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## Wyke Area Neighbourhood Management Update

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### Briefing Note of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing

#### 1. Purpose of the Briefing Note and Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Wyke Area Committee on Ward activity across the Area.

#### 2. Avenue Ward Update

##### Achievements

- 2.1 The Pearson Park Christmas lights were installed in early December for a month. The lights, purchased initially through Wyke Area Ward funds, provided a noteworthy spectacle that drew many appreciative comments from park users. Consideration to extending the lighting for 2022 will be the subject of future discussions with Wyke Members.
- 2.2 A range of outdoor play activities was undertaken by a local independent healthy activity provider throughout the Christmas holiday period. The events provided were well attended and will be repeated throughout the school holidays in 2022 in partnership with the Community Health and Engagement Officer.
- 2.3 Additional new play equipment installed in the children's play area in Pearson Park includes new equipment that can be used by disabled children.
- 2.4 Funding has been provided to the Philip Larkin Society to provide in Pearson Park, a new bench and plaque commemorating the poet.
- 2.5 A joint visit and inspection undertaken by Neighbourhood, Housing and Love Your Street colleagues was undertaken in the All Saints/Margaret/Wellington Lane area of the ward. A number of issues were identified and will be worked on to help improve the environment in areas within this locality.
- 2.6 One of Hull's trained Active Citizens who manages the Create & Express music studio has supported the creation of a women's BAME group known

as the Hull Swahili Diaspora Group that had its launch in November. The Neighbourhood Team will look to support this new group.

- 2.7 Additional new dog fouling signs have been placed around the Dukeries area of the ward following complaints of dog fouling in this area. This was undertaken in partnership with the Love Your Street.

#### Progress Updates

- 2.8 The Neighbourhood Team will be looking to support Hull BAME digital, a new group run by a trained Active Citizen to reduce digital exclusion of a number of minority ethnic groups in the ward and wider Area. An external funding bid is being progressed with Neighbourhood Team support.
- 2.9 The Friends of Pearson Park organised a Christmas Carol and social event in Pearson Park during December, providing mince pies and drinks for attendees which was much appreciated on a cold day.
- 2.10 In addition, the Friends Group also completed the bulb planting in and around the area which has previously been subject to puddling. These should make their first showing during the Spring.

#### Future Plans

- 2.11 Consideration will be given to the possibility of extending the parking provision in the Elm Street area should it be determined the problems in this area can be successfully dealt with through car parking bays.

### 3 Bricknell Ward Update

#### Achievements

- 3.1 Work has begun on Loveridge Avenue and the contractors have been on site making the improvements. The landscaping will follow once this is complete.
- 3.2 New play equipment has been fitted in Cropton Park and the area has been given a new look with paint and landscaping. Local residents have given positive feedback with regard to the improvements.

#### Progress Updates

- 3.3 The Cropton Community Garden is progressing with a number of local residents becoming involved. Two raised beds are now complete and ready for use. The on site poly tunnel will be fitted soon. A consultation and information drop in will be held at Commonwealth Homes during January.
- 3.4 The partnership approach to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in and around Cropton Park continues. The Neighbourhood Team,

Neighbourhood Nuisance Officers, Fire and Rescue Service, Police and Hull Culture and Leisure (HCaL) continue to work together to reduce the number of incidents.

- 3.5 Probe (Hull) Ltd have carried out a number of consultations supporting those who have been a victim of crime and the most vulnerable in the ward to update their security and fit target hardening equipment. This initiative is supported by the Ward budget.
- 3.6 A winter crime reduction initiative took place involving the Neighbourhood Nuisance Team and the Neighbourhood Team. Crime prevention advice, target hardening equipment and bike locks and lights were given out to local residents outside the shops on Hartoft Road.
- 3.7 A community consultation took place with local residents with regard to the slight increase in ASB around Hartoft Road shops and Commonwealth Homes. Some names of the youths involved were ascertained and enquiries are ongoing. Another community drop in will be held in January at Commonwealth Homes.

#### Future Plans

- 3.8 A third winter crime reduction event will be taking place in the ward. This will be a joint initiative between the Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Nuisance and Local Policing teams. The aim is to remind people about crime reduction and cyclists to be visible and to remind them pavements are for pedestrians not cyclists. The ward budget supported the purchase of target hardening equipment, locks, lights and reflectors to offer to residents attending the event.
- 3.9 New red Bricknell stamped rubbish bins have been purchased and will be used to replace the current black ones as needed.
- 3.10 An initiative to re-wild parts of the ward is progressing. Communities in the ward are keen to get involved and improve their natural environment.

#### 4.0 Central Ward Update

##### Achievements

- 4.1 Bushes have now been removed on Woodbine Close after residents' reported to ward councillors that they were being used to shield anti social behaviour taking place. Ward budget was used to support this project.
- 4.2 An area of un-registered land on Farrington Street that had been used to fly-tip waste and bushes to grow out of control making the area secluded has now been landscaped and cleared using ward budget.

- 4.3 An allocation of funding has been agreed to be spent on Middleton Street pocket park which combined with the capital funding supplied from Parks & Open Spaces will allow an upgrade to be carried out on the equipment.
- 4.4 The Multi Use Games Area at Peel Street has been resurfaced after concerns were raised by residents' and sports groups. This will be followed shortly with multi use markings.

#### Progress Update

- 4.5 The Ward Budget has almost been fully allocated for the financial year and conversations are taking place with Ward councillors regarding projects for the new financial year.
- 4.6 The planning application for the new parking scheme being funded through ward budget on Burslem Street has been validated and we are awaiting a decision before we can progress the scheme to put out to contractors for tendering.
- 4.7 KCOM have agreed the removal of the public pay phone boxes on Londesborough Street and Albany Street and the work to remove the kiosks should be completed imminently now that the power has been disconnected. We are working with KCOM and other partnership agencies to ensure others in the area that need to be removed are as quickly and easily as possible in conjunction with OFCOM.

#### Future Plans

- 4.8 A meeting has been scheduled with residents' of the Charthouse and Sykes Street areas with partners to discuss any concerns in the area.
- 4.9 Joint partnership forums will be continuing over the coming months which will give residents the opportunity to discuss any problems in the area with representatives from Hull City Council ASB & Housing Teams, Humberside Police and others.

#### 5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators have been tasked to prioritise discussions with Ward Members to identify potential Ward budget projects.
- 5.2 The Neighbourhood Team will continue to work closely with Ward Councillors, local residents, community groups and partner agencies to local identify issues and deliver solutions. Regular meetings and events allow partners the opportunity to discuss issues of concern and develop projects for the benefit of the local neighbourhoods and the wider community.

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