

North East Locality Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 31 January 2019

Present

Councillors Child (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Griffiths, Laidlaw, McLellan, McVey, Munro and Staniforth.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the North East Locality Committee of 6 November 2018 as a correct record.

2. North East Locality Committee Work Programme

The North East Locality Committee Work Programme for January 2019 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that a briefing note on Participatory Budgeting would be circulated to members of the North East Locality Committee
- 2) To otherwise note the Work Programme.

(Reference – North East Locality Committee Work Programme, submitted.)

3. North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log

The North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log for January 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that officers would confirm if the results of a SPOKES competition to look at low cost ways of boosting cycle use was being reported back to the next Transport and Environment Committee on 28 February 2019 in the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The North East Locality Committee Business Bulletin for January 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted)

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Head of Strategy and Communications, submitted.)

5. Every Contact Counts – Presentation by Cat Young, Assistant Strategic Programme Manager, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership

Cat Young, Assistant Strategic Programme Manager, provided a presentation on the work of Every Contact Counts, a pilot support service that addressed the emotional and mental health needs of children and young people in Leith.

The presentation focussed on the following:

- A national audit by Health Improvement Scotland found that there had been a 22% increase in referrals from 2013/15 – 2017/18 to children and adult mental health services across Scotland.
- 1 in 10 children and young people aged 5-16 years had a clinically diagnosable mental health illness.
- There had been a 24% increase in the number of referrals that had been rejected by specialist services since 2013/14.
- There was an 11 week average wait for the first treatment appointment, and 74% started treatment within 18 weeks.
- The project was borne out of a review that took place between 2015-2016 to look at the services to support the emotional well-being and mental health of children and young people.
- A mapping exercise was carried out of services across the city, which included statutory as well as third sector organisations. Data was examined and engagement events were organised with stakeholders. Also, as part of the review, work was carried out directly with Young Edinburgh Action.
- 150 young people attended an event and it provided the opportunity for them to talk about their experiences of mental health and the services available.
- The key recommendations from the review was to realign Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Outpatient Teams to four locality teams, which would reflect the coterminous boundaries with educational and social work which would enable greater partnership working that focussed on community assets and defined population needs. This was currently underway by the operational CAMHS teams.
- The project would like to look at new innovative approaches in each locality to ensure that emotional wellbeing support was available on a one-to-one and group work basis for children and young people through reviewing existing services and redesigning where required to provide adequate evidenced based coverage in each locality and to ensure staff that were providing the support were adequately supported themselves.

- After looking at the North East data and from working closely with Circle, an organisation that was based in Leith that worked with children and young people, it was decided that Leith was the ideal place to have the pilot project.
- The North East data reported that 13,713 young people under the age of 18 were registered with GPs across the North East locality. There had been 398 referrals to CAHMS, with high numbers of the referrals being for anxiety, low mood, and some for parenting difficulties. There were a number of rejections from calms, approximately one quarter.
- The data was used to develop a consistent approach across partner agencies with clear referral criteria and principles to underpin collaborative working. The project aimed to connect children and young people to local resources.
- The project aimed to ensure that parents received parenting interventions that strengthened their bonds with their children without clinical intervention. The Psychology of Parenting Programme could be accessed by parents.
- Multi-agency working was key in terms of tailoring the support required for children and young people, parents and families. A solution focussed and strengths based approach was taken when working with children and young people and time was needed to develop relationships and to build up trust.

Decision

To note the presentation.

6. Scottish Fire and Rescue Update

The Committee considered a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the North East Locality for the period July to September 2018. The report included updates on deliberate fires, accidental fires, fire casualties, special services and false alarms.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted.)

7. North East Locality Policing Update

A report by Police Scotland was presented which outlined the work officers had undertaken alongside various partners within the locality. The report included statistics on public safety, domestic abuse and hate crime and antisocial behaviour. Recent ward activity by the Community Policing and Family Household Support Teams and details of ongoing operations were also highlighted.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that officers would provide more information on the police campaign to prevent transport-related issues that included stopping in advanced stop lines.
- 3) To agree that a link would be provided to members of the Committee that contained advice for the public on crime prevention.

(Reference – report by Police Scotland, submitted.)

8. Neighbourhood Environment Programme / Community Grants Fund Update Report 2018/19

Updates were provided on the progress of the Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) and Community Grants Fund (CGF) funding streams.

Decision

- 1) To approve the allocation of the Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) as described in paragraphs 3.3, 3.8, 3.10, 3.12, 3.18 and 3.19 of the report.
- 2) To approve the allocation of the Community Grant Fund (CGF) as described in paragraphs 3.30 and 3.33 of the report.
- 3) To note progress of the £eith Chooses participatory budgeting process as described in paragraphs 3.34 through to 3.39 of the report.
- 4) To agree that officers would provide information on cost controls and an explanation of the differences between the estimated costs and actual costs for the Portobello and Craigmillar NEP Budget breakdown detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

(References – North East Locality Committee, 6 November 2018 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Annual Review of Major Events in Parks 2017/18

Committee considered a report on the annual review of major events in parks for 2017/18, which had been referred to all four Locality Committees for noting

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that officers would give further consideration to the risk, policy, compliance and governance impacts of future reports.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 6 December 2019 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)