

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

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To note

Area Update Report

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note the discussions of the Inner North West Community Committee sub groups and any key messages.
- 1.3 Members are asked to note the update on community centre discounted lettings.
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the area update newsletter

2. Background information

- 2.1 An area update report is submitted at every cycle of community committee meetings, unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and council services may also contribute information to the area update report.

3. Main issues

Forum and Sub Group Key Messages

3.1 Planning Sub Group

The Inner North West planning sub group met on 12 July 2017 and 9 August 2017. The Chair of the sub group will provide a verbal update to the Community Committee on 21 September.

3.2 Environment Sub Group

The Environment Sub Group met on 1 August 2017. The following key issues were discussed:

- Officers from Safer Leeds Parkswatch Service provided an update on their recent restructure and gave an overview of the work undertaken to designate additional officer time to Woodhouse Moor, which is funded by the INW Community Committee's Wellbeing monies.
- Officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team provided local updates, with a particular focus this time on student changeover.
- Issues around overgrown trees and flytipping/litter in a ginnel in Headingley ward were raised. Officers from Cleaner Neighbourhoods are to progress improvements in this area.
- The 2017/18 Service Level Agreement is to be brought to a future meeting following discussions with Environmental Champions.

3.3 Key Messages

The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group and receive any verbal update, at the Community Committee, from the sub group chair.

Children & Young People Sub Group

- 3.4 There have been no meetings of the Children and Young People's sub group since the last Community Committee meeting in June.

4. Community Centre Discounted Lettings

4.1 Following a consultation exercise carried out in March / April this year, a decision was taken to remove the option of free lettings in community centres to be replaced by a maximum 75% discount available for supported organisations. This was applied to new lettings from 2nd May and to existing lettings from 5th June. All existing free lettings were automatically offered the discounted rate. Separate arrangements were made to account for costs relating to lettings made by Youth Services and Neighbourhood Networks.

4.2 The Inner North West Community Committee area has two community centres that are directly managed by Leeds City Council. The following table shows the number of groups affected by the change in policy at each centre, the number of groups that renewed / cancelled their existing lettings, the amount of additional income achieved in year (June – March) through the discounted letting policy and the overall projected income at each centre, including income from lettings at the full community and commercial rates.

	No. of Former Regular Free Lettings	No. of Renewals	No. of Cancelations	Additional Income 2017/18	Overall Projected Income 2017/18
Community Centre					
Little London Community Centre	4	3	1	£1,456.96	£17,115.05
Meanwood Community Centre	5	5	0	£1,193.56	£6,044.41
Total	9	8	1	£2,650.52	£23,159.46

4.3 All discounted lettings are due for renewal on 1st April 2018 and a process will start in the new year to determine approval of the discounted support for the following financial year.

5. Area update newsletter

5.1 Through discussions at area chair's forum, it has been agreed that update newsletters be produced for each of the community committees as a means of communicating business to the public. Attached at **Appendix 1** is the latest INW area update newsletter, attached for Member's information.

6. Corporate considerations

6.1 Consultation and engagement

6.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

6.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

6.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

6.3 Resources and value for money

6.3.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

6.4 Legal implications, access to information and call in

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

7. Risk management

7.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

8. Conclusion

8.1 This report provides members with an update on recent sub group business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team West North West.

9 Recommendations

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