. Since it commenced in April 2015 (mandatory since October 2015), 743 people have attended with 18% securing employment. A review of the Package after its first full year of operation has just been completed. A number of actions relating to Jobcentre Plus status and eligibility checks, the induction sessions and referral to additional support will be implemented to further improve the customer experience and outcomes.

Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) services were once again successfully reaccredited against the MATRIX standard in April this year with highlights including the quality of IAG, effectiveness of partnerships and quality improvement.

Following the decision to provide the previously contracted young people's IAG Services delivered by Aspire –Igen in house, the new proposal will provide an integrated service to young people by co locating and aligning services for the city's most vulnerable adolescents. This will comprise a core team, known as the Pathways Team and a network of appropriately qualified professionals.

5. **Adult Learning** in the Area continues to thrive with over 170 courses being delivered or planned. There is a commitment to ensuring that the offer remains relevant, and responsive to the needs and interests of learners. The current offer includes:

Brush up English, Maths and Language skills
 Childcare (Level 1)
 Computing at a range of different levels from courses targeting older learners to those supporting jobsearch
 Creative arts
 Employability programmes
 Entry level provision linked to future developments in retail
 Family Learning and Wider Family Learning programmes
 Healthy living

6. **Business Engagement:**

Aldi – Tong Road Wortley work is proposed to commence July - Sept 2017 – a plan will be prepared nearer the time to confirm recruitment arrangements.

Armely Road Retail Park (former Denso Marston site) demolition work is complete. Timelines for building work to be undertaken and completed by early 2017. Contact with retailers to be arranged.

Victoria Gate, the re-development of Eastgate includes a John Lewis store, an additional 30 units (mix of fashion and restaurant / catering outlets) and a casino.

John Lewis have completed the majority of their recruitment for the 550 jobs, this includes 30 BHS staff facing redundancy. The store will be releasing their temporary Christmas vacancies in September on their website www.jlpjobs.com.

The other opportunities at the 30 smaller units and the food / beverage outlets were promoted at a series of Roadshows at the following Community Hubs in June.

- Reginald (250+ attendees)
- Great George Street (400+ attendees)
- Armley (90+ attendees)
- St Georges (50+ attendees)

The Job vacancies for these retailers are likely to be announced in August and will be advertised on the Victoria Gate Jobs portal www.victoriagate.co.uk/jobs.

The Casino will open in late November and will start their recruitment 12 weeks prior to opening, full details of the roles are on their website www.victoriagatecasino.co.uk/recruitment. Information sessions are being arranged for end of August / beginning of September. We are seeking to negotiate 4 information sessions across the city that will provide an overview of what it's like to work in a casino, training provided and an outline of potential career progression but awaiting confirmation from the business.

7. West North West Employment Skills and Welfare Board Activities. There are three main priorities set by the Board for the West North West area that partners are developing activities to support.

1. Reduce unemployment and improve health
2. Explore ways to support people into work and reduce NEET
3. Reduce/support impact of Welfare Reform

The 2016/17 Plan is appended.

8. Additional Activities: Over 5,000 young people and their parents and carers attended the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair at the First Direct Arena on the 14 March 2016. The 3 hour event hosted access to employers and training providers with live and planned vacancies. Visitors were able to obtain information on a wide range of possible job roles and careers or to seek more detailed advice on specific job roles or employers.

Over 1,100 expression of interest forms were completed by young people at the event in response to live vacancies and these have now been processed by Apprenticeship Hub staff and referred to the appropriate employers and training providers. These will be tracked over the next few months to record how many are offered and start an apprenticeship and to ensure that those that do not can continue to access help and support to access other opportunities.

Conclusion

9. The Service has continued to support a number of residents from all wards across its provision. The employability support available to residents is set to increase significantly over the coming months as the city benefits from a number of initiatives funded through the European Structural and Investment Fund, ESIF. In combination, these programmes will offer employability and skills support to unemployed residents with specific and tailored support for those furthest from the labour market with multiple and complex needs.
10. Unemployment rates within the two main benefit types generally mirror the city picture. There has been a significant reduction over time in JSA volumes but a smaller reduction for those in receipt of health related work benefits particularly. The new programmes detailed above and the proposed new national Work and Health Programme will seek to address these challenges.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended that Members:
 - note the content of this report
 - receive a further update in 2017 to include detail and progress on the ESIF programme

Background information

11. The JSA and Working Age Client Group volumes by ward are included below:

	16-64 Age Group JSA Claimants				16-64 Age Group DWP Working Age Client Group			
	Mar 2016	Mar 2015	2015-16 Change	% or pp	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	2015-16 Change	% or pp
Calverley & Farsley	175	210	-35	-16.67%	880	895	-15	-1.68%
Farnley and Wortley	420	540	-120	-22.22%	2,420	2,465	-45	-1.83%
Pudsey	240	330	-90	-27.27%	1,255	1,325	-70	-5.28%
Total	835	1,080	-245	-18.98%	4,555	4,685	-130	-2.77%

	E&S Board Date	Theme	Activity	Lead	Progress
1	11/10/16	Reducing unemployment and improving health Agenda Benefit Cap roll out (SB) Benefit Cap Council perspective (DG) (SO) Work Coach delivery model (SB) DWP Provision purchase (SB) PEP update (Barca & JH) 3:30pm	- To present Work & Health programme at the Board (SB) - Disseminate Work & Health programme info across the area (ALL) - Increase reach of Community Learning opportunities (LL) - Workplace Leeds contract (12 mths) –work with 25 customers in Armley Hub and secure 25% into positive destinations (JJ) - Increase CEO, CSO's and SCEO's capacity around identifying and working with customers with mental health. (JJ) - Identify services to offer out of Bramley Hub (JJ) - Identify services to offer out of Wortley Housing Hub (GV) - PEP – present overview of work in West Leeds and outcomes (RM)	Simon Betts /Liz Lawrence	
2	07/03/17	Explore ways to support people into work – reduce NEET Agenda Enterprise Co-ordinator (SB) CTS – income link (JMc) Talent Match (Barca) Better Leeds Communities (Tyra JR to confirm)	- To present NEET and IAG offer at the Board (SL/LL) - Increase volunteering opportunities – look at successful models, develop pilot offer in Bramley.(RM/LL) - Promote Opportunities to schools (SB) - Promote Apprenticeships in schools and Hubs (LL) - Increase support for NEET. (JJ) - Bramley Credit union – (JR to discuss with DR)	Rachel Marshall	Consultation carried out with NEET at Activity days.
3	11/07/17	Reducing impact of welfare reform Agenda Universal Credit update (SB/DG) Work & Health Prog (SB) MAP's (DG)	- Universal credit – provide UC application support in Hubs (JJ) - Increase CSO's delivery of budgeting/finance advice (JJ) - PWSP – increase starts and outcomes by 10% (JJ) - Engage with XX customers affected by Benefit Cap (SO)	Gurmeet Virdee Jo Rowlands	

4	10/10/17	TBC			
Additional items • •					



Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey

Report author: Harpreet Singh 336 7862

Date: 28th September 2016

To Note / Approve

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: Environment, Business, Employment & Skills and General Purposes.
2. This report also updates the Committee on pieces of work and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
3. The Community Committee update report is submitted when there is additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity. Partner organisations and Council services will also contribute information to the Update Report

Main issues

Sub Groups Update

4. The Outer West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates three sub groups: Environment, Business, Employment & Skills and General Purposes.
5. Detailed below is an update on the current sub group activity and issues being explored at each.

Environment Sub Group

6. The Outer West Environmental Sub Group has continued to meet and has led some positive work to ensure that the Service Level Agreement is fit for purpose and that resources are targeted at the areas of greatest need and to deliver the greatest impact.
7. The Outer West Environment Sub Group met on Friday 26th August and were informed that proposals for partnership working with WNW Locality Team and Parks & Countryside had now progressed. The teams have now established a tentative proposal for better joint working and resource deployment in terms of environmental work in the outer west area. This proposal means that the following work can potentially be undertaken :
 - **Litter bins** - it has been agreed that the Locality Team streets crews will empty the litter bins in Pudsey Park once a day on a Saturday and Sunday (and Bank holidays), when parks staff do not undertake this task
 - **Ginnel maintenance** - In return for this Parks are going to undertake maintenance work on the ginnel (on an as and when needed basis) which runs around the Leisure Centre in Pudsey along to Radcliffe Lane (discussion are on-going as to whether another ginnel can be added to this agreement). This is a ginnel which we would normally maintain in terms of overgrown vegetation.
8. Consequently, it is intended that this work will be trialled for a period of three months, after which the impact of this work on both services will be reviewed, in order to assess whether this way of working is beneficial to both.
9. At the request of the Outer West Environment Sub Group the Communities Team in partnership with the Environment Team organised a Dog Show and Fun day event on Sunday 31st July at Pudsey Park. The event was to launch a campaign to try and tackle the issue of dog fouling by working with the community to try and highlight the issue. The event catered for up to 800 people and the 12 stalls including the dog show raised a staggering £3200 for various dog charities. The campaign has involved local school children from the area who designed posters which will be made into lamppost signs in hotspot areas. Dogs and their owners form a huge part of the community and it is only the minority that cause the dog fouling issue. The event was reported by many to be the busiest and best dog shows Pudsey has seen.

General Purposes Sub Group

10. At the Committee meeting in March 2015, Members were asked to consider creating a General Purposes Sub Group which would allow two main purposes:
 - To allow Members to have more time to oversee current and future delegated services
 - To allow Members to focus on key local priorities with the relevant service managers outside of Community Committee meetings.

11. Meetings of the General Purposes Sub group are arranged on request from the Community Committee.
12. The A General Purposes Sub Group was held on 23 August where members reviewed the commissioning process for YAF and suggested 2 commissioning rounds are held and any late applications to only be considered under exceptional circumstances. In the event that an application is received the Communities Team will consider the application and seek permission from the chair for the application to be circulated to members for approval by a delegated decision.
13. As part of the community committee constitution, there is a requirement that community committees have a community plan which outlines the committee's work programme and priorities for the year.
14. Please find attached at Appendix 1 the final version of this plan with the newly included key priorities for 2016/17, which were also put forward by members as recommendations at the General Purposes Meeting.

Business Employment & Skills Sub Group

15. The next meeting of the Outer West Business Employment & Skills Sub Group will be held on 12 October.
16. The Communities Team have supported the development of active business support groups to create a network across the Outer West called the LS128.
17. LS128 Business Support aims to encourage business growth in the Outer West area by keeping businesses informed of relevant support available to them either through the Leeds Enterprise Partnership, Leeds Universities, Government Apprenticeship Levy and many other initiatives. This group would like to discuss their achievements and with the support of the sub group consider how they take their initiative forward.

West Neighbourhood Improvement Board

18. At the last Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership meeting on 29th July members received an update on the new arrangements for the partnership working groups.
19. The working groups will be working on developing action plans to focus on each priority theme which have been identified as;
 - Employment & Income
 - Education, Skills & Training
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Crime & Grime
20. The last working group meeting took place Tuesday 26th August and received feedback on the work of the partnership and some of the key successes since the last meeting.
21. It has been decided that there will be one working group for Employment and Income, Education Skills and Training and Health and Wellbeing. This working group will be led

by Bianca Vartic who is the Community Development Worker working in the Heights and Bawns and who's role is being funded by the Outer West Community Committee.

22. Due to there already being a support function through Tasking for Crime and Grime, it has been suggested that the Crime and Grime theme will be discussed at the Tasking meeting were a lot of partners already attend.

23. Bianca has already been involved in instigating a number of initiatives listed below

- i. A parenting course is being organised in Swallow Hill Community College, with a view of being replicated across all schools and academies close to the Heights and Bawns.
- ii. The Community Health Team have been promoting health & wellbeing information in the Bawns since the 9th of August, every Tuesday 1pm-3pm. This is through the deployment of the Leeds City Council mobile library bus. These sessions will be followed by 12 weekly sessions focusing on each priority theme mentioned at point 19.
- iii. 'Come Dine with Me' Cookery course have also being held at Whingate Primary School since Tuesday 13th September for a 6 week period.
- iv. Zumba Classes have started at the Swallow Hill Community College and more recently free Pilates sessions at the 24th Scout Hut West Leeds Headquarters every Thursday 10.30 to 11.30am
- v. Neighbourhood action are getting involved in a 'lunch with mums' session also at the Scout Hut
- vi. Ryecroft Chair Based Exercise is starting in September at Ryecroft Academy
- vii. A taster dance session is to be held at Hillside Hall on Tuesdays from 10 to 11am followed by a consultation and feedback session.
- viii. Going forward a 'music in the park' event is also being co-ordinated. This will be a in the form of a mini music festival in Farnley Park where local children and residents will be invited to perform.

24. The Action day on the Bawns saw a number of partners present including the Police, Communities Team, DVLA, LASBT, Waste & Recycling, Public Health, BARCA, tenants and residents. This brought lots of positive outcomes which include the progression of ASB cases, 40 Annual Home Visit and 4 non-compliant vehicles clamped by DVLA. On the day there was a community clean-up with skips provided for any unwanted items, litter picking, graffiti clearing and removal of weeds and a general tidy up of the area. It provided a perfect opportunity to engage with local residents and for residents to meet with key practitioners who work in the area.

25. The Wortley Housing office refurbishment works are now finished and will provide a key focal point in the community which will provide key opportunities for development in the area. The new look housing office will offer a base for the partnership and the working group meetings as well as a community space for residents.

Citizens @ Pudsey & Swinnow Forum & Citizens @ Tyersal Forum

26. Both forums receive an update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, who reported on a series of successful arrests and prosecutions in the area recently. Half of the properties targeted are through insecure doors or windows, and crime prevention advice is provided by the officers.
27. The meetings have had representation from the West North West Locality Team, Parks & Countryside, Highways, Transportation, Housing Leeds, Planning and Private Sector Housing Team.
28. At the last Pudsey & Swinnow meeting residents raised concerns about the changes to First Leeds bus services taking place on the 24th July, in particular the X14, X15 and 14. Residents were unhappy with the changes which meant that the new service would add an approximate 15 minutes to the journey time. A First Group representative informed residents that they had received a number of requests to link Pudsey to Bramley to better serve the Victoria Gate Centre when it opened. The proposed changes to the X14 were to allow the service to go in to Bramley and Victor Lane but will add additional journey time during the rush hour period. During the morning rush hour First Group planned on keeping the busier X14 which would get people in to Leeds for 8am and were in the process of getting another faster bus in operation.
29. As a result of all the feedback from residents a special residents meeting was organised with First Group on the 7th September. This meeting allowed for a question and answer session giving residents the opportunity to review the service changes made on the 24th July. As a result of the feedback a further consultation event is being organised by First Group and Metro.

Community Committees

30. The Community Committees have been in operation for a whole municipal year. The purpose of this style of working is to engage more with the community on topics that are of wide interest and accessible to all.
31. All themed meetings have allowed the Community Committee to work with a bottom-up approach by engaging with stakeholders to envision ways to strengthen the way in which citizens are involved in local decision making.
32. The Outer West Community Committee will be focusing their September Community Committee on 'Making Leeds the best place to grow old' which is one of the breakthrough projects. The decision was taken not to hold conversation dinners following feedback from councillors. This meeting will allow the committee to further develop the work they have already done on Social Isolation.
33. Following the success of the Big Lunch event in Pudsey last year the Communities Team in partnership with Housing Leeds has organised 4 very successful events in 4 Sheltered Scheme's in all 3 wards of the Outer West Area. The events aimed to get as many people as possible to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of

community, friendship and fun. The event allowed the residents to increase connections and meet old friends but also helped to counteract loneliness and social isolation. The feedback from residents has been very positive and many have asked that more of these events are organised in the future.

34. The committee is also looking to hold a Youth Summit in Oct/Nov 2017 and has instigated work with the youth offer team. The Youth Offer Team will be contacting schools from September to help inform next year's Youth Activities Fund spend and reporting back to the committee. They have been asked to prioritise Farnley and Wortley schools for consultation as the committee have earmarked £6k of YAF for the ward. The aim is to build relationships with the clusters in the areas and then involve them in the Youth Summit next year.

Newsletter

35. The Communities Team produce newsletters at each round of Community committees as a means of communicating business to the public. At Appendix 2 is the latest OW newsletter.

Social Media

36. The Communities Team have publicised a range of messages on the Outer West Social Media platforms around consultation, community events or improvements to an area, which have proven to be very popular. Currently the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page has a following of 646 people.
37. We would like to request members to share details and promote the networks to their constituents.

Corporate

38. **a. Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process.
39. **b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.
40. **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

41. The work of the sub groups is essential in the delivery of the Community Committee priorities. This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team.

Recommendations

- To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.
- Approve the OW draft community plan and the recommended key priorities for 2016/17
- To share and promote the social networking platforms for the Outer West Community Committees

Background information

- **None**

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COMMUNITY PLAN 2016/17

Bringing people together to make a difference for local people and their communities

"This Community Plan sets out the Outer West Community Committee's priorities for the year ahead. We will invest in projects that support these objectives and ensure that local people have a say on how services are delivered in Farnley & Wortley, Calverley & Farsley and Pudsey wards"

Cllr Mick Coulson : Chair, Outer West Community Committee

Farnley & Wortley Ward



Cllr Ann
Blackburn



Cllr David
Blackburn



Cllr Terry
Willford

Calverley & Farsley



Cllr Amanda
Carter



Cllr Andrew
Carter



Cllr Rod
Wood

Pudsey



Cllr Josie
Jarosz



Cllr Mick
Coulson
(Chair)



Cllr Richard
Lewis

About the Outer West Community Committee

The Outer West Community Committee is part of Leeds City Council and are tasked with ensuring services are delivered in a way that meets local needs rather than a 'one size fits all'. Each year, the Committee focuses on a number of key topics that are important to local people and would benefit from a new approach. They also provide grant funding to organisations to make a difference within their communities. The Committee's meetings are open to all.

What we do

The Community Committee aims to:

1. Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
2. Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
3. Support activities that make people and places feel safer
4. Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
5. Develop and make better use of community assets
6. Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
7. Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities

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- Making Leeds the best city to grow old
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Your Community Committee

How we work

Our Community Committee focuses on topics that matter locally. We hold a number of meetings a year to look in depth at local priorities

Community Committee Champions take a lead on key themes such as the environment, health, young people and employment

The Community Committee has sub groups that focus on the Environment and Business, Employment & Skills. These scrutinise local service delivery and help ensure services are working together effectively

The Community Committee has a budget to invest in limited projects that strengthen our communities and make a difference locally

The Area Leadership Team and neighbourhood improvement partnerships bring together partners at a senior level to make improvements in our neighbourhoods. For those areas identified as priorities, action plans have been developed

Involving our communities

Our Community Committee meetings and workshops are open to the public

We hold community forums where people can talk about local issues

We use newsletters and social media to link with our communities and promote local projects and activities

We work with resident and community groups to find solutions to local problems

The work of the Community Committee is reported annually to a meeting of all of the Leeds City Councillors

Community Committee Meetings

Community Committee meetings are held four times a year, individuals can raise any issues at the meeting, during the open forum section of the meeting.

15 June 2016 at 1pm, Pudsey Town Hall

28 September 2016 at 6.30pm, venue TBC

13 January 2017 at 1pm, venue TBC

1 March 2017 at 6.30pm, venue TBC

Please do check with us for venue details.

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Outer West Community Committee

Covering Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley and Pudsey wards

About your Community Committee

The Outer West Community Committee is attended by councillors and local residents from Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley and Pudsey wards.

The role of the Committee is to improve local service delivery and ensure resident voices are heard.

They also invest their 'Wellbeing' funding and Youth Activities Fund monies in community projects across the three wards.

In this update we'll look at progress and achievements since the last issue and highlight some of the fantastic community projects supported by the Committee.

In the past year, the Outer West Committee has looked at Social Isolation, Business, Employment & Skills, Neighbourhood Planning and an engagement event with young people.

Please remember that local residents are welcome to attend the meetings, please see the Community Committee dates on the back of this newsletter for more information.



The Last Community Committee Meeting

The last Community Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 15th June at Pudsey Town Hall.

A Housing Manager from Lettings and Tenancy Management attended the meeting to update the Committee about the Housing Lettings Policy. The Committee were advised that that policies on Introductory Tenancy and Secure Tenancy were due to be reviewed in respect to changes in the Housing and Planning Act, however the Lettings Policy would still include:

- Preference to tenants with a good tenancy record
- Conducting home visits to prospective applicants before offering them a property
- Introducing pre-tenancy training for some applicants
- Using a good neighbour criteria in some areas

The Chief Officer from Welfare and Benefits attended to update the Committee about the Welfare Reform. The Committee noted the impact for people and the work that is ongoing to support people to make and manage a Universal Credit claim.

The Last Community Committee Meeting Continued...

An update was also provided from Adult Social Care. There are 13 Neighbourhood Teams across the city which are lead by a Community Matron together with G.Ps, Adult Social Care, District Nurses, Intermediate Care Services, Social Worker and other organisations. The Committee was told how there was to be a new locality based approach to discuss cases and to support patients, family, friends and carers.



At the last Community Committee the Committee

Approved:

Five New Youth Activity Fund Projects:

Yarn Bomb Summer School at Sunny Bank - £2,500

Children were able to attend the Summer school for free during the Summer holidays. They learnt how to finger knit, make Pom-poms and then decorated a weaving shed with their creations.

AIM Higher Youth Club - £450

Young people were able to attend the youth club which provided help with their homework, arts and crafts, gaming fun as well as trained staff to offer advice on sexual health.

Champions Rugby Fun Day - £349

Provided young people the opportunity to take part in outdoor games based around rugby skills with a qualified rugby union coach.

Love Pudsey Youth Café -£2,080

To provide a Youth Café where young people meet up with friends and relax.

Scrap Tinker Lab -£2950

The Tinker Lab at Sunnybank Mills is a space for children to let their imaginations fly whilst playing, creating and learning new skills with real tools and mountains of scrap materials



Yarn Bomb Summer School



Yarn Bomb Summer School

Recent Events

Pudsey Park Paws

The Outer West Environment Sub Group organised a Do Show and Fun day event on Sunday 31st July at Pudsey Park. The event was to launch a campaign to try and tackle the issue of dog fouling by working with the community to try and highlight the issue. The event catered for up to 800 people and the 12 stalls including the dog show raised a staggering £3200 for various dog charities. The campaign has involved local school children from the area who designed posters which will be made into lamppost signs in hotspot areas. Dogs and their owners form a huge part of the community and it is only the minority that cause the dog fouling issue. The event was reported by many to be the busiest and best dog shows Pudsey has seen.



The Big Lunches



One of the Priorities for the Outer West Community Committee is Making Leeds the Best City to Grow Old, the Committee supported four Big Lunch events to promote Health and Wellbeing for older people.

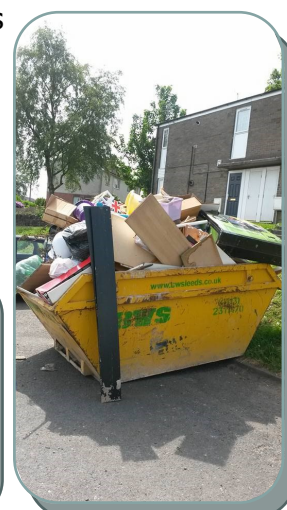
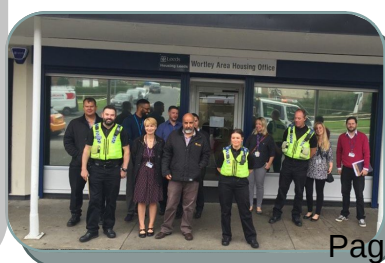
Residents from other local Sheltered Supported Housing were invited and attended the events. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and buffet were provided and friends sat down and enjoyed a cup of tea, food and entertainment whilst enjoying catch up with each other. Local performers attended the events and many people enjoyed dancing and singing along to the performances.



Action Days on the Bawns and Heights



The Committee supported two action days, one the Bawns Estate and one on the Heights Estate. A variety of departments and organisations took part in the action days these included Housing Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, Youth Service, Barca and Waste Management. They were both very successful with skips being filled on the Bawns and free fruit pots and career advice being provided on the Heights.



Your Community Committee

The ten Community Committees in Leeds link local residents to Councillors and other decision makers to focus on topics that matter to our communities.

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Community Committee Dates:

28 September 2016

13 January 2017

Please do check with us for venue details.

Email west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk or call 0113 3367856 for further information or to be added to our mailing lists.

Community Committee Members

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Cllr Amanda Carter



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Cllr David Blackburn



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Report of: Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer Highways and Transport

Report to: Outer West Community Committee (Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey)

Report author: Vanessa Allen, Transport Conversation project manager (0113 3481767)

Date: 28th September 2016

To note

Leeds Transport Conversation

Purpose of report

1. To report on the Transport Conversation and engagement process and seek feedback and input from Members on the future strategic approach to transport in the city and the development of a proposition and delivery plan for the £173.5 million fund due to be allocated following the cancellation of the NGT project.

Main issues

2. Transport is a fundamental component of what makes a prosperous and liveable city. Our vision is for Leeds to be a compassionate, caring city with a transport system that helps all our residents benefit from the city's economic growth. Getting our transport system right is a critical element of achieving the Council's Best City ambition.
3. Following the NGT Public Inquiry in 2014, the Department of Transport (DfT) announced (12th May 2016) that the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) powers for the New Generation Transport (NGT), would not be granted. However, at the same time the Secretary of State committed to making available to the city the £173.5m funding previously allocated to the NGT scheme, would be available for alternative public transport improvements in Leeds.
4. A letter was received from the DfT (23.06.16) confirming funding for public transport improvements stating that

“The £173.5 million has been retained for Leeds because of the well-rehearsed and long standing need for significant public transport improvements in the city, particularly in the absence of a rapid transit system along the lines previously envisaged. This does not have to be a like for like alternative to the NGT scheme, a programme of smaller coordinated interventions may deliver change in a more realistic and publicly acceptable way.”

5. In response to the NGT decision, the Leader of the Council initiated a city wide debate on the future transport strategy which was launched with a Transport Summit (10th June 2016). The Summit was attended by over 170 stakeholders from across the city who contributed to a discussion on the city's transport ambitions. At the Summit, the Leader announced the start of the City's largest ever Transport conversation seeking views from key stakeholders, partners and most importantly, communities from across the city. Councilor Blake said;

“A city as diverse and geographically large as Leeds has many different needs, so we are encouraging as many people as possible to let us know their stories and put forward their ideas.”

6. The first phase of the “Transport conversation” was launched by an on-line survey on the 2ND August www.leeds.gov.uk/TransportConversationSurvey and will close on the 20th September. Paper copies will be made available at Hubs, One stop centres and Branch Libraries along with being sent directly to access group members without online access. The online survey has been circulated to a wide range of networks across the city and includes the following communication activities and events.
7. These Channels include the distribution of 10,000 Postcards, advertising the questionnaire at events such as City Connect, South Bank Consultation. With Posters, postcards and paper copies available at the Community Hubs and One stops Branch Libraries Housing offices and arts centres. There is to be a wide range of marketing employed including advertising on the radio, on bus rears and sides, advertising at various rail sites, social media and press releases.
8. Following on from the Transport Summit workshop, there will be two further workshops arranged for the 15th and 20th September 2016, with additional workshops and presentations with key stakeholders, as well as one to ones with Operators, Business, Special interest User Groups, Access and equality groups. The Transport Conversation is also working alongside the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) and partners along with the setting up of an Independent Panel of experts to help inform the programme.
9. These activities and feedback will inform the development of a wider set of strategic principles on which further conversations with the city will continue before finalising the long-term strategy at Executive Board sometime next year (Spring/Summer 2017).
10. Additionally the Transport Conversation feedback will be fed into the development of an outline series of proposals for spend of the £173.5m, culminating in a report to Executive Board currently planned for the 19th October 2016 meeting. The rationale for an early submission is to gain the certainty and commitment needed to allow the development and progression of detailed planning and proposals by securing early government sign-off for the £173.5m earmarked for Leeds. Subject to approval by Executive Board, it is anticipated that a formal case will be submitted before the end of autumn 2016. And so a first phase of consultation along with an early Executive Board report is required in the context of the development of a longer term strategy.

11. Alongside this conversation the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) are currently undertaking consultation on a new West Yorkshire Transport Strategy and Bus Strategy which includes a series of 23 drop in events across Leeds. The feedback received will be used by WYCA to develop a new, 20-year West Yorkshire Bus and Transport strategies. A team from the Combined Authority, along with representatives from bus operators, will be on hand at each event to answer questions and help people take part. Officers from the Council's Highways and Transportation service will be supporting WYCA colleagues at the events.
12. This work will complement and develop the work set out in the 21st Century Leeds Transport Strategy Executive Board Report.

Options

13. An Executive Board report in October 2015 set out how Leeds provides a strong historical illustration of how major investment in transport infrastructure has resulted in transformational economic growth - from the Leeds Liverpool Canal, to the Victorians who cemented the city's position on the railway network, to our emergence as a 'motorway city' in the 1970's. Today, Leeds is following the global trend towards highly skilled jobs clustering in a compact environment. If this growth is to continue, people need to be able to easily access a denser and more productive city centre.
14. With additional car demand come additional issues to resolve, for example road casualties, poor air quality, noise, carbon, congestion. Our centres can be car dominated in places whereas we want public spaces which are more people friendly. To tackle these issues and grow our city sustainably, we need more people travelling by sustainable modes.
15. The ambition is to have a transport system that supports the growth of our economy, creates a place people want to live and work, that everyone can access, that has a positive effect on people's health and wellbeing and is less harmful on the environment.
16. The Council with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) and partners are already delivering significant improvements to transport in Leeds to help deliver these ambitions. The Elland Road park and ride, delivered in partnership with WYCA, is already proving very popular, and given the demand the car park is now being extended. A further Park and Ride will open at Temple Green in the Aire Valley Enterprise Zone early next year with construction starting in September. As a Council we have pressed for greater local control of rail services as is now reflected in the Rail North and the new Northern and Trans Pennine franchises which will provide for greater growth and new trains. The southern entrance to Leeds Station opened earlier this year supports our ambition to double the size of the City Centre by regenerating the Southbank. The new station at Kirkstall Forge has opened providing a new park and rail option, and unlock the development of new homes and jobs. These are just a few of the examples of the schemes already in construction. With significant funding from the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, the Council is also developing a number of new schemes, including the East Leeds Orbital Road, the Leeds Bradford Airport link (LBA) Road and a transformation of the way traffic uses our City Centre.
17. With the promise of the additional £173.5m, the Council can now develop plans for further improving transport in Leeds. This plan will be pragmatic, deliverable, and focus on the outcomes the Council is

trying to achieve. In deciding how to best spend the allocation, the Council will need to make decisions between investing in schemes that can be delivered in the short and medium term, such as park and ride sites, high quality fast bus routes, new rail stations, better public spaces and cycle and walking routes. And plans for long-term projects, which would enable us to provide more capacity to cater for the growing number of trips.

18. The Council recognizes that decisions on priorities will be needed given our limited road space and our constrained rail network. Successfully balancing the conflicting and complex demands on our land use and road space across different stakeholder groups will be a major challenge for the city. The Council intends to develop the plans in collaboration with the City so that these decisions can be owned, understood and supported as it is only with strong support that successful schemes will be delivered.

Corporate considerations

a. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

Improving public transport, will improve local connectivity and in turn increases access to employment, education, and leisure services and facilities for all equality groups. The Transport Conversation will be attending a number of different equality group meetings and directly engaging with these groups. Any specific impacts on equality characteristics will be examined in individual schemes.

b. Council policies and city priorities

The anticipated benefits for Leeds from the Transport Strategy development and conversation have the potential to contribute to the vision for Leeds 2030 to be the best city in the UK. Including the following Best Council objectives; promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth, supporting communities and tackling poverty, building a child friendly city and contribute to the Councils cross cutting 'World-class events and a vibrant city center that all can benefit from' Breakthrough Project.' The vision also contributes to the objectives of the Local Development Framework, Leeds Core Strategy, and Local Transport Plan 3, emerging WYCA Transport and Bus strategies and Strategic Economic Plan.

Conclusion

19. The cancellation of NGT has opened up the opportunity for the City to discuss the future strategic transport provision for the City both in the shorter and longer term. The first phase is of necessity, needing to be concluded by October to help ensure confirmation of the £173 million funding promised by the Government. However the conversation will continue to develop into a longer term consultation into the Spring/Summer of next year.
20. A presentation at the meeting will summarise some of the key themes along with the wider regional context and some emerging options for the transport programme as the basis for dialogue and feedback from Community Committee members and further input from the local community.
21. Members are encouraged to support the Transport Conversation in the local communities and to let officers know of community networks who may be interested in engaging in the Conversation

Recommendations

- 22. To note the wider strategic context of the Transport Conversation which will extend beyond a first phase conversation into the Spring/ Summer of next year, informing a wider transport strategy for the City and your area over the next 20 years
- 23. To note the Department of Transport £173.5 million offer for public transport improvements, in the context of a currently planned report to Executive Board on the 19th October and the planned submission of strategic investment case to the Department of Transport.
- 24. To provide feedback and advise on your key priorities for transport investment in the city and the local community.

Background information

Transport Conversation questionnaire www.leeds.gov.uk/TransportConversationSurvey

Our Transport 21st Century, Leeds Transport Strategy Executive Board Report.

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