



Constituency Committee - Wirral South

Date: Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Mayer Hall
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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any items(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 46)

To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Constituency Committee meeting held on 4 October 2017.

4. UPDATE PROVIDED BY MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Delivered by Constituency Manager Fergus Adams on behalf of Ritchie Clarke- Station Manager.

5. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Neighbourhood Sergeant Mark Kennedy.

6. WIRRAL TOGETHER- WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Rachael Musgrave- Consultant in Public Health

7. WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 47 - 58)

8. WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Verbal update from Wirral South Community Representatives.

9. WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017-18 QUARTER THREE

Verbal update from Constituency Manager- Fergus Adams

10. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES ASKED AT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

Although it is possible to forward pre-notified questions to the Constituency Manager, questions can also be asked on the night, via the Chair. All questions will be collated at the start of Item 11 and dealt with in turn by the Chair. Q& A Document now published with the minutes

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL SOUTH

Wednesday, 4 October 2017

Present:

Councillors	C Carubia(Chair)	I Williams (vice-chair)
	P Gilchrist	J Williams
	K Hodson	A Sykes
	D Mitchell	W Smith
	C Muspratt	W Ward
	L Rowlands	
Community Reps	M Craig	P Wright

27 members of the public were present at the meeting

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Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in connection with any items on the agenda and to state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

69 CO-OPTING OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RESOLVED:

That the following Community Representatives be co-opted on to the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Mal Wright- Bebington
Mark Craig – Bromborough
Peter Wright- Clatterbridge
Kevin Sutton- Eastham
Ray Squires- Heswall

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Hodson, T Pilgrim, C Povall JP and J Walsh and from Community Representatives R Squires, K Sutton and M Wright.
Councillor M Fitzpatrick as Cabinet Portfolio Holder

71 **MINUTES**

The Assistant Director for Law and Governance submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 April 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Committee held on 21 June 2017 as amended be confirmed as a correct record.

Page 6 Councillor C Muspratt; The litter pick at Bebington High School was made by members of the Church and not children from Christ Church School.

Page 7 Councillor D Mitchell not Councillor C Muspratt raised concern about cleaning and tidying up at Eastham Ferry as the land is owned by Peel Holdings it is difficult to clean there; At that location there a 6- 8 benches the area is overgrown and Councillor Mitchell felt it was overlooked as a potential Grot Spot Site.

72 **UPDATE PROVIDED BY MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

In the absence of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, the Constituency Manager provided the Committee with an update.

- There have been 37 deliberate secondary (ASB) fires in Wirral South from 1st June 2017 to date
- The only repeat locations have been near to The Oval Sports Centre with 2 fires and 4 fires on Whitfield Common involving grass/gorse
- A location of concern is the former Archers Public House on Mark Rake. There was a fire in this building in August

RESOLVED: - That Members note the update from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.

73 **UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE**

Neighbourhood Sergeant Mark Kennedy addressed the committee.

Crime statistics

- April -> June 2017 – 808 reported crimes
- July -> Sept 2016 – 730 reported crimes
- July -> Sept 2017 - 969 reported crimes

(239 increase, based on the same period of 2016)

These cover the following criteria (acquisitive crime) - Burglary Other - Burglary Community/ Business- Burglary Dwelling + Residential – Theft of and Theft from.

- 1st April – 30th June 2017 -> 133 incidents
- 1st July - September 2016 -> 183 incidents
- 1st July - September 2017 -> 197 incidents
(Increase of 14 incidents when comparing the two)

Updated on recent crimes

The crash at Moreton Spur involved a stolen motorbike.

3 males arrested in Liverpool in relation to burglaries in Eastham and Bebington no charges so names can't be released.

A 26 year old man Connor Crawford has been charged for burglary in Spital.

Questions

What does charged mean? Going to Court date set and could be remanded in custody.

Councillor D Mitchell, Who is involved in Home Watch Schemes as his wife is a co-ordinator but has received no contact from anyone? Advised to speak directly to Ray Squires as he is involved in co-ordinating the Home Watch Scheme as it is a community initiative.

Councillor L Rowlands, Figures and trends are the crimes being committed going up or down compared to previous years, how many are solved? Detected and solved will bring back this information regarding this to the next meeting.

Councillors: The behaviour of parents on New Chester Road stopping in two lanes to drop off their children to school as so many park cars in first lane. Problems also about parking for Christ the King on the corner of All Port Road parents even park on the other side of the carriage way and then have to cross over both lanes of traffic to get to the school this is really dangerous. Other hot spot schools are Brackenwood, Norbury Close major congestion with parents driving into the cul de sac to drop and pick up children. Congestion at the crest of Heath Road and St Edmonds Gardens close by Wirral Grammar Boys and Girls Schools.

Could Police Officers work with parents to change their behaviour any extra activity would be greatly appreciated by the Council and the Police?
Also D Armstrong to be given a list of the concerned schools.

Councillor Ward asked about grass culture are crimes recorded- crime stoppers have had a big rethink about how they tackle this drugs problem.
Did the Police know of any hot spots or have experienced any use?

The Police could not comment on this.

M Craig- New Ferry Community haven't heard anything about the Police Investigation and are frustrated since the arrests made it has gone quiet- they need to know if someone is going to be found responsible, some of the Insurance Companies as there is no one to pin the blame on or being found guilty haven't paid out.

The Chair suggested that he would write to Inspector Minnery and request an update for the Community.

D Armstrong told the committee that Council Officers have been asked for further information since they were initially asked to provide.

RESOLVED:- That members note the update from Merseyside Police

74 **THE HIVE- WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE UPDATE AND UPTAKE FROM WIRRAL SOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Stuart Barnes - Chief Executive, The Hive, Wirral Youth Zone.

Gave a presentation to the Committee on the Hive- Wirral youth zone with an update and uptake from Wirral South's Young People.

Questions

The affordability of the fare to attend the Hive in Central Birkenhead even with the £2 ticket which is only valid to 8.30pm talks taking place with Mersey travel to extend the time to 10.30pm even so this is still a barrier for them to attend.

Travelling home at 10pm from Birkenhead Bus Station concerns were raised about the local vicinity and not feeling safe.

The Hive unlike other youth Centre's is not empty during the day as it is booked by schools to use.

RESOLVED: - That members note the report of Stuart Barnes Chief Executive The Hive

75 **EASTHAM WALK IN CENTRE UPDATE**

Councillor Gilchrist provided the committee with a verbal update on Eastham Walk in Centre.

The average figures for numbers attending the Walk in not the Clinic in July they were 1,411 908 from Wirral 370 from Cheshire and 91 from North Wales. Cheshire and North Wales pay Wirral CCG for this service. Three staff members on senior grades have been taken away due to targets not being met at Arrowe Park Hospital.

There had been a meeting with Ward Councillors and the NHS and also Simon Banks Chief Officer of Wirral CCG attended a Council's scrutiny Committee meeting held in September a resolution was passed "This scrutiny committee calls upon the CCG to recognise this as a formal request for reinstatement of the service and respond to the concerns raised."

Concerns were raised about bus route changes which would affect anyone from the Bebington area as it would now take 2 buses to get to Arrowe Park due to the closure of the Centre at Eastham.

At the AGM of the CCG questions were raised about Eastham Walk in Centre were but there were still many unable to be asked as this was cut short by their officers so the concerns could not be raised in full. There seemed to be avoidance from them on getting back onto the subject of the Walk in Centre.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Gilchrest and it was unanimously seconded by all the committee members:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED :-

This committee

1. Condemns the closure of the valued local facility at Eastham Walk in Centre.
2. Objects to the way in which 'temporary' closure was brought about with inadequate consultation and limited notice.
3. Wishes to highlight the resultant distress and inconvenience caused to residents in the communities of southern Wirral who face reduced transport links to the service at Arrowe Park.
4. Calls upon the Clinical commissioning Group to re-instate this local service without further delay.
5. Requests the Constituency Manager to convey this resolution to officers of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

76 **WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE**

The Constituency Manager highlighted aspects of his report.
Reference was made to Isolation Scheme and Gaps in Youth Provision
See Attachment.

RECOMMENDATION 1: The 'Love Where You Live' task and finish group meet before the end of November to agree a programme of spend re. The associated £12.5k budget.

RESOLVED (13:0)

RECOMMENDATION 2: The committee note the progress detailed in this report.

RESOLVED (13:0)

77 **WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

The Constituency Manager asked the committee due to the time the comprehensive representative's written report and note the progress in the report.

RESOLVED: -That members note the report from the Community Representatives.

78 **WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017-18 QUARTER ONE**

The Constituency Manager presented the Wirral Plan Overview Update 2017-18 Quarter One.

Resolved :- The report was unable to be sent out with the minutes so as the members have not had time to read the report this item is deferred till the next meeting.

79 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER(APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES ASKED AT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr G Roberto

Q1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners have decided to close the services at Eastham Walk in Centre and announced it 5 days before the ceasing of services. As far as I can tell they have not adhered to their Statutory Duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to fully engage with the public, patients, carers and service users. Can you supply list of

stakeholders and patients, service user's reps, who have been involved, copies of governance papers and correspondence, related to this matter?

Q2. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners, have stated that the recent closure is only a "temporary measure" and therefore I would appreciate confirmation of when Eastham Walk in Centre will fully re-opening?

Q3. Can you set out your long-term plans for developing services at Wirral NHS Eastham Walk in Centre and at other Wirral South locations?

Mr D Bird

Q4. Closer cross party working on Eastham Walk in Centre he has organized a petition on change .org and also has a written petition, a face book page has been set up Friends of Eastham NHS Walk in Centre; please encourage people to make posts on it.

Mr L McDonald

Q5. The Delamere Centre Eastham provided an update in the Social Isolation Scheme met with Constituency Manager as Community Rep. K Sutton not well the launch date has been delayed.

Ms S Bramwell

Q6. Wirral Society of Arts an open invitation had been sent to all Councillors for 6 October very few responses, if unable to make that date group ward visits could be arranged.

Ms L Clyne

Q7. Cross party working this doesn't appear to be happening now over the New Ferry Disaster as the Conservatives are going back on the agreement to pursue funding from the Government.

The Council have used money from the reserves but more is still needed from Central Government.

It was brought up that the victims in the Grenfell Towers Fire all were given £5,000 but nothing given as New Ferry not seemed by Central Government a big enough disaster.

80 **URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair proposed that the committee need to spend 2 half days to discuss New Ferry, Eastham Walk in Centre, Green belt issues and development of the Acre Lane site.

RESOLVED That the Committee members meet for 2 half days to discuss the above issues.

81 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee has been advertised as taking place at 6pm, 7th March 2018, venue to be confirmed in Heswall.

POWER POINT SLIDES

4 October 2017

Wirral South Constituency Committee

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CO-OPTING OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pilgrim

Kevin Sutton (Com Rep Eastham)

Mal Wright (Com Rep Bebington)

Ray Squire (Com Rep Heswall)

Insp Georgina Minnery

Cllr Matthew Patrick (Portfolio Holder)

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UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Delivered by Constituency Manager (Fergus Adams) on behalf of Mike Buratti – Arson Officer Wirral

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UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Inspector Georgie Minnery

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THE HIVE- WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE UPDATE AND UPTAKE FROM WIRRAL SOUTH

Stuart Barnes - Chief Executive, The Hive, Wirral
Youth Zone.

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THE HIVE WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE





- **Founded in 2008**
- **To replicate the successful model of Bolton Lads & Girls Club in disadvantaged areas of the UK**
- **Strong Private Sector Led Governance**
- **Wirral is the 8th Youth Zone in the OnSide network**
- **A target of 20 live projects by 2020**



A growing charity now expanding into London

YOUTH ZONE OFFER

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- 20 activities each night
- Buildings that create involvement
- Sports, arts, personal development
- Expert staff & an army of volunteers
- Employability and enterprise
- Try, train, team approach
- Inclusive
- Raise aspirations
- Second home for young people



WHAT IS A YOUTH ZONE?



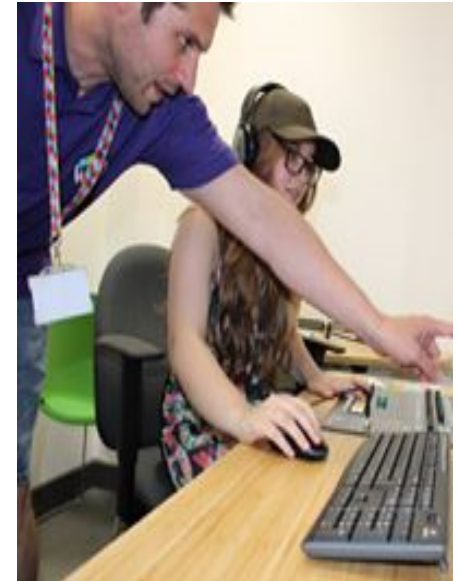
- A safe, supportive & inspiring space
- Quality provision for all young people, regardless of ability
- Providing support for young people in deprived areas
- For young people aged 8-19 or up to 25 for those with a disability
- Affordable; 50p per visit & £5 annual membership
- Open when schools are closed, all day weekends & during school holidays

IMPACT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

“ When speaking to Wirral’s Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub about one of our members due to concerns at home and school, the social worker thanked us at the Hive for being one of the most positive providers of support for young people. She also mentioned that The Hive is the only place this young person is not lashing out or unhappy at”

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“My child “T” LOVES the Hive! The staff are amazing, they interact well with the kids, the facilities are brilliant, the cost is super low, what's not to love? “

“Great place! Would recommend this to anyone. Took our 11 year old son today and he had a blast and going again tomorrow! Staff very friendly, informative and very professional. An absolute must for children and young people during school hols as there is so much to do. All subsidised so extremely affordable! Cannot think of anything negative to say. Just wish I was a teenager again!! “



WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAY: RAISING ASPIRATIONS

“I went to The Hive for the first time yesterday signing up simply for social development and as a relaxation space. I think I've found my home away from home. The facilities are amazing and completely safe to use, The staff are very polite and engaging with you as shown by the fact that they actually play the games with you and the whole place will just simply wash your anxieties away. I would strongly encourage youths with social issues and learning disabilities to come here because it will be a massive benefit”

REALISING DREAMS

- “I have been part of the Young People’s Development Group (YPDG) for over a year and it has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have done things that I never thought I would have had the confidence to do, such as interviewing staff and speaking in public, rapping with John Barnes and even being on the hoardings. The YPDG has helped me in lots of ways from gaining friends and accessing support to increasing my confidence”

WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE HAS:

- A growing membership of **5,800 young people**
- Created **75** jobs, full-time & sessional
- Recruited over **100** volunteers

WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE WILL:

- Significantly **reduce ASB** in the area, by taking a joined-up community approach
- Improve **perceptions of young people** in the community
- Support young people to be **fit for work** and **fit for life**



YOUNG PEOPLE – AT THE HEART

Young People's Development Group

- Design and Branding
- Views and opinions
- Recruitment
- On-going consultation & input
- Young Leaders





MEMBER UPDATE

- Target – 3,000 members within 1 year – by April 18. This represents 6.6% of 8 – 19 yr olds in Wirral.
- 3000 members by week 3 of opening! Now 5,800!



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WARD	TARGET	MEMBERS	PARTICIPATION	% OF ANNUAL TARGET
Bebington	151	247	151	100
Bromborough	136	206	136	100
Clatterbridge	117	146	83	71
Eastham	120	98	59	49
Heswall	110	39	20	18

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

OUTREACH

- GEOGRAPHY
- DIVERSITY



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PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION

- ADDRESSING FEARS
- ADDITIONALITY
- LEARNING
- JOINT PROJECTS

Need help finding work?
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CURRENT WORK

- Focus on Eastham & Heswall
- Street Based Work
- Parks, Shops, Outdoor Facilities
- Sports Clubs
- Schools
- Uniformed Groups
- Minibus Pick ups in Heswall
- Pop Ups – Tesco
 - Engaged with 700 people
 - 500 flyers
 - 150 membership forms
 - 15 volunteer applications



UNITING WIRRAL

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Wirral Youth Zone brings together the whole region with a common goal of supporting the future of the borough's young people.





**“A WORLD CLASS YOUTH ZONE WHERE
ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS
WIRRAL CAN REACH THEIR FULL
POTENTIAL, GROW THEIR DREAMS AND
ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS”**

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EASTHAM WALK IN CENTRE UPDATE

Cllr Phil Gilchrist

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Councillor Moira McLaughlin

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18 September 2017

Dear Simon Banks

Thank you for attending the Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday. We believe the committee left you in no doubt as to the members' strong wish to see the Eastham Walk in Centre re-opened. We certainly felt, on the night, that you accepted the points raised and we believe that you indicated your willingness to address local concerns.

As councillors we are not in control of your timescale or in immediate possession of the monitoring information you have. However, you indicated an improvement in the situation at APH and we hope that progress can be demonstrated and sustained, since we accept your points about the risks caused to ill patients who have extended waits in A&E for treatment. It is certainly vital to improve A&E performance.

The scrutiny committee considered the recommendation from the Chair which, as a result of the discussions, included this specific request-
'This scrutiny committee calls upon the CCG to recognise this as a formal request for early reinstatement of the service and respond to the concerns raised quickly'

The Committee looks forward to playing its full part in the consultation to be issued in November, but as was made clear at the meeting on Wednesday, before that then, we seek an early restoration of the Walk in Centre at Eastham and trust that the CCG will back its expressions of understanding with the action that the committee wishes to see.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Moira McLaughlin

Councillor Wendy Clements

Councillor Phil Gilchrist

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WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 19 - 24)

Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams.

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Social Isolation Fund

3.1.1 Pg 20

The Social Isolation assessment panel met and the following applications were agreed to be funded (leaving £502.66 unallocated):

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Age UK Wirral	Communities Can Ambassadors	£1,990.00
Christ Church, Higher Bebington	Indoor Bowls Café	£1,978.00
Christ Church, Higher Bebington	Men in Sheds	£2,000.00
Delamere Centre	Something for Everyone	£2,000.00
Friends of Bebington Central Library	Sew Friendly	£2,000.00
Heswall Hall Community Trust	Dementia Friendly Project	£2,000.00
SUEvivor Stroke Support Group	Community Stroke Support Outreach	£1,801.94

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Gaps In Youth Provision

3.2.1 pg 20

Following the meeting 25 September:

- Lindsay Davidson (Manager of Targeted Services) committed to ensuring the best practice and value for money identified by the Wirral South approach would be factored into the current restructure/review
- In his role as Chair Cllr Carubia has invited the other three constituency committee chairs to meet so that he might share the benefits the Wirral South approach has delivered for local young people

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Gaps In Youth Provision

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Testimonial from young person in receipt of the Wirral South National Citizenship Service bursary to be presented at next committee

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Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The 'Love Where You Live' task and finish group meet before the end of November to agree a programme of spend re. the associated £12.5k budget

RECOMMENDATION 2: The committee note the progress detailed in this report

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WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Pages 25 - 30)

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Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The Committee note the progress detailed in this report

WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW REPORT 2017-18 QUARTER ONE

Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The progress made in delivering the 2020 plan be noted

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PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

(APPROXIMATELY 20
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Q1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners, have decided to close the services at Eastham Walk in Centre and announced it 5 days before the ceasing of services. As far as I can tell they have not adhered to their Statutory Duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to fully engage with the public, patients, carers and service users. **Can you supply list of stakeholders and patients, service user's reps, who have been involved, copies of governance papers and correspondence, related to this matter?**

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URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 7 March, venue to be arranged.



Constituency Committee - Wirral South Wednesday, 7 March 2018

REPORT TITLE:	Wirral South Priority Update
REPORT OF:	Executive Director for Strategy

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Constituency Committee's priorities for 2017/18.

The work of Wirral South Constituency Committee contributes to a range of Wirral Plan 2020 pledges and neighbourhood working is key to delivery of the Plan.

This report affects all Wards within the Wirral South Constituency (Bebington, Bromborough, Clatterbridge, Eastham and Heswall).

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

RECOMMENDATION 1: Extend the current service level agreement with Response to provide a final twelve month period of service from the 1st of May 2018 to the 30th of April 2019 at a cost of £11,093

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Love Where You Live Task & Finish Group Members meet before the end of March 2018 to agree further spend against the remaining budget

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To enable the work of the Wirral South Constituency Committee to be focussed upon the agreed priorities and spend to be distributed accordingly.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Learning has been taken from this committee's spend throughout its operation.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Social Isolation

- 3.1.1 The Wirral South Social Isolation Fund closed for applications on Friday 8 September 2017. Fifteen applications were received but at the time of writing reports for the previous committee the assessment panel had not met (appendix one gives full details of successful applicants following assessment). Payment has been made and some projects are underway. Relevant evaluation will take place as projects proceed/are completed.
- 3.1.2 Work continues to develop the community driven 'Eastham Connects' social isolation project. After a successful partner launch in November 2017 (yielding over 50 partnership pledges) the first in a series of public 'Showcase Eastham' events is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th (appendix 2 gives full details via distributed flyer). The event will be publicised locally and a bespoke door knock exercise has also taken place, delivered by the Involve Northwest Connectors.
- 3.1.3 The Wirral South 'Christmas Together' project for 2017 was, yet again, a great success. Six events took place across the constituency (appendix three shows the impact). Adopting the partnership approach of 'Christmas Together' not only allows groups access to funding for promotion etc. but it provides a solid network for organisations to share learning and best practice.

3.2 Gaps In Youth Provision

3.2.1 The Wirral South One to One Youth Counselling Service continues to operate with great success. Table One gives a breakdown of the current demand at the end of quarter three of the current 12 month operation period (Nov, Dec, Jan). Appendix four also details some anonymised testimonials from young people engaging with the service.

3.2.2 The current service level agreement is due to conclude on the 30th of April 2018. The original tender process allowed for two by one year extensions, one of which has already been initiated. With this in mind, contact has been made with elected members that sat on the last extension evaluation panel, to gauge their views on a further 12 months extension. All responses received were in favour of a further 12 month extension. Funding exists within the current Gaps in Youth Provision budget to facilitate this proposed extension (see recommendation one).

Table One: One to One Counselling Demand Quarter Three:

Location	Currently in Treatment	On Waiting List	Completed Treatment in Qrt 1,2 &3	Attended Drop In Session
Heswall	3	2	2	Na
Bromborough	3	3	1	4
Eastham	3	2	1	4

3.2.3 The Wirral South Constituency Committee also committed funding towards a bursary to allow young people from any of the five wards to receive support (where needed) to attend the National Citizenship Service. Seven young people were successful in receiving the bursary during the summer of 2018. This support not only paid their initial fee but provided them with an essential kit (waterproof coat etc.) allowing them to participate in all elements of the programme.

3.3 Improved Open Spaces

3.3.1 Work continues in line with the committee's previous resolution and existing priority to support both New Ferry Park and Torr Park across 2016/17 and 2017/18. The Wirral South Engagement Officer has worked tirelessly to

establish one advisory board for each of the aforementioned parks. These advisory boards consist of local residents and stakeholders, their objectives are not only to influence the decisions on spend for their respective open spaces but also to add built in sustainability in two parks that although well-loved and used, have no form of friends group in place.

3.3.2 New Ferry Park

New Ferry Park advisory board has a small but committed membership. Members have worked well together, agreeing spend for various improvements detailed below. They have spent £3,027 so far with discussions ongoing re. the remaining budget of £6,113.29. Work completed so far includes:

- 2 bin relocations
- 1 new bin
- 7 thermoplastic Dog Fouling Signs
- 2 small entrance signs
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 heritage board – Longfellow Drive

3.3.3 Torr Park

Torr Park now has a well-established advisory board, with large and representative membership. There is clear appetite to establish a friends group, details of which are to be confirmed.

As above the membership have worked well together and allocated significant amounts of their much larger, available budget. The advisory board have spent £24,456.63 with £34,683.66 left to be allocated. Proposals for the remaining budget are being discussed by the group currently. Work Completed so far includes:

- 2 picnic benches
- 5 double sided benches
- Relocation of existing backed bench
- 1 bin
- 1 large entrance sign

- 1 small entrance sign
- Re-alignment of Eastham Village Road path
- Resurfacing of Lodge entrance path
- Rotation of 5-a-side pitch
- Paint for goalposts (Friends/Volunteers will paint in the Spring)
- Play equipment
- Hedgehog
- Snake trail
- Palisades
- Re-location of Springer

4.0 Available Funding Opportunities and Currently Funded Initiatives

4.1 Love Where You Live Funding

The Wirral South Constituency Committee was allocated £12.5k of Love Where You Live Funding to deliver environmental improvements and initiatives throughout 2017/18. At its last meeting (October 2017) the committee resolved that a task and finish group "...meet before the end of November 2017 to produce a programme of spend for this allocation."

The aforementioned task and finish group met on the 9th November 2017 (attended by Councillors Carubia and Muspratt and Community Rep Sutton, with apologies from Councillors Rowlands, Pilgrim and Walsh). The task and finish group decided to proceed with a Wirral South specific anti dog fouling campaign and the constituency manager was tasked with procuring a quote from Wirral's current enforcement contractor (Kingdom). Resourcing the campaign cost £1,200; this does not include provision of dog waste bags, yet to be factored in.

The initiative ran for 5 consecutive Saturdays and featured a mixture of engagement, education and enforcement across all five wards in Wirral South (table two below details the specific dates and locations).

The task and finish group also proposed that the wider campaign provide extra litter bins in locations identified as being popular with dog walkers but lacking disposal provision. There was also appetite expressed to work with friends groups in parks to provide dog waste bag dispensers and a set stock of bags. These discussions continue (see recommendation 2).

Table Two: Wirral South specific anti dog fouling campaign

Date	Ward
Sat 27th Jan	Eastham
Sat 3rd Feb	Clatterbridge
Sat 10th Feb	Bebington
Sat 17th Feb	Bromborough
Sat 24th Feb	Heswall

4.2 Wirral South In Bloom

Wirral South In Bloom 2018 is a community based environmental project aimed at engaging Wirral South community groups in planting projects to brighten up their local areas.

There is a grants programme associated with this, with grants of up to £250 available. The window for applications was opened on the 9th February and closed on 2nd March.

Applications were welcome from all constituted community groups, sports groups, faith organisations, and registered charities. Applications had not closed at the time of writing this report. It is hoped that a verbal update can be given at the time of the committee. Announcement should be made detailing successful applicants by the time this committee meets.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.
- 5.2 Regular budget monitoring with Business Services takes place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The arrangements help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 7.1 Funding available may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

8.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 8.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.

9.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Elected members, community representatives and members of the public have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees.
- 9.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

10 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2010-14/chief>

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APPENDICES

Appendix One: Social Isolation Fund Successful Recipients

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	4th October 2017

Appendix One Social Isolation Fund Successful Recipients:

Organisation	Project Name	Brief Description	Awarded Amount
Christ Church Community Centre	Men in Sheds	To address social isolation in men by establishing a men in sheds project at Christ Church	£2,000.00
Christ Church Community Centre	Indoor Bowls Café	Creating an indoor bowls café in the Church to try and attract socially isolated men	£1,978.00
Delamere Community Centre	Something for Everyone	Promote current activities through leaflet drop and door knock activity, trial a Tai Chi class to attract both men and women	£2,000.00
Age UK Wirral	Communities Can Ambassadors	To address social isolation in Clatterbridge ward by completing a door knocking exercise, and working with ambassadors and identified isolated individuals to create a social group in Clatterbridge	£1,990.00
Friends of Bebington Central Library	Sew Friendly	Community sewing project held within Bebington Civic Centre aiming to teach basic sewing skills to attendees.	£2,000.00
Heswall Hall Community Trust	Dementia Friendly Project	To put on 10 dementia friendly events throughout a 12 month trial period. Funding would pay for activities, promotion, and in some cases travel expenses.	£2,000.00
SUEvivor Stroke Support	Community Stroke Support Outreach	Activities for stroke survivors and the promotion of these activities	£1,801.94

SHOWCASE EASTHAM

SAT 10th MAR, 1 - 3PM

Delamere Centre, Delamere Ave, Eastham CH62 9ED

Are you interested in getting involved in a new activity locally? Why not come along and meet the people behind the groups and activities across Eastham?

There's no pressure to join any of the groups on show, just have a brew and a chat. There will be something on offer for all ages with play equipment for tots and young children too. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided.

If you don't come you'll never know.

Find us on Facebook [@easthamconnects](#) or ring Kevin Sutton (of the Delamere Centre) on **07948 251 171** for more info.



SHOWCASE EASTHAM SAT 10 MAR, 1-3PM

Did you know there are loads of fun and interesting groups and activities happening on your doorstep?

From active groups adopting wildlife areas, sports for all ages to lunch clubs and opportunities to learn with likeminded people, Eastham has it all.

How do I find out about what's on, where, when and how do I get involved? At the Showcase Eastham event you will have the chance to see what's happening in Eastham, to chat to those already involved and to choose the activity or group that suits you. There will be taster sessions on offer and plenty of information about what it means to be part of the various groups and clubs on show.

Ask Us Wirral (a partnership of local advice agencies) will also be in attendance to offer residents advice on everything from benefits to debt and legal issues.

So why not join us and see what Eastham has to offer you?

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Appendix Three: 'Christmas Together 2017' Impact

VENUE	TOTAL GUESTS	GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN	TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN
Christ Church Community Centre, Higher Bebington	63	Approx. 30	20	8
Windsor Close Community Centre, New Ferry	22	18	6	6
Age UK Meadowcroft, Bromborough	20	18	10	6
Delamere Centre, Eastham	27	17	38	25
TOTAL	132	83	74	45

Appendix Four: Anonymised Comments From Your People Receiving One to One Counselling

"I see Kate every Thursday she has helped me with my anxiety and my suicidal thoughts and my low mood. She is so funny she always makes me feel 100% better every Thursday her personality makes me happy and understand I'm ok"

"Kate is really funny and she makes me feel relaxed and able to talk. She is my happy angel!"

"I see Kate in Heswall because I struggle with my emotions around food. When I came to see Kate I had a bad relationship with food but now coming here Kate has helped me to realise that food was never the problem, it was what I thought about the food. I feel in control again and happy being me thanks to Kate"

"Having our sessions at Heswall Library has been a great place as it's easier for me to get to after school as well as me being more comfortable area"

"I see Kate on a Friday in Eastham, I like to come and have a chat with her about my mum"