

Appendix A

Inner East Community Committee

Key issues/ actions from discussion tables.

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Environment

- The merge of the Locality Team with Housing Leeds is a great opportunity to help create a more joined up service.
- Encourage local businesses to work with the council as they are part of the problem & the solution, i.e. develop a campaign to reduce menu junk mail and address 'take- away' related litter.
- Residents need to report bin wagons littering streets by crews not clearing spillages. Waste Management Services will then be able to narrow this down to particular crews and put a supervisor on the route.
- Community Committee on behalf of residents to raise their concerns regarding smells from sewage works at Knowsthorpe Gate.

Health & Wellbeing

- Isolation has to be key focus. This exacerbates other mental health and addiction issues.
- Focus on bringing our communities together, and empowering them to make change for themselves. Perhaps consider a kind of Good Neighbour, Community Connectors or interagency referral scheme in each neighbourhood.
- Face to face contact. Need to knock on doors and personally invite people somewhere. Telephone/email/leaflets too impersonal to convince those who aren't engaging to attend something.
- Provide opportunities for people to attend healthy exercise activities, possibly off the back of the Tour de France. This gives them an opportunity to socialise as well as exercise being good for mental health.

Jobs & Skills

- Identify all of the 'Pathway to Work' style schemes available in the area via third sector and charity groups, and work with them to connect these to one another as well as to council, government and city wide schemes; to create a much wider range of opportunities for residents.
- Create more confidence building sessions so that people can make progress towards learning and employment pathways.
- Work with local businesses to create a local pre apprenticeship model.
- Create a programme of engagement with local employers to look at what their needs are and how employment support provision (such as the pathway to work schemes) can be tailored to their needs.
- Connect the local IT access points and look at how more mobile IT provision can be created where there are gaps so that people can access job vacancies and apply.
- Look into how those people with language barriers can be better supported to access work. Perhaps create a coherent programme to this end.

Youth Engagement

- Youth work groups need to be proactive in building relationships with other groups. Lot of good work but largely working in isolation. LCC to help facilitate this. Partnership working is key in Inner East. Money is tight. Groups need to work together to maximise opportunities for young people.
- Mobile phones/apps are a way to engage young people. Websites are too cumbersome and IT ownership an issue.
- Regular venues for young people are key. Stability and familiarity are major positives for young people. Short term projects are good but once stopped they cause disappointment and disillusionment. Continuity a must.
- Need to explore the idea of young people themselves becoming mentors to their peers.
- Any consultation with young people needs to happen in their domain on their terms