

Report of: The South East Area Leader
Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)
Report author: James Nundy (Senior Localities Officer, tel: 07746 216 479)
Date: Tuesday 2 October 2018 **For information**

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – UPDATE REPORT

Purpose of report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention an update report on work based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It also provides opportunities for further questions or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Main issues – update by themes

2.0 Update on Children and Families – Cllr Helen Hayden

- 2.1 The dates for the 2018/19 cycle of the sub-group meetings have been set as:
- 19 Sept 2018, 1 - 2pm at Swarcliffe Community Centre
 - 28 Nov 2018, 4 - 5pm (with young people) at Swarcliffe Community Centre
 - 20 Feb 2019, 1 - 2pm with venue **TBC**
- 2.2 Councillor Field has swapped with Cllr McCormack as the Garforth & Swillington ward member representative on the Children & Families sub group.

Update on Employment, Skills and Welfare – Cllr Pauleen Grahame

3.0 Update on Thorpe Park

- 3.1 Due to open in October 2018, The Springs is a new retail and leisure destination at Thorpe Park, Leeds.
- 3.2 Developed by Scarborough International Properties Limited and Legal & General, The Springs includes a range of high street brands. The following businesses have confirmed they are opening at The Springs:-
- Boots
 - H&M
 - River Island
 - Outfit

- Next
- TK Maxx
- Marks and Spencer's Food Hall
- Nandos
- Gino D'Acampo restaurant
- Odeon
- PureGym

- 3.3 The Council's Employment and Skills service provided a series of information sessions in early September where people were able to hear more about:
- what it's like to work in the retail, hospitality and customer services sector
 - recruitment information about the individual businesses who have announced they are opening and
 - the support available to job seekers including help with CVs and online applications as well as training available to be able to apply for any vacancies

The sessions took place at Osmondthorpe One Stop, Kippax Hub, Garforth Hub, Swarcliffe Community Centre, Crossgates Library, Halton Library.

4.0 Updates on Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Cllr Keith Wakefield

Malnutrition Helpline

- 4.1 Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds City Council have announced a new initiative aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition in older people.
- 4.2 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 can email the team at lch.malnutrition@nhs.net
- 4.3 Malnutrition is a lack of good nutrition usually caused by not having enough to eat or not getting the essential nutrients you need to keep healthy. If not dealt with early it can lead to other problems. People at risk of malnutrition include; those who are housebound or living alone; those who are not well enough or able to shop for food, cook or prepare meals for themselves; and people with dementia, low mood or mouth/dental problems.
- 4.4 The helpline can support by providing advice for those with concerns about;
- Not eating enough or getting full quickly
 - Poor appetite
 - Losing weight unintentionally or clothes/jewellery looser than normal
 - Constipation
 - Difficulties affording food
 - Dehydration
 - Frail and risk of falls
 - Wounds or a pressure ulcer that won't heal
 - Not well enough to shop or cook
 - Eating difficulties related to dementia
 - Social isolation at meal times

Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme

- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 LCF are looking for innovative ideas that support vulnerable people to prepare for and cope with cold weather and are particularly keen for projects to address social isolation, increase resilience and that help reduce the levels of illness (and deaths) due to vulnerable people living in cold housing. There is a preference to fund practical projects that provide real, tangible help as opposed to purely the onward distribution of information. The fund is particularly interested in new, innovative approaches and projects are expected to link with and actively refer to other services.
- 4.7 Grants of up to £2,500 are available for local community projects and up to £5,000 for citywide projects.
- 4.8 The closing date for applications was on 29 Aug 2018. Applicants will receive the panel's decision by email in the first week of October. Contact the Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or grants@leedscf.org.uk for more information

Adult Social Care

- 4.9 Colleagues from Adult Social Care are attending the Community Committee meeting to give an update on Strengths Based Social Care.

5.0 Update on Environment and Community Safety – Cllr Mary Harland

Environmental sub-group

- 5.1 The dates for the 2018/19 cycle have been set as:
6 Nov 2018, 1pm -2pm – Civic Hall
5 Feb 2019, 1pm – 2pm (venue to be arranged)
- 5.2 **Environmental update - Cross Gates & Whinmoor / Temple Newsam wards**
- The team have been involved in a clean-up day on the Neville's with colleges from Housing and Probation. The team litter-picked the area and had the path-sweeper and road sweeper in attendance so the whole area was cleansed. Housing provided skips and we took the overspill and helped residents clear their gardens of unwanted items we also assisted with removal of cuttings where Probation had cut back overgrown vegetation.
 - The team cut back a large area behind the properties at Litton Way (Whinmoor) that was vastly overgrown and our colleagues from Parks & Countryside are in the process of weed spraying the area.
 - Ullswater Crescent and Kendal Drive in Halton Moor have had in-depth cleansing after the roads were resurfaced.
 - The team are currently cutting back / litter-picking the ginnels on the Hebdens in Whinmoor.
 - There was a community clean-up on the 15 Sept in and around Manston Park with children from the Tribe youth group and Cllr Grahame.

- We have had two events at Temple Newsam, Cocoon in the Park and Let's Rock Leeds the team made sure the streets in the area were quickly brought back up to standard by litter-picking and emptying litter bins.

5.3 **Environmental update - Garforth & Swillington / Kippax & Methley ward:**

Top 10 service requests between 1 July and 6 Sept 2018:

Subject	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Grand Total
Bulky refuse collection	71	77	148
Fly tipping removal	41	46	87
Overgrown vegetation obstructing a highway	13	12	25
Void garden clearance	9	7	16
Housing communal area clean up	7	6	13
Street swept	8	4	12
Fly tipping enforcement	6	1	7
Waste in garden		7	7
Abandoned vehicle	1	5	6
Housing issue		6	6
Grand Total	156	171	327

Table 2 – Enforcement Actions

Notice type and issue	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Grand Total
ASB 2014 S52:			
Housing issue	0	1	1
Building Act 1984 s59:			
Drainage	0	2	2
Community Protection Notice:			
Commercial waste	0	1	1
Drainage issue	0	1	1
Environmental Protection Act 1990			
Production of documents re	0	1	1
Highways Act 1980 s143:			
Accumulation on a highway	0	1	1
Highways Act 1980 s154:			
Overgrown vegetation	0	1	1
Litter - EPA 1990 s88:			
Litter control	1	0	1
Grand Total	1	8	9

- We have been using a lot of CCTV to successfully capture fly tipping within the wards. This has been especially successful in problem areas such as Newsam Green Road. We are looking to use this more often to capture fly tippers in and around the ward area
- We have been helping the various In Bloom groups keep on top of their routes by litter picking, removing waste and sweeping the routes either with a road sweeper (RSC) or a path sweeper
- We have attended to several ginnels around the Garforth & Swillington ward cutting these and clearing the waste away
- A lot of effort has gone into Micklefield the past two months as we have had several enforcement jobs and a lot of street cleansing requested. The team have been litter picking the area and dealing with the various issues as they arise
- The team helped out with Garforth Festival. Providing bags for the waste, tidying up the area before and a deep cleanse after the event. Removing all waste and litter picking the areas

- We have been cutting and clearing many void properties so that tenants can move in and have a manageable garden to attend to, some had years of overgrowth. The team have done very well with the void work as this has recently been brought into the teams and a lot of training was needed. Now they have the training and as they gain experience, they are able to achieve more within a void garden and work better as a team. This as a result produces a much better finished product

6.0 Update on Housing

Outer South East Housing Advisory Panel

6.1 Currently have £24k remaining for 2018/19 from a £54k budget allocation.

6.2 Tenant Engagement Activity

- Neville's new builds – two consultation exercises taken place out in the community successfully engaged with over 50 residents
- Temple Newsam good garden competition – celebration event took place Wednesday 29 Aug at Civic Hall. Excellent feedback from all involved and we will run the competition again next year
- Halliday Court in Garforth
 - Mural completed at the back of the centre with a local artist, residents all got involved to complete the design
 - Completion of new external bin area which will see the current bins that are located inside the block to outside, which will prevent the smell, and infestation of flies and maggots
- White Laithe Court in Whinmoor – another scheme to relocate the bin stores to an outside area to prevent smells/maggots and flies
- Community Payback – 20 referrals received for outer east Leeds six of which have been completed so far resulting in 21 days work completed.

7.0 Update from Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

7.1 These are the numbers of cases opened by LASBT since the last Community Committee meeting:

	Cross Gates and Whinmoor	Garforth and Swillington	Kippax and Methley	Temple Newsam	Total
Threats/actual violence			2		2
Nuisance vehicles	1	1			2
Verbal abuse	1			1	2
Vandalism / damage to property	1			3	4
Noise		2	1	1	4
Hate crime: race				1	1
Litter / rubbish				1	1
Rowdy behaviour			1		1
Total	3	3	4	7	17

8.0 Update on Youth Service

8.1 Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward

- Youth Matters attended both Swarcliffe and Whinmoor Forums and spoke to councillors and other attendees about their involvement with youth service
- Youth Workers have been working with young people around sexual health & wellbeing – smoking, vaping, staying safe online, Domestic Violence awareness
- Promoted summer programme and distributed publicity around the ward encouraging young people to also share on their social media sites
- Carried out trips with young people
- Young people gained a Leeds Youth Award
- Two very successful activity days at Swarcliffe and Manston – Young people have completed more than two hundred youth activity questionnaires
- The Thursday & Friday youth provisions continue to attract new members each week and they participate in various activities including: dodgeball, football, basketball, tennis, pool, arts & crafts, nail art & beauty, Henna design, music, refreshments and friendship groups
- Youth Workers encourage young people to put their phones away and enjoy healthy activities, make new friends, and engage in voice and influence

8.2 Ongoing:

- Bike maintenance and safety group
- Senior member training
- Youth Matters

- One to one support
- Youth Clubs which are all kept open alongside the summer programme.

8.3 Garforth & Swillington ward and Kippax & Methley ward

- Youth Activity Funded trips out to Flamingo Land, Go Ape at Temple Newsam and Doncaster Dome. Also activity days in Micklefield, Kippax and Swillington. Each of the trips were full and each of the activity days had over 150 young people in attendance at each venue
- The evening provision in each ward also ran throughout the summer which gave young people access to positive activities if they didn't want to access the summer programme
- Had talks with Leeds Utd Foundation, Kippax Leisure Centre and Kippax Parish Council / ward councillors to re-open a youth provision at the leisure centre. These discussions are ongoing but have had a positive response from all parties. We hope to open on a three month trial basis in the middle of September. The session will be on a Monday evening and will be football based. It will be for boys and girls aged 11-18yrs
- The decision making group "YPmyG" (young people my group) have volunteered at the three activity days doing the tuck shop and signing in the attendees. They also made the decision on where to have the activity days and what trips young people would like to go on over this summer. They will be working towards deciding the trips for October half term

8.4 Temple Newsam ward

- Youth Matters Group achieved a Leeds Youth Award and will be attending Civic Hall in October to be presented with certificates
- Supporting young people on the mobile to create CVs and conduct interview techniques
- Working with young people on a range of issues including citizenship / health and wellbeing / sexual health / hopes and aspirations
- KICKS Programme in Halton Moor played a tournament with Burmantofts and won the game, and one young person who accessed this support has now gained employment with JD Sports
- Supported local shopkeepers who were having serious issues with ASB – this has now been resolved
- After issues around ASB at the new Go Ape, youth workers have added this to their list of hotspots and liaise with security there to report any issues to them
- Have received referrals from Temple Newsam Learning Partnership for summer trips.
- Youth workers have for some time been addressing issues around ASB at Colton Sainsbury's and worked hard to divert young people into positive activities and we are pleased to say that there have been no further reports of ASB for some time, this also applies to the fast food outlets in the same area.
- Youth workers have been speaking to young people about the dangers of swimming and diving into rivers during the hot weather

9.0 Debt Forum update

- ### **9.1**
- The Joint Debt Forums Annual Open Meeting took place on 27 Sept 2018 and the title for this year is 'Coming Together'.

- 9.2 The event was themed around universal credit – with presentations covering: what support is already available, what could the Third Sector could offer, responses from advisory services / credit unions, financial education in schools and much more. There was also an opportunity to participate in discussion groups, led by relevant facilitators.

10.0 Community engagement

Social media

- 10.1 Highlights of the Outer East Community Committee Facebook activity from 19 May 2018 – 7 Sept 2018 is included in **Appendix 1**. It gives details of the top three most popular posts ('post clicks' to expand the text + 'reactions, comments or shares') during this period.

Two things to note:

- 'Reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'Engagement' is number of reactions, comments or shares. Engagement is a better marker for seeing if people are interested in the posts because they need to interact with it. Eg a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read/expand it, the engagement level is zero.

Whilst still leading the way, the page has gained a further 81 new page 'likes' in the last 12 weeks and currently has 2,140 followers, which is 222% more than the next most popular Community Committee page.

- 10.2 The Committee is encouraged to Like and Share relevant information from the page and promote the page when possible. The quick search is: @LccOuterEast

- 10.3 Councillors are asked to Like the page and Like / Share relevant posts as appropriate.

Outer East Community Committee newsletter

- 10.4 The Communities Team will produce two newsletters per year highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting. The team will circulate the newsletter to contacts via social media and community hubs such as libraries. The next newsletter will be produced after the December community committee meeting.

11.0 Recommendations

- 11.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.

12.0 Background documents

- 12.1 There are no background documents associated with this paper.