

Report of: Martin Dean, Area Leader

**Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley and Hyde Park,
Little London and 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 briefing report on Universal Credit (Appendix 1)
- 1.3 Members are asked to note the discussions of the Inner North West Community Committee sub groups and any key messages.
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the key public health messages for the area.
- 1.5 Members are asked to note the area update newsletter (Appendix 2)

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

Universal Credit update

UC national roll out is now into its 5th year and on the latest information from DWP it will take until 2023 to be fully rolled out across the country. Once it is fully rolled out in Leeds it is estimated there will be approx. 85,000 people claiming UC. The council has been preparing for this wider roll out for the past 3 years and we are confident that we have done everything possible to ensure our customers, staff and partner services are prepared for this change to the way people claim welfare benefits.

It is proposed that once we have been in full service for 6 months, we will report back on the initial impacts of full service UC in Leeds and how this is affecting customers and the council's ability to support those impacted by this change.

The full report on Universal Credit provided from Leeds City Council is attached as Appendix 1. For more information on Universal credit contact Dianne.Gill@leeds.gov.uk

4. Key Public Health messages for Inner North West

4.1 Best Start

Best Start zones look at the first 1001 days of a child's life from conception to year two to ensure we as a council can make it the very best it possibly can be so the child can reach its full potential. In INW this recently started zone has managed to create the first breast feeding support group in the area for over thirteen years specifically for this area of high child poverty. The Children's Centre management and Maternity Services have created a group which specialises in twins and multiples as well welcoming singletons, which is much needed in the area. The group has stunned everybody by getting up to a regular attendance of 18 families and its membership is increasing. Public Health have donated £500 from the Medipex fund to purchase educational toys for these groups to help stimulate the child's cognitive skills and increase school readiness.

For more information on any of these topics please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

4.2 CAREVIEW-Social Isolation Support Tool

Careview is a smart phone app which helps our community outreach teams locate socially isolated citizens. CAREVIEW is approaching the end of its academically evaluated 12 month council trial and a full evaluation report will be available at the end of the year. This platform has a newly developed support tool that non-health professionals and residents can access should they require information on how to signpost an isolated resident to a support service. It can be accessed without signing up by visiting <https://leeds.care.vu/> and then Click on the menu ☰ and select "Isolation Tool".

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4.3 Malnutrition Helpline

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds City Council are pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition in older people.

The malnutrition helpline puts the public and health and social care professionals in touch with a team of dietitians who can provide advice on a range of issues relating to difficulties with eating and drinking. People can access support by calling 0113 843 0905 Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm or e-mail the team at lch.malnutrition@nhs.net

4.4 Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme

Leeds Community Foundation (LCF) is running the Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme, with support from Leeds City Council Public Health. The fund will support a range of community-based projects that help vulnerable people in Leeds who are most affected by cold weather. This includes households with young children and pregnant women as well as people with a range of physical/mental health problems, on low income, with disabilities, aged over 65 or otherwise vulnerable. LCF are looking for innovative ideas that support vulnerable people and provide real tangible help. For more information please contact Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or grants@leedscf.org.uk

5. Area update newsletter (See appendix 2)

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 2** 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.

9 Recommendations

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