



Inner South Community Committee

Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

Meeting to be held REMOTELY on
Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021 at 2.00 pm

Councillors:

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| G Almass | - Beeston and Holbeck; |
| A Gabriel | - Beeston and Holbeck; |
| A Scopes | - Beeston and Holbeck; |
| M Iqbal | - Hunslet and Riverside; |
| E Nash | - Hunslet and Riverside; |
| P Wray | - Hunslet and Riverside; |
| J Blake | - Middleton Park; |
| K Groves | - Middleton Park; |
| P Truswell | - Middleton Park; |



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*Beeston & Holbeck - Holbeck Engine Shed; Millennium Gardens
Hunslet & Riverside - Thwaite Mills canal side; Bridgewater Place
Middleton Park – Middleton Railway; South Leeds Academy*

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded). (*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:</p>	
3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration (The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	

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4			<p>DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-16 of the Members' Code of Conduct.</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES</p> <p>To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held 9 December 2020 as an accurate record.</p>	7 - 12
7			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the Open Forum item whilst Community Committee meetings are being held remotely, the process has been adapted slightly, so that members of the public are invited to make written submissions in advance of the meeting on any matter which falls within the Committee's terms of reference. These will be read out under this agenda item and considered by the Community Committee.</p>	

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8			<p>INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>To consider the report of the Head of Stronger Communities setting out the delegated budget position for the Community Committee and inviting Members to consider the wellbeing applications submitted.</p>	13 - 34
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10			<p>DRAFT CONNECTING LEEDS TRANSPORT STRATEGY – CONSULTATION</p> <p>To consider the report of the Director of City Development that provides details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy and introduces a presentation to be delivered at the meeting.</p>	69 - 80
11			<p>DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2021/22</p> <p>To consider the report of the City Solicitor that requests consideration of the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2021/2022 municipal year.</p>	81 - 84
12			<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>	

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			<p>THIRD PARTY RECORDING</p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title. b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete. 	

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors G Almass, J Blake, K Groves,
M Iqbal, E Nash, A Scopes, P Truswell and
P Wray

1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

3 Late Items

There were no late items. However, some supplementary information was circulated to Members and published in advance of the meeting in relation to Item 8 (Minute 8 refers

4 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

5 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

6 Minutes - 4 March 2020

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held 4 March 2020 be approved as an accurate record.

7 Open Forum

In order to facilitate the Open Forum item whilst Community Committee meetings are being held remotely, the process has been adapted slightly, so that members of the public are invited to make written submissions in advance of the meeting on any matter which falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

On this occasion a submission had been received from Ian Waterhouse, a local resident. The following submission was read out at the meeting:

'Would the elected members for Beeston and Holbeck support an extension of the Leeds United Matchday On Street Parking Zone outward to Dewsbury Road rather than the current boundary of Beeston Road/Town Street? This question was raised at the Active Travel Network consultation earlier in the year and it was indicated that this was not within the remit of that project. On street parking on match days has always been a problem, more so recently before the pandemic, and if the Active Travel Network is implemented as indicated it will only exacerbate the issue.'

The Chair thanked Mr Waterhouse for his submission. Members recognised the parking issues in Beeston relating to match day and have heard through other forums that this is an issue and have been exploring a number of possible solutions with executive members.

The Chair noted that the Committee had received a submission regarding the closure of bowling greens in the city, however felt that it was not appropriate for the Inner South Community Committee, and Members would respond to the city-wide consultation taking place on this issue.

8 Inner South Community Committee Finance Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that set out the delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to consider the wellbeing applications submitted.

Three further Wellbeing Applications were submitted as supplementary information for Members consideration.

The projects set out in the report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested from Wellbeing Budget	Decision
Beeston Youth Theatre	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,625 (£1,260 YAF, £365 Revenue)	Approved
Ping in the Park (Hard Standing)	Beeston & Holbeck (£125), Hunslet & Riverside (£125)	£250 (Capital)	Approved
Playground signs for Cross Flatts Park & Cottingley Hall	Beeston & Holbeck (£140), Hunslet & Riverside (£70)	£210 (Capital)	Approved

Holbeck Street Nameplate Refurbishment Scheme	Beeston & Holbeck	£16,500 (Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Budget £5,000 / Revenue £11,500)	Approved
Inner South Activity Programme December 2020 - March 2021	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,280 (Revenue)	Approved

During discussions, the following matters were raised:

- Members sought more information on the Hunslet Club Vocational Training project, the Breeze Friday Night project, and the Clayton Ginnel Stopping-up Order project – specifically, when the projects would begin and whether projects required further assistance from Ward Members. The Localities Officer advised that an update would be requested on these matters and circulated to Members.
- A Member noted that since publication of the report, a project seeking funding had been submitted and subsequently declined. Members were advised that the application set out plans to hold a BAME workshop at the Market Place in the City Centre, which Members largely supported, however there were some concerns around the use of funds and the absence of other key information, and the project was declined on this basis.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted;
- b) That the wellbeing applications be approved as set out above;
- c) That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted; Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th December, 2020
- d) That the monitoring information of the Committee’s funded projects be noted;
- e) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position be approved as set out in the report;
- f) That the details of the Small Grants Budget be noted;
- g) That the details of the Community Skips Budget be noted;
- h) That the details of the Capital Budget be noted;
- i) That the details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted;
- j) That the details of the COVID-19 Wellbeing Discretionary Fund be noted;
- k) That the details of projects not started by October 2020, plus variations to projects (Table 8) be noted.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021

9 Inner South Community Committee Update Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Communities Team based on the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee. A Facebook engagement update was appended to the report.

Community Committee Champions provided updates for their respective areas and feedback from recent sub group meetings, as set out in the report.

A number of matters were discussed, including:

- Members were advised that, to date, seven defibrillators have been installed in the Inner South area, and the new defibrillator at the Hunslet Club had fortunately recently saved a life. It was noted that notification of installation of the remaining defibrillators would be sent to Ward Members once confirmed.
- Members noted a number of community engagement activities that had taken place recently, including a number of virtual events, Christmas markets, consultations and resident meetings to discuss the steps take to address specific local issues such as anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED – - That the contents of the report be noted.

10 Domestic Violence and Abuse in Inner South Leeds

The Director of Communities and Environment submitted a report that introduced a verbal update and presentation on domestic violence and abuse in the Inner South Community Committee Area.

Gerry Shevlin, Domestic Violence Programme Manager, was in attendance and delivered a PowerPoint presentation, which provided an overview of:

- Data related to reported domestic violence in the Inner South area, showing an increase in reports for 2020 and the highest volume of incidents in inner city wards;
- The impact of COVID-19 on reports of domestic violence, with initial decline in reports due to access barriers for 'front door' teams;
- A snapshot of current projects and interventions in the Inner South to address issues;
- The implications of the Domestic Violence bill due to be introduced in 2021;
- Moving forward, opportunities for Community Committee engagement.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- Members noted the importance of addressing cyber abuse, and sought more information on the steps taken to address the issue, particularly with children and young people, and were advised that the Education

Safeguarding Team provide training in school settings as well as a variety of online resources.

- In response to a query, Members were advised that often data relating to sexuality is not recorded correctly, which limits the ability identify domestic abuse within LGBT relationships. However, it is recognised that LGBT victims of domestic abuse are more likely to seek support from specific LGBT support groups and services than universal domestic violence support services.
- Members queried whether the accessibility of literature had been reviewed to ensure that people with additional needs are presented with appropriate information and guidance for domestic abuse. Members were advised that this would be reviewed in more detail.
- In recognising the limits to access of front door services in the city as a result of the closure of some facilities due to COVID-19 restrictions, Members sought clarity on how victims of domestic abuse can seek refuge in these times. Members were advised of the Safe Spaces Scheme, which was introduced as a result of lockdown, to provide access to support services through supermarkets and pharmacies across the city.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and presentation be noted.
- b) That a further updates be provided to the Community Committee in due course.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

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Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner South Community Committee
Beeston & Holbeck; Hunslet & Riverside; Middleton Park

Report author: Lyn Bambury 07891 276639

Date: 3rd March 2021 For Decision

Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2020.

Main issues

2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.
5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.

6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. **This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (Capital).**
8. In the Inner South this means that the money will be administered by the Inner South Community Committee.
9. **Following consultation, the Communities Team will work with members of the community committee, to develop a plan to spend CIL funding on local infrastructure projects. This will be on a case by case basis.**
10. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
11. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
12. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
13. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee.

Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities and Environment to take such decisions.

14. The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when such conditions have been satisfied:
- a) consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
 - b) a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the community committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a community committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
 - c) details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.
15. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be **at least five weeks** prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2020/21

16. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2020/21 was **£192,580**. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£139,685** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2019/20. **£109,760** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2019/20 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2020/21 is therefore **£222,506**. **(Note: total balances are rounded up or down to the nearest £1, for ease of reporting at the meeting).**
17. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in **Table 1**.
18. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£26,049**.
19. The ward balances are as follows: Beeston & Holbeck **£3,662**, Hunslet & Riverside **£5,835** and Middleton Park **£16,551**.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2020/21

	£
INCOME: 2020/21	192,580.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	139,685.39
Less projects brought forward from previous year	109,759.73
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2020/21	222,505.66

		B&H	H&R	MP
New allocation per ward	£	77,083.78	70,815.19	74,606.69
Small Grants	6,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Community Skips	1,500.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Community Engagement	4,000.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	600.00
IS Youth Summit	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ward Based Covid-19 Discretionary Fund	37,338.10	13,338.10	14,000.00	10,000.00
Total spend: Area wide ring fenced projects	52,338.10	19,938.10	18,300.00	14,100.00

Ward Projects	Total	Ward Split		
		B&H	H&R	MP
Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood	8,000.00		8,000.00	
CCTV Cameras (Commitment)	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	
Love Where You Live	5,000.00			5,000.00
Belle Isle and Middleton Christmas Lights	10,066.00			10,066.00
Hunslet & Riverside Christmas Lights (Hunslet Carr)	4,229.00		4,229.00	
Beeston & Holbeck Christmas Lights	9,000.00	9,000.00		
Belle Isle Kicks Project	5,840.00			5,840.00
Child Sexual Exploitation Project (Shine)	7,500.00	3,281.00	2,344.00	1,875.00
Beeston Rugby Engagement Project	6,209.00	6,209.00		

Hunslet Moor Activity Day (see also YAF)	373.63		373.63	
Hamara and Youth Service Project	3,930.00		3,930.00	
20 Years of DAZL (see also YAF)	2,363.00			2,363.00
Middleton Park Out of School Activities: LCC Youth Service (see also YAF)	4,225.00			4,225.00
Beeston Village Youth Club: Health for All (see also YAF)	2,110.40	2,110.40		
South Leeds Life (2 Editions)	2,792.00	930.67	930.66	930.67
Stopping Up Order - Clayton Ginnel: LCC Highways	3,800.00		3,800.00	
Environmental Enforcement Officer: Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team	13,437.00	6,718.50	6,718.50	
Legally Required Public Notifications: Footpath Diversion (LCC PROW)	2,500.00		1,250.00	1,250.00
Spring Flowering Bulbs: Hunslet Estate & Hunslet Lake (LCC Parks & Countryside)	2,780.00		2,780.00	
Greening Middleton Park: Trees and Shrubs (LCC Parks & Countryside)	1,950.00			1,950.00
Hunslet & Riverside Skip Request: KMWA	300.00		300.00	
Garnets Park Bulbs: LCC Parks & Countryside	230.00		230.00	
Activity Programme 2020/21: South Leeds Youth Hub	2,200.00			2,200.00
Leeds Dynamite Dance	6,339.53			6,339.53
Community Edible Estate: Hunslet TARA	£1,760.00		1,760.00	
Wellbeing in Wellies: TCV Skelton Grange	4,435.00	1,478.34	1,478.33	1,478.33
Money Buddy: Dewsbury Road Community Hub	1,535.00	650.00	885.00	
Monday Evening Vocational Project: The Hunslet Club	10,900.00	1,298.00	5,969.00	3,633.00
Middleton Park Fishpond Boat: Training Element	250.00			250.00
Family Friendly Christmas at the Holbeck	1,554.86	1,036.56	518.30	
Holbeck Street Nameplate Refurbishment Scheme (£16,500 total inc £5,000 from Priority N'hood Pot)	£11,500.00	11,500.00		
Beeston Youth Theatre (£1,625 total - £1,260 YAF)	365.00	365.00		
Design Work Arthington View Pedestrian Access	1,625.00		1,625.00	
West Leeds Activity Centre	1,280.00		1,280.00	
Champions Soccer Saturday	2,356.00	346.00	2,010.00	
Ward Projects (Totals)	153,735.42	53,923.47	52,411.42	47,400.53

Total spend: (Area wide + ward projects)	206,073.52	73,861.57	70,711.42	61,500.53
Underspends	-9,616.44	-440.16	-5,731.61	-3,444.67
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	26,048.58	3,662.37	5,835.38	16,550.83

Wellbeing Projects for Consideration

The following projects are presented for Members' consideration:

New Application for Wellbeing Funding

20. **Project Title:** Middleton Rugby Engagement Project – 2021

Name of Group or Organisation: Hunslet Rugby Foundation

Total Project Cost: £6,209

Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2020/2021: £6,209 (Revenue)

Wards Covered: Middleton Park

Project Summary:

The need for further engagement of young people in sporting activity in the Inner South community has been highlighted through our Foundation's work in delivering free high quality multisport and rugby league coaching in local schools.

This project in Middleton will create a strong community identity in an area that has been historically a strong rugby league area. It will also create connectivity with the local junior rugby teams, Hunslet RLFC and access to the facilities at the John Charles Centre for Sport.

The project will bring children, parents and grandparents together in an activity they can all contribute through playing, coaching, volunteering and take pride in their local team. It will also lead to young people and parents seeing first-hand the impact sport and volunteering can have in terms of self-esteem, friendships, health and well-being and provide a pathway to excel at their sport.

Free rugby training sessions will be held at 4 local primary schools between March and January 2021:

- Middleton St Marys
- Middleton St Philips
- Clapgate
- Westwood

In school sessions will take place one day a week Monday to Friday at the 4 schools for 1.5 hours, over 36 weeks. In addition 3 mini tournaments will be held where children can showcase their skills at the South Leeds Stadium. Children and parents will also be invited to Hunslet RLFC first team matches at the stadium to play in curtain raisers.

Training equipment will be provided at all the sessions as required. The sessions will include agility and rugby drills appealing to younger children using equipment, decision

making, passing and off-loading skills, and will also teach about benefits of sport and leading a healthy and active lifestyle for 5 minutes at the end of each session.

After attending 10 sessions children will be rewarded with a tech t-shirt for their dedication. Children will also be signposted to the local junior clubs in the area e.g. Beeston Broncos, Hunslet Club, Hunslet Warriors and Oulton Raiders.

Costings:

Coaching 144 hours @ £30.00 per hour - £4,320
1 Volunteer travel expenses - £389
Hunslet Curtain Raiser Experience x 10 games - £1,000
Reward tech t shirts x 120 - £500

Equipment/promotional material will be sourced from previous Middleton Project

Community Committee Priorities:

Best City for Children and Young People: provide a range of activities for young people across the Inner South

For pre-approval from 2021/2022 Revenue Funding:

21. **Project Title:** A Midsummer Night's Showcase in Middleton Park

Name of Group or Organisation: Front Room Productions

Total Project Cost: £11,917

Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2021/2022: £500 (Revenue)

Wards Covered: Middleton Park

Project Summary:

I am making this application on behalf of Front Room Productions (FRP), a collective of female theatre makers in Leeds.

We are applying for support towards FRP's Leeds Summer Shakespeare Season 2021. This project was originally scheduled for summer 2020, but has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; plans have been updated and adapted appropriately.

The project will consist of two strands: 1) Our Summer production at Temple Newsam Estate, an abridged and accessible adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (AMND) performed in the Walled Garden (funded by Arts Council England). **2) Pop-up performances of our hour-long Shakespearean highlights show *A Midsummer Night's Showcase* (Showcase) in the weeks leading up to AMND, performed in a series of public parks across Leeds – including Middleton Park on 10th July.**

We are asking the Community Committee for some support towards the Showcase strand of this project, which will be rehearsed and performed as part of the wider, six-week project to take place in Leeds over Summer 2021.

FRP creates high-quality theatre for unusual and unexpected locations in Leeds, responding to specific sites and underscoring intimate storytelling with live music. Our aim is to create cultural experiences that can be enjoyed and understood by all, and our Summer Shakespeare 2021 will manifest this ethos.

Showcase will be performed in the lead up to our production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; pop up performances will take place in outdoor public spaces and will be free to attend:

- Saturday 3rd July 2021, Bramley Park, 2pm & 5pm
- Sunday 4th July 2021, Roundhay Park, 2pm & 5pm
- **Saturday 10th July 2021, Middleton Park, 2pm & 5pm**
- Sunday 11th July 2021, Potternewton Park, 2pm & 5pm
- Friday 6th August, Temple Newsam Amphitheatre, 4pm & 7pm

The Showcase is performed by eight actor-musicians, and will be supported by two Volunteers per performance. It will offer a **free**, easily accessible way for communities across Leeds, who may not necessarily have easy and local access to the arts, to engage with our work. The Showcase acts as a bite-sized, no risk introduction to Shakespeare, which we hope will encourage participants to consider sampling further performances in future, or, simply to enjoy for the first time some free and live theatre in their local park.

By performing in wide, open and outdoor spaces, social distancing will be easily enacted, particularly with the support given by Volunteers. We will use small coloured cones to set out 2m distanced 'pitches' in front of each performance space, to ensure groups attending remain separate from each other.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Best City for Communities: Residents in the Inner South have opportunities to become involved in sport or culture

22. Project Title: Improving the appearance of Utility Boxes

Name of Group or Organisation: Beeston in Bloom

Total Project Cost: £4,000

Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2020/2021: £2,000 (Revenue)

Wards Covered: Beeston & Holbeck

Project Summary:

Beeston In Bloom are a local community volunteer group with around 14 members who mainly undertake gardening projects to brighten up the local community but have also organised and provided display signs and benches for community use in the local area.

The funding if successful will be used to supply materials and provide artistic labour from local artists to improve the look of the utility boxes, by painting images relating to the mining history associated with the local area. The project would begin in March, weather and Covid permitting.

As a group, Beeston in Bloom recently researched this history and organised a local display sign to be installed which resulted in positive feedback from local residents who were unaware of the mining connection.

We would like to take this one step further and organise artists, local where possible, to paint mining displays on the utility boxes which will also brighten up the area for both pedestrians and passing vehicles.

Once completed the utility boxes will brighten the area along Beeston Road/Town Street and provide residents and passers-by with local mining history knowledge.

Leeds Street Gallery was approached for a cost and gave us the price of £300 per utility box and there are 13 boxes on Beeston Rd/Town Street. After a Beeston In Bloom meeting on Saturday it was agreed by the members to use these artists as they provided examples of their work which was to a high standard and acceptable to the members

The boxes belong to BT, who have stated that they have no object to the work taking place.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Best City for Communities: Neighbourhoods in Inner South are clean and attractive.

Delegated Decisions (DDN)

23. Since March 2020, the following projects have been recommended by members and approved by DDN:

- **Spruce up your Street: Groundwork (Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood Pot)**
- £5,250 (Revenue)
- **Belle Isle Kicks Project COVID-19 Variation** £3,107 (Revenue) Middleton Park.
- **Environmental Enforcement Officer** £13,437 (Revenue) Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside
- **Stopping up Order – Clayton Ginnel** £3,800 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Community Skip - Kashmir Muslim Welfare Association (KMWA)** £300
- (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Spring Flowering Bulbs: Hunslet Estate and Hunslet Lake** £2,780 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Legally Required Public Notifications: Middleton Railway Footpath Diversion** £2,500 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park
- **Holbeck Moor Skatepark Variation:** £1,050 (YAF) Beeston & Holbeck
- **Greening Middleton: Trees & Shrubs** £1,950 (Revenue) Middleton Park
- **Garnets Park Bulbs** £230 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **South Leeds Youth Hub** £2,000 (Revenue) Middleton Park

- **Inner South – Leeds Money Buddies** £1,535 (Revenue) Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside
- **Noticeboard: Hunslet Estate Green Area** £760 (CIL) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Leeds Dynamite Dance** £6,339.53 (Revenue) Middleton Park
- **Community Edible Estate** £2,287 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Wellbeing in Wellies (Skelton Grange)** £4,435 (Revenue) All 3 wards.
- **Family Friendly Christmas at the Holbeck** £1,554.86 (Revenue) Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside
- **Holbeck Street Nameplate Refurbishment Scheme** £16,500 (Revenue/Beeston PN multiple pot) Beeston & Holbeck
- **Beeston Youth Theatre** £1,625 (£1,260 YAF, £365 Revenue) Beeston & Holbeck
- **The Vale Fencing:** £12,724 (CIL) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Design Work: Arthington View Pedestrian Access** £1,625 (Revenue) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Champions Soccer Saturday** £2,356 (Revenue) Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside
- **Middleton Park Railway Solar Powered Lighting:** £8,220 (CIL) Hunslet & Riverside
- **Clayton Ginnel Gates, Hand Rail and A Frame:** £2,823 (Capital) Hunslet & Riverside

Declined Projects

24. Since the last Community Committee the Healthy Holidays Christmas Presents application has been declined. Because of the closeness of the application and supporting information, to the activity date, members would not have time to consider the project prior to it commencing, meaning that the committee would be funding the project *retrospectively*. Wellbeing guidance clearly states that we are not able to fund in retrospect. As there were many initiatives currently taking place in all 3 wards where children were already receiving Christmas packs, Cllr Gabriel felt that all 3 wards were well catered for.

Due to the lateness of the application, whether this project could be formally considered by the Inner South Community Committee was at the discretion of the Chair. Cllr Gabriel sought advice from Cllr Coupar who supported this decision to decline.

Monitoring Information

25. As part of their funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.

Detailed below are **project updates** that have been received since the last meeting of the Community Committee on 9th December 2020:

26. Project: Bile Bean Sign Restoration: Hunslet Carr Residents Association

Wards Covered: Hunslet and Riverside

Project Summary:

The iconic wall advertisement the 'Bile Bean' sign, will be restored by a professional sign writer to its original condition.

These signs were the forerunners of the modern advertising sign that were commonplace in the past on the old terraced street ends of Hunslet and is part of the heritage of Hunslet.

The sign is fading away and in desperate need of restoration and the restoration will bring it back so it is available to be seen for years to come. There are just two 'Bile Bean' sign left in existence, the other is in York and has already been restored. It is located at the side of the Welcome to Hunslet Carr Sign at a busy crossroads with lots of pedestrians and vehicle occupants able to see the sign as well as local residents. It advertises a tonic pick me up that was produced by the family company in Leeds from late 1890s until 1980s. The Bile Bean sign should be preserved for future generations as part of Hunslet heritage.

A very positive response has been received from the community via Facebook and the South Leeds Life newspaper article, since the restoration.

So far, face to face feedback and planned activities have not been possible due to Covid-19. In the meantime, the artwork has created a historic focal point in Hunslet Carr and is available for all to see as hundreds of people pass the sign daily - walking, by car or on public transport. Once the pandemic has abated, it will create an interesting and historic back drop to community events and activities taking place in this location.



27. Project: Middleton Park Fishpond Boat (and other maintenance items): Parks & Countryside

Wards Covered: Middleton Park

Last summer there had been a large amount of public concern due to wildlife (such as swans) becoming entangled in discarded fishing line, that park staff have been unable to remove from the fishpond, due to it being out of their reach.

The grant will be used to supply and deliver a boat, anchor, mooring rope and life jackets. It will also be used to buy a storage facility for the boat.

This would help in managing the Middleton Park fishpond for wildlife, anglers and other visitors and would allow park staff to access hard to reach areas of the fishpond to remove snapped fishing line and other pieces of litter and undertake vegetation management works.

All the below items have now been obtained, including:

- Bic Sport Yak 245 (Boat)
- Grapnel Anchor Kit
- Bungee Dock line (pair)
- Typhoon Hydro Manual Lifejackets
- 20' Dry Van Container

When it is Covid-safe to deliver the boat safety training, photographs will also be submitted.

28. Project: Holbeck street name plate refurbishment scheme

Wards: Beeston & Holbeck

The Holbeck priority neighbourhood is predominantly Victorian red brick terraces and many of these streets retain the original cast iron street name plates but they are in a poor condition after 120+ years and are difficult to read with flaking paint and rust.

A clearly identifiable street enables effective responses to emergencies by ambulance / police / fire brigade and other services, along with the delivery of post by the Royal Mail and courier services. When a name plate is difficult to read it makes this harder and also makes the area look tired and unloved

Given that there is so much historical importance in Holbeck we would like to preserve the original cast iron name plates and refurbish them where possible.

The priority neighbourhood consists of streets in the Receptions, Crosby's, Barton's and Runswick's and their neighbours, Colenso's, Rydall's, Tilbury's / Euston's, Ingram's, Pleasant's and Domestic Street etc.

The work has now been successfully completed by GME, with 100 cast iron/heritage street name plates in the identified areas being restored to their original condition, (please see before and after photos below).



Youth Activities Fund Position 2020/21

29. The total available for spend in Inner South Community Committee 2020/21, including carry forward from previous year, is **£45,059**.
30. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£44,957** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.
31. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£105.00** in the Youth Activity Fund (in Hunslet & Riverside ward) A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2020/21

	Total allocation £	Ward Split 8-17 Population		
		2,549.00	2,335.00	3,438.00
		Beeston & Holbeck	Hunslet & Riverside	Middleton Park
Income 2020/21	44,970.00	13,773.67	12,617.67	18,578.66
Carried forward from previous year	7,610.41	6,764.54	845.87	0.00
Total available (including brought forward balance) for schemes in 2020/21	52,580.41	20,538.21	13,463.54	18,580.00
Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year (2019/20)	7,521.44	6,771.44	750.00	0.00
Total available budget for this year (2021/21)	45,058.97	13,766.77	12,713.54	18,578.66

Projects 2020/21	Amount requested from YAF	B&H £	H&R £	MP £
The Friday Night Project	10,000.00			10,000.00
Hunslet and Riverside Out of School Activities	6,685.00		6,685.00	
Breeze Events	7,200.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00
Reestablish Drop In's	3,000.00	2,362.50	637.50	
MP Out of School Activities (see also revenue)	1,460.00			1,460.00
MP Activity Days	3,520.00			3,520.00
DAZL (see also revenue)	4,062.00	1,856.00	2,206.00	
Beeston Village Youth Club (HFA) See also revenue	5,439.60	5,439.60		
Holbeck Moor Skatepark	2,310.00	2,310.00		
WLAC: Inner South Activity Programme for December 2020 - March 2021	1,280.00		1,280.00	
Hunslet Moor Activity Day 2020 (YAF cancelled)	1,386.37		1,386.37	
Beeston Youth Theatre (£1,625 total) See also YAF	1260.00	1260.00		
Total Spend (Area Wide / Ward Projects)	47,602.97	15,028.10	13,994.87	18,580.00
Underspends	-2,646.37	-1,260.00	-1,386.37	
Remaining balance per ward	105.00	-	105.00	-

Declined YAF Projects

32. Since the last Community Committee no YAF projects have been declined.

Small Grants Budget 2020/21

33. At the Community Committee (Consultative Forum) on 1st May 2020, ward members recommended a small grants budget of **£6,500.00**.

34. There is currently a remaining balance of £5,577 detailed in **Table 3**: Beeston & Holbeck £2,834, Hunslet & Riverside £1,333 and Middleton Park £1,410.

TABLE 3: Small Grants 2020/21

Starting totals 2020/21	£	B&H	H&R	MP
	6,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
PHAB Youth and Community Group	423.00			423.00
Skelton Grange Environment Centre Virtual Open Day 2020	500.00	166.00	167.00	167.00
Total allocations against projects	923.00	166.00	167.00	590.00
Balance remaining (per ward)	5,577	2,834	1,333	1,410

Community Skips Budget 2020/21

35. A community skips budget of **£1,500** was approved. This was for Beeston & Holbeck (£1,000) and Middleton Park (£500). Hunslet & Riverside, whilst not approving a specific pot, are willing to use their Revenue budget for community clean ups etc. There is currently a total remaining balance of **£1,192**: Beeston & Holbeck £692 and Middleton Park £500.

TABLE 4: Community Skips Budget 2020/21

Location of skip	Total Amount	Beeston & Holbeck	Middleton Park
	£1,500	£1,000	£500
Parkside Allotment Association	152	152	
Old Lane Allotments	156	156	
Total:	£308	£308	
Remaining balance: £	£1,192	£692	£500

Capital Budget 2020/21

36. The Inner South Community Committee has a Capital budget of **£26,013** available to spend. Members are asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5: Capital Budget 2020/21

	(£)	Ward split		
		Beeston and Holbeck	Hunslet and Riverside	Middleton Park
Remaining Balance March 2020	26,052	2,875	8,121	15,656
Injection April 2020	16,200	5,400	5,400	5,400
Starting Totals 2020/21	42,852	8,275	13,521	21,056
Injection November 2020	1,900	633	633	634
Total Balance 2020/21	44,752	8,908	14,154	21,690
MP Fencing & Benches	7,156			7,156
Ping in the Park Hardstanding	250	125	125	
Hunslet & Riverside Portable Floodlights: Youth Service	1,100		1,100	
Rosedales Trees & Benches: Parks & Countryside	7,200			7,200
Playground signs for Cross Flatts Park & Cottingley Hall	210	140	70	
Clayton Ginnel Gates, Hand Rail & A Frame	2,823		2,823	
Totals:	£18,739	£265	£4,118	£14,356
Remaining Balance:	£26,013	£8,643	£10,036	£7,334

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2020/21

37. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a total of **£82,714.47** available to spend in the Inner South CIL budget.

38. This total includes CIL injections for Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside, which have been included in the table below.

39. The breakdown is now as follows: Beeston & Holbeck **£33,323.39**, Hunslet & Riverside **£32,399.82** and Middleton Park **£16,991**.

TABLE 6: CIL Budget 2020/21

	IS (£)	Ward split		
		Beeston & Holbeck	Hunslet & Riverside	Middleton Park
Remaining Balance March 2020	£58,528.34	£2,697.15	£36,288.18	£19,543.01
Injection April 2020	£46,111.08	£22,806.27	£23,304.81	£0.00
Injection November 2020	£10,961.00	£7,819.97	£3,141.03	£0.00
Starting Position 2020-2021	£115,600.42	£33,323.39	£62,734.02	£19,543.01
Middleton Park Fishpond	£2,551.75			£2,551.75
Moor Road Barrier	£10,000.00		£10,000.00	
Noticeboard Hunslet Estate Green	£760.00		£760.00	
The Vale Fencing	£12,724.20		£12,724.20	
Middleton Railway Subway Solar Powered Lighting	£6,850.00		£6,850.00	
Totals:	£32,885.95	£0.00	£30,334.20	£2,551.75
Remaining Balance:	£82,714.47	£33,323.39	£32,399.82	£16,991.26

40. Table 7 below provides the Community Committee with a position statement on Inner South Wellbeing COVID-19 projects funded by the committee. The committee is asked to note the contents of the table and remaining balances.

TABLE 7: COVID-19 Wellbeing Discretionary Fund Grants

Wellbeing COVID-19 Discretionary Fund	£	Ward Split		
		13,339.00	14,000.00	10,000.00
Grants Approved	37,339.00	B&H	H&R	MP
South Leeds Church of the Nazarene	1,500.00		1,500.00	
The Hunslet Club	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Involve	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Manorfield Hall	250.00			250.00
Hamara	2,000.00			2,000.00
Trinity Network	700.20			700.20
BITMO	920.00			920.00
Manorfield Hall Foodbank	833.00			833.00
Middleton St Cross Foodbank	250.00			250.00
Slung Low	4,458.10	3,639.10	819.00	
South Leeds Live at Home	2,000.00	1,333.00	667.00	
Holbeck Together	4,911.00	4,911.00		
Ciaran Bingham	1,239.00	315.00	441.00	483.00
Holbeck Together 2nd Grant	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	

The Ark (Middleton Family Centre)	1,470.60			1,470.60
Leeds Grand Mosque: Love in a Box	1,800.00	720.00	1,080.00	
Hunslet Club Chef	6,000.00	1,420.00	2,085.00	2,495.00
Totals	34,331.90	13,338.10	11,592.00	9,401.80
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	3,007.10	0.90	2,408.00	598.20

41. Table 8 below provides the Community Committee with a position statement on Government funded COVID-19 projects, approved by the committee. The committee is asked to note the contents of the table and remaining balances, which need to be spent by the end of March 2021.

TABLE 8: 10K Government Funding COVID-19 Grants

Wellbeing COVID-19 Discretionary Fund	£	Ward Split		
		£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Grants Approved	30,000.00	B&H	H&R	MP
Windmill Primary School Laptops	1,800.00			1,800.00
Holbeck Together - Hot meals/activities	2,500.00	2,500.00		
LS-TEN Video Tutorials	720.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
Middleton Park Schools' Laptops	5,700.00			5,700.00
S Leeds Live at Homes Tablet lending Scheme	500.00		500.00	
Specialist Autism Services Technology	500.00		500.00	
Hunslet Carr Primary School Warm Clothes	500.00		500.00	
Involve Leeds Tablets	440.00		440.00	
Lane End Primary School Dongles/Data	500.00		500.00	
Hamara Men's Over 50s Club Exercise Equipment	500.00		500.00	
Joseph Priestley Digital Cameras / Wireless Mice	488.88		488.88	
Totals	£14,148.88	£2,740.00	£3,668.88	£7,740.00
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£15,851.12	£7,260.00	£6,331.12	£2,260.00

42. Table 9 details projects that have not yet started or are paused, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Members may wish to make comments, in addition to noting the contents.

TABLE 9: Projects on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Name of project	Proposed plans for the funding (postponed/cancelled)	Total amount	B&H	H&R	MP
Hamara & Youth Service Project	Due to start April 20 for 1 year – postponed. Hoping to commence January 2021. On hold again due to lockdown.	£3,930		£3,930	
Holbeck Moor Kicks Project	Project on hold due to COVID-19. They were hoping for a November start, but awaiting further information due to lockdown.	£6,720	£6,720		
Hunslet Kicks Project Rent (Old Cockburn) Youth Service	On Hold. Can't access Old Cockburn Sports Hall (it's being used as a cultural food hub)	£1,880		£1,880	
Beeston Village Youth Club: Health for All (YAF/Revenue)	Due to start in April 20 – March 21. Postponed due to Community Centre being closed and still on hold due to third lockdown)	£7,550	£5446.50 YAF/ £2,103.50 Rev		
Monday Evening Vocational Project: The Hunslet Club (Revenue)	Project Cancelled. £10,900 underspend to go back into the pot?	10,900.00	1,298.00	5,969.00	3,633.00
Beeston Youth Theatre (£1,625 total - £1,260 YAF, £365 Revenue)	Oh hold due to lockdown.	£1625	£1625		
West Leeds Activity Centre (YAF)	On hold due to lockdown. May have to cancel.	£1,280		£1,280	
Family Friendly Christmas at the Holbeck (Revenue)	Cancelled due to Covid. Awaiting a variation request to spend the funding.	1,554.86	1,036.56	518.30	
Moneybuddy Dewsbury	Project due to start December. They were looking at alternate sites due	1,535.00	650.00	885.00	

Road (Revenue)	to DRCH being closed to services. Decided to wait for January and stick with DRCH. On hold due to lockdown.				
Youth Summit Ring Fence (Revenue)	Cancelled due to lockdown/pandemic.	£3,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
PHAB Youth & Community Group Grant (small grant)	On hold.	£423.32			£423.32
Trinity Network (Small Grant)	International Day of Older People event (cancelled)	£200		£100	£100

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

43. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

44. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

45. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

46. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

47. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

48. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusion

49. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

Recommendations

50. Members are asked to note and consider (where appropriate):

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Wellbeing proposals for recommendation (paragraph 20 onwards)
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- d. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 25 onwards)
- e. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- f. Details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- g. Details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- h. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- i. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) (Table 6)
- j. Details of the COVID-19 Wellbeing Discretionary Fund (Table 7)
- k. Details of the 10K Government Funding COVID-19 Grants (Table 8)
- l. Details of projects not started and paused due to COVID-19 (Table 9)

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Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner South Community Committee:
Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

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Date: 3rd March 2021 To Note

Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Scopes

Children and Families Sub Group Meeting

3. The Inner South Children and Families Sub Group has been planned for Wednesday 24th February 2021, via Zoom.
4. An update on this meeting will be included at the next community committee meeting.

Environment and Community Safety: Councillors: Cllr Gabriel (Environment), Cllr Iqbal (Community Safety)

Environment and Community Safety Sub Group

5. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met via Zoom on Tuesday 26th January, 2021
6. Following comments at the previous meeting, the sub group agenda was reviewed by the Chair and communities team. Suggestions have been incorporated, such as reducing the number of ward-specific items and there is also now an open floor discussion for all sub group attendees to update on any initiatives they would like to promote. Cemeteries have also been added as a regular standing item and written updates will also be received by the City Centre Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the Cleansing Team moving forward.
7. In addition to updates from the usual environmental and community safety focussed council services, the chair of the West Yorkshire Police & Crime panel delivered an overview of how the panel works at a strategic level.
8. Following this, the Neighbourhood Policing Team updated on how they have increased enforcement and issuing of fines in Covid hotspots and the additional resources available for larger scale non-compliance. Following numerous complaints about people not following government regulations, e.g. not wearing masks in shops, they would also welcome help from partners in managing public expectations, as the police can't be everywhere.
9. At the request of the committee, there will be also be a regular update from the Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) team. At this meeting, the action plan was highlighted, (including actions raised by members at the December community committee meeting).
10. The next meeting of the sub group will be on the 18th May 2021 (via Zoom).

Employment and Skills Update: Inner South

Universal Credit

11. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner South Community Committee area that were unemployed in November 2020 is 6,850. This is an increase of 70% since March 2020 and an increase of 123 on the previous month.

Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs						
	March 2020		October 2020		November 2020	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Inner South	4,023	7.1%	6,727	11.9%	6,850	12.1%
Beeston & Holbeck	1,295	7.5%	2,148	12.2%	2,211	12.6%
Hunslet & Riverside	1,311	6.3%	2,242	10.5%	2,298	10.8%
Middleton Park	1,417	8.1%	2,337	13.2%	2,341	13.2%

*Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit that are not in employment

**Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

Employment and Skills Services

12. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Inner South Community Committee area:

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)
Inner South	1,393	2,415	562	783	726	1,005
Beeston & Holbeck	452	725	157	216	231	318
Hunslet & Riverside	593	1,022	237	336	308	427
Middleton Park	348	668	168	231	187	260

13. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID and the temporary closure of face to face services since March 2020, the employment and skills delivery models have been adapted and are continuing through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April to December 2020 8,755 people have accessed the Service, 1,393 of whom were from Inner South, a reduction of 42% when compared to the same period last year.

14. Across the city the service has supported 2,701 people into work, this reporting year (April – December 2020). 562 residents from the Inner South have been supported into work, a reduction of 28% when compared to the same period last year. They were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport. Over 258 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff and to provide support for staff facing redundancy. Recruitment continues in the health and care sector as it deals with winter pressures, and in digital roles across all sectors.

Leeds Employment Hub

15. This is a single point of contact for ESIF funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support for eligible residents. The Service has been successful in securing an additional £4m ESIF funding to support around 4,000 people in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The funding is agreed from January 2021 to December 2023. This project will offer tailored preventative and remedial support to residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. Delivery will be through the Community Hubs with Employment and Skills managing the contract with DWP.

Vaccine Programme

16. The Service has been facilitating the recruitment of the Vaccinating Leeds programme on behalf of Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, including the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions. The first in-take of interviews have been scheduled with roles currently ring-fenced for candidates from the Employment Hub. Interviews have been arranged for over 100 applicants, 72 of whom have passed the interview stage and are awaiting either references and or DBS/right to work checks before undergoing training with NHS.

17. Between April – December 2020 the service has supported 4,703 people across the city to improve their skills. From the Inner South, 726 residents have completed a skills, a reduction of 28% when compared to the same period last year. Delivery of the 2020/21 programme commenced in September 2020 with 16 commissioned providers delivering online courses with an increased focus on digital skills and work focused courses. Since the start of the new academic year, September 2020, 490 courses have been advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning website.

18. New methods of Adult Learning delivery were supported to include blended learning. This has involved digital delivery through mobile phones, coupled with home learning options, remote delivery, including outdoor learning and the return to face to face learning when restrictions were lifted and delivery spaces will be reworked to ensure they are COVID secure. In addition home learning resource packs have been developed to enable a flexible approach, increasing pastoral support with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and learners who are unable to access online learning.

Leeds Apprenticeship Festival

19. Leeds Apprenticeship Festival (LAF) will take place during National Apprenticeship Week, 8th - 12th February 2021 and will be held virtually for the first time. A dedicated webpage, created by an external organisation ODI, will host the festival. Visitors will be able to watch exhibitor Apprenticeship presentations and videos, contact

employers directly, book meet and greet Q&A sessions with exhibitors and receive IAG support. 77 exhibitors have confirmed their attendance. A promotional campaign to advertise and raise awareness of the event commenced 4th January 2021.

Levy Match

20. The Levy Match Leeds was launched on 5th October 2020 to boost Apprenticeship numbers. Supported by a web based platform, the service enables large levy payers to transfer up to 25% of uncommitted funds to small and medium enterprises wishing to support an Apprenticeship. The online brokerage service aims to make this as simple as possible to ensure maximum levy investment is retained and invested locally to create more Apprenticeship opportunities. To date 19 SMEs and 5 Levy Payers have accessed the website and over £100,000 has been committed so far to support Apprenticeships.

Kickstart Scheme

21. The Kickstart Scheme, part of the Government's Plan for Jobs 2020, launched in September. The Employment and Skills service is now a registered Kickstart Gateway supporting businesses to offer 6 month paid placements for young people aged 16-24 currently on UC and at risk of long-term unemployment. Since the Kickstart Gateway started at the beginning of October 2020, 247 placement opportunities have been submitted to DWP, offered by 62 employers.

Subscription Service

22. A new subscription service, "The List", was launched in November 2020 through the Leeds City Council Website. Subscribers to The List receive the service's weekly job vacancies, Apprenticeships and course information. Since December 2020 those registered to receive our emails have increased by 114% to 4,685 and 17,000 emails were delivered.

For further information please visit:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLEEDS/subscriber/>

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit:

<https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk/>

For help or advice to find a job, an Apprenticeship, a course or training, please contact: esleeds@leeds.gov.uk Telephone: 0113 378 4576

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillors: Cllr Truswell (Health & Wellbeing) and Cllr Almass (Adult Social Care)

Proposed Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

23. Following requests for more frequent health & wellbeing updates by champions, a health and wellbeing sub group has been proposed as a vehicle for delivering this

and to also provide an opportunity for the champions to look at the relevant issues in more depth.

24. This is currently in the planning stages, but it is anticipated to launch following the first municipal meeting of the year, (June 2021). It would cover the whole of the Inner South, with a representative from each ward and would report back to the community committee, in line with other sub groups.

25. Public Health and the communities team will jointly support this sub group, with more information to be provided to the committee, when it is available.

Belle Isle and Middleton Third Sector Covid Response Group

26. The final meeting of the Belle Isle and Middleton Third Sector Covid Response group for 2020 was held in December. Further meetings are set up to run through January, February and March. One of the actions from the December meeting was to produce a calendar of services that were open over the Christmas period. It was hoped that this would help support residents through the festive period by providing a quick reference guide to which services could still be accessed and when.

Moving into January, there is large amount of work taking place to look at digital inclusion for residents in the area. The group is hoping that by linking all third sector organisations together this work can be effectively delivered to as many vulnerable residents as possible.

Covid-19 focused work

27. Work this quarter has focused on the outreach response. Teams of door knockers have continued delivering the key safety messages and promoting the location of the pop up testing site. Anecdotal evidence has revealed that those using the pop-up testing site have done so as a direct consequence of the door-knockers promotion.

The testing centres at St Georges and Rowland Road Working Men's Club continue to be used by the community.

COVID-19 vaccine

28. Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca vaccines

The NHS is now offering vaccinations to people who are most at risk from COVID-19. The two approved vaccines; Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca are safe and have been through rigorous checks, as well as extensive trials.

Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS. Anyone who claims to be able to provide you with a vaccine for a fee is likely to be committing a crime and should be reported to the Police online or by calling 101. The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text asking you to confirm you want the vaccine.

Priority groups to receive the first vaccine

29. The NHS is planning to vaccinate everyone in the top four priority groups identified by the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) – including older care home residents and staff, everyone over 70, all frontline NHS and care staff and all those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

You will only be able to book an appointment when you receive an invitation from your GP practice, please do not contact your GP practice or any other NHS services as you'll need to wait for your invite. When you receive your invite, please act immediately and attend your booked appointments.

Please continue to protect yourself and your loved ones and reduce the spread of coronavirus by following the guidelines - hand hygiene and social distancing in particular - this will help save lives.

Key facts on vaccines

30. Please see the following facts on vaccines:

- All vaccines are tested and regulated to make sure they meet safety standards
- After clean water, vaccination is the most effective public health intervention in the world for saving lives and promoting good health
- Immunisation currently prevents 2-3 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles
- Vaccines protect other people in your community – by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines
- It's safe to give children several vaccines at a time and this reduces the amount of injections they need
- Vaccines teach your immune system how to create antibodies that protect you from disease

Information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on the NHS website by visiting the following link [nhs.uk/CovidVaccine](https://www.nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)

Better Together

31. The Better Together providers have continued delivering food parcels, making welfare calls and offering emotional support to those people in need. Some groups had moved from an online platform to physical delivery with success; a lot of groups were offering a mixed delivery method of online and physical for those service users who had lost confidence in venturing outside and those who were apprehensive.

Responding to the announcement of a January national lockdown the majority of groups will revert to online delivery once more, with one group offering mental health support remaining open to 6 service users.

Hamara are continuing in their role as the Community Care Hub for Middleton Park ward area. Demand for their food parcels and hot meals service has seen an exponential growth. Figures for November show 631 food parcels delivered and a total of 2006 hot meals provided. These figures are not represented in the official LWSS service as people, having learnt of the provision are generally turning up for food. Hamara have kindly shared this information.

Your Space

32. Your Space have again evolved to provide their services online. Given the mental fragility of some of the members, they are using a person-centred approach to determine the type of provision required, online or physical groups. The groups are nature walks. They expect a small number of people will need the physical support.

Beeston and Middleton Local Care Partnership

33. There are now three sub groups formed from this partnership:

- Increasing digital inclusion among older people with a health care access perspective. This group is piloting a test and learn model of developing a digital health Hub. If successful, this model will be rolled out across the city. The steering group comprises, LCP Development manager (Chair), 100% digital Leeds, Age UK, Central Forum and Public Health. The basic notion of the Hub model is for one organisation to lead for an area referring an interested person to a participating organisation of their choosing. A grant award application form is currently under development with a view to being live imminently. This work strongly emphasises the benefits of meaningful partnership working in areas and has a budget of £50k
- Mental health and wellbeing. An asset map is currently underway, which will also ascertain the service provision knowledge of the group. The level of knowledge will help determine the next steps of the group. Simultaneously a mental health service user consultation has been launched to review various aspects of provision including crisis support, supported accommodation and specialist community support services among others. The group has agreed to help facilitate some of these discussions. Chair: Clinical Director for Middleton
- Health Inequalities Bid. The CCG has awarded a group formed from the LCP £50k to mitigate the impact of Covid 19 on low income communities. Steering group members include: Health for All, Involve Leeds, LCP Development Manager and Public Health (Chair). The project aims to connect local people with local opportunities in mentoring, shadowing and volunteering with a view to expanding a persons' interests, skill set and horizons.

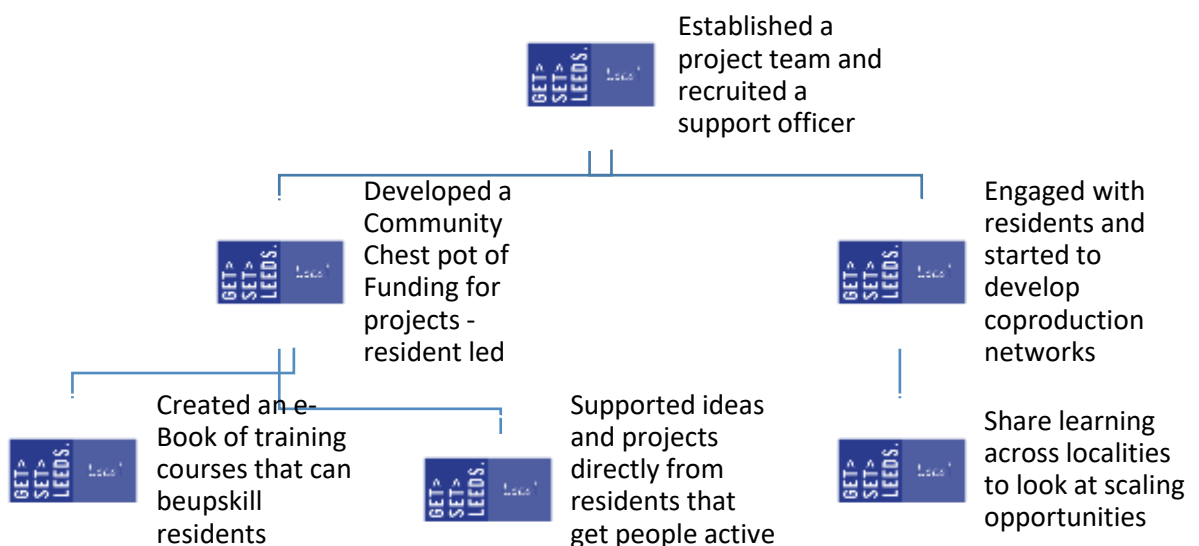
Get Set Leeds Local

34. Physical Activity Project targeting Beeston Hill, Holbeck, New Wortley and Seacroft – Using an asset based approach to develop the capacity of the local physical activity system.

The ambition is for Leeds to be the most active city in England. This is outlined in the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy ‘get more people, more physically active, more often’ and is a key component of reaching our vision to be a healthy and caring city where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest.

Having secured significant external funding from Sport England the project team, which comprises of representatives from inside the Council including Active Leeds and Public Health plus voluntary community sector delegates, have set about building the ground work for the three year project.

In the first 12 months of the project we have achieved the following outcomes that were set out in our project delivery model agreed by Sport England the Funder.



In December the Get Set Leeds Local sub team held a series of digital community conversation events which have allowed us to accelerate the development of Co-production networks within the target localities and a range of ideas and concepts were brought forward by the community.

In the last 6 months a number of key co-produced projects have started to develop, targeting a range of sub groups in the community these include the following:

- Walking, Cycling and Jogging development across all target areas with partners – LS14 Trust, Leeds Dads, Holbeck Together, South Leeds Lakers, Re-establish Youth Group and Bangla Square Youth Group.
- Community running project which targets residents that are recovering from addiction – Drugs and Alcohol and uses physical activity as a recovery tool
- Play – Playsufficiency project which looks to develop Childrens play across the localities

- Table Tennis supporting residents to engage in Ping Pong at home using a community box approach and digital sessions
- The High Rise – Arts and social change project looking at green spaces and physical activity and building a conversation with residents.
- Seacroft Community on top and the Community Gym project at Dennis Healey

For any more information please contact Neil Jones – Partnership Manager Active Leeds at neil.jones@leeds.gov.uk

It is our intention to develop a regular Newsletter that will be circulated in due course

Active Leeds Health Programmes

The Keeping Well at Home Programme

35. Active Leeds and Public Health created the Keeping Well at Home resources to support people that are shielding, clinically vulnerable or have mobility problems to keep moving during to the lockdown. These resources are to be extended from Monday 18th January 2021, to provide further support for people wanting to stay mobile and active at home. The new programme includes;

- Online Exercise Activities via Zoom
- IPAD Loan Scheme
- Personalised Support
- Digital activities on YouTube
- Activity DVDs
- Peer Support Groups
- Printed Resources such as the Keeping Well at Home Booklets

To request any resources or to seek support in accessing our programmes, please complete an online enquiry form <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/38MS7L/> or give us a call.

For more detailed information about the Keeping Well at Home Programme, please look at our website active.leeds.gov.uk/keepingwellathome

Active Leeds Health Referral Programme

36. Active Leeds is accepting referrals and self-referrals to its referral programme throughout lockdown. The programme focuses on adults and support people with that are demotivated or just don't know where to start to become active. Each person has their own Health and Wellbeing Coach will support people in accessing and following a range of resources to keep them going during lockdown. To access the programme completed the online enquiry form: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/SLNH3/> or contact us by phone or email.

How to contact us or access programmes?

37. Active Leeds accepted enquires and referrals through a range of methods;

- Keeping Well at Home Enquiry Form: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/38MS7L/>
- Online Enquiry Form : <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/SLNH3/>
- Email: Health.Programmes@Leeds.gov.uk
- Tel: 0113 3783680
- Healthcare Professionals can refer directly through the Healthy Living Template on Systemone.

Working Together to Keep People Well during spells of Cold Weather

38. Every year the [Cold Weather Plan for England](#) describes the actions we can all take to reduce the negative impact of cold weather on our health and wellbeing. Although there are several factors that contribute to this, in many cases simple preventative action could avoid many of the deaths, illnesses and injuries associated with the cold. Many of these measures need to be planned and undertaken in advance of cold weather.

Public Health takes a life course approach and aims to increase the effectiveness of interventions throughout a person's life. It focuses on a healthy start and then targets people at critical periods when they are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather e.g. pregnancy and older age.

Cold weather presents risks to certain groups listed below. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic can add and pose additional risk to those who are clinically and socially vulnerable.

Impact of COVID-19

39. A number of important risk factors are shared across cold weather and COVID-19, which may amplify an individual's risk to both hazards. The potential interactions between cold weather and COVID-19 include:

- shared risk factors amongst population sub-groups affected by both cold temperatures and COVID-19
- clinical impacts arising due to concurrence of cold weather and COVID-19
- increased exposure to cold temperatures due to change in patterns of energy use at home, fuel poverty and reduced access to warm public spaces
- reduced access to social and community networks and resources
- change in patterns of health and social care use, access and delivery and health seeking behaviour

Some things we are encouraging services in Leeds to do:

[Sign up to receive Met Office Weather Alerts](#)

40. Watch and listen for the Met Office weather alerts on TV, Radio and Internet and email all year round. These alerts can assist you with information to help your staff and clients. Please **sign up** for these alerts [here](#).

Sign up to receive Cold Weather Alerts

41. These Alerts are comprised of different levels of response and actions needed based on cold weather threshold. These responses are set within the Cold Weather Plan for the UK. The thresholds have been developed to trigger an alert when severe cold weather is likely to significantly affect people's health. The alerts take account of temperature along with other cold weather threats such as ice and snow.

42. The Met Office will issue specific Cold Weather Alerts from 1 November 2020 through the Christmas and New Year period to 31 March 2021. There are five levels:

- Level 0 (long term planning, all year)
- Level 1 (winter preparedness and action, 1 November to 31 March)
- Level 2 (severe winter weather is forecast – alert and readiness)
- Level 3 (response to severe winter weather – severe weather action)
- Level 4 (major incident – emergency response, declared by central government)

Support your Workforce to become a 'Winter Friend'

43. By watching the fifteen minute animation, anyone working or volunteering in Leeds can increase their knowledge of the nine evidence based high impact interventions to support people during winter. Free resources can then be accessed from the Public Health resource centre as well as winter planning checklists which could help you or members of your wider team. More information can be found on the [Public Health Resource Centre webpage](#) under 'Seasonal Health (summer and winter planning)'.

Watch the animation and become a Winter Friend [here](#)

Familiarise yourself with and make use of the NHS Help Us Help You campaign resources

44. In recent years there has been an increasing emphasis on people taking responsibility for staying healthy and managing their own health and 'Help Us, Help You' is a powerful new way to build on this.

The 'Help Us Help You' campaign focuses on high impact interventions such as promoting flu vaccinations, increasing medicine uptake, keeping warm and eating well. All of us can take simple steps to look after our health and of others, this includes staying warm, eating well and checking up on vulnerable neighbours. By looking after yourself and those around you, you really will be helping us help you. This campaign helps people – whether you work on the frontline or are a member of the public – to understand how you can stay well.

Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) Progress Report (City-Wide)

45. Inner South as a collective was allocated 8 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work. Currently 7 of these 8 units have now been successfully installed, through consultation with elected members, and the collaboration of community venues in the areas. Below is a breakdown of the status according to ward:

Beeston & Holbeck

46. Beeston & Holbeck was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work.

- **Cottingley Community Centre.**
This was successfully installed on 5th March 2020
- **St Andrew's Church Hall.**
This was successfully installed on 6th March 2020
- **Holbeck Together**
This was successfully installed on 2nd July

All three of the above devices have been fully registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians established at each location.

The final installation for Beeston and Holbeck is:

- **Beeston Library** - The library is currently undergoing a refurbishment, it is hoped that the defibrillator will be installed, last week in March.

Middleton Park:

47. Middleton Park was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work.

- **Belle Isle Working Men's Club**
This was successfully installed on 14th February 2020
- **Greedy Monkeys Café**
This was successfully installed on 13th February 2020
- **St Cross Parish Church**
This was successfully installed on 14th October 2020
- **St George's One stop Centre**
This was successfully installed on 12th February 2020

All of the above devices have been fully registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians established at each location.

Inner South Community Committee: CIL Funded Defibrillators

48. Hunslet & Riverside ward

15 defibrillators were approved by the committee, to be installed at venues in the ward suggested by Hunslet & Riverside ward members.

So far defibrillators have been installed at:

- **Al-Madina Mosque, (Bangladeshi Centre)**
- **Woodhouse Hill Community Centre**
- **The Hunslet Club**
- **Gurdawara (Guru Nanak)**
- **Church of the Nazarene**
- **H2010 Housing Development**
- **Hunslet Community Hub**
- **Church of the Nazarene (Lupton Street)**
- **Hamara Healthy Living Centre**
- **Rowland Road WMC**

Most of the installed devices have been successfully registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians being confirmed at these locations.

The remaining 5 locations are progressing, being at varying stages. Updates will be given to members at regular intervals.

Middleton Park

49. The committee approved 2 additional defibrillators for this ward, at venues to be suggested by Middleton Park members.

Sainsburys, (near Middleton Park Circus) has been installed, with a named Guardian at this site, with the 2nd location suggested, (**Belle Isle Stores**), on hold due to lockdown.

Following the lifting of lockdown, it is anticipated that the final Belle Isle location will be able to be progressed.

Community Engagement:

Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck ward

Holbeck Residents Meeting

50. Following on from the Holbeck Residents meeting noted at the last Inner South Community Committee, we took a slightly different route for community engagement in Cottingley and on 9th December joined in with the established Cottingley TRAC

(tenants and residents group) meeting mechanism. Cllr Almass attended on behalf of the ward members.

51. We're currently engaging with the Beeston Forum to replicate this 'we'll come to you' approach at their next meeting – the date is to be decided. As social media is still our easiest mechanism to reach a large proportion of the ward, we're sharing info, consultations and good news stories as often as we can. Current examples include sharing the consultation documentation regarding the IS CC funded Creation Order in relation to the rough path behind Asda on Old Lane in Beeston and the Your Voice survey for residents suggestions to make improvements to Cottingley.

Covid-19 Meeting

52. On 28 Jan 2021 colleagues from the Communities Team, Public Health and Environmental Health came together with local ward members to formulate a plan to tackle the increasing transmission rate seen in the ward from 24 December, when the rates began to spike dramatically and continued to be much higher than the general Leeds rate for all ages, but particularly high for the over 60s. Deep dives into the statistics revealed community transmission is high so a plan to target the spike with hyper local messages via neighbourhood social media, assessments of social distancing measures in shops (and offer improvements), plus linking up with key groups to help spread the messages is being established and rolled out. A local engagement plan and communications audit has been created and will be used to share the local messages.

Community Engagement - Hunslet & Riverside Ward

Beeston Hill Residents Meeting

53. Beeston Hill Residents virtual meeting will take place on Zoom on Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021, 6:30pm, with an update to follow in due course.

Hunslet Moor & Hall Residents Meeting

54. Hunslet Moor Residents virtual meeting has been planned for Tuesday 16^h February 2021, and will take place on Zoom.

Improving Brickfield Park

55. As part of our continued effort to improve local green spaces, Hunslet & riverside ward members alongside Communities Team, Parks and Countryside Team and Active Leeds are looking to make improvements to Brickfield Park, to ensure this space remains well used and loved. A consultation is ongoing with residents to have their say over improvements to this important piece of green space. Brickfield Park is located on Lady Pitt Lane next to Beeston Hill and close to Lady Pitt Lane Allotments. The deadline for completing this survey is Monday 25th January 2021.

Community Engagement - Middleton Park Ward

Improving the New Forest Village Plantations

56. In total 265 responses were received to the New Forest Village Plantation improvement survey. The feedback provided detailed insights into who uses the Plantations, what they are used for, what's liked about the greenspace and what improvements could be made to enhance users' experience.

Drawing on this, Parks & Countryside officers alongside ward members were able to develop a draft schedule of improvement works which include; path resurfacing, foliage reduction and increased signage around dog fouling and littering.

Moreover, the survey feedback suggests that the Plantations are a place well used by families with young children, providing a space away from traffic where children can play, explore and 'learn about nature.' With a view to build on these assets, further consultation will take place with residents around the creation of a nature trail for children.

A community meeting is scheduled for mid-February, in which the draft improvement plans will be shared with local residents for discussion.

Love Where You Live: Belle Isle & Middleton

Grit Bins

57. In order to reduce the risk of residents slipping and injuring themselves during the colder months, (especially for older and disabled people), it has been proposed to provide additional grit bins in the Middleton Park ward.

Provision of 18 x 200lt bins including salt will be provided to Middleton Park communities and will be funded from the 2020/21 *Belle Isle & Middleton: Love Where You Live* budget.

Westwood's Working Group

58. The Westwoods working group met in January to discuss various estate and environmental improvement initiatives for the area. It was noted that issues around fly tipping and refuse fluctuate throughout the year, aligned to key periods such as Christmas and the school holidays. To help combat these issues Cleaner Neighbourhoods, Housing and Communities will create and manage a social media campaign calendar for 2021. The purpose of which is to share key information and messages with residents on the lead up to and during these busy periods.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

59. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page and COVID-19 ward groups.

Community Engagement

Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards

Beeston and Holbeck

Holbeck Core Group

60. The Holbeck core group met on the 22nd October 2020 and was facilitated by colleagues from Active Leeds about the Get Set Leeds Local project. As members will be aware, Active Leeds had been successful in securing funding from Sport England for 4 of the priority neighbourhoods, of which the Holbeck neighbourhood is one. The meeting provided an opportunity for stakeholders to come together and discuss how this funding could make the best impact in the area and how it could also ensure that all the communities in Holbeck could access these opportunities.

With changing demands and officer roles having to be re-assigned to prioritise the COVID-19 response, one to one meetings with individual service partners have been held in addition to the core group meetings.

The Communities Team will continue to work with the core groups to co-develop local support and provide the opportunities for partners to update on work and initiatives, which have been progressing in the area.

Middleton Park

Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

61. Digital exclusion was highlighted as priority issue by several partners at October's Belle Isle and Middleton NIB meeting. As a result, a 'Digital Exclusion in Focus' meeting was organised in order to bring local partners together to:

- develop a clearer understanding of the challenges digital exclusion poses to local projects, services and people
- find out from one another, what resources and support are available locally to tackle digital exclusion
- become aware of emerging opportunities to work together to address digital exclusion at ward-level

The meeting was designed with oversight from 100% Leeds and chaired by Councillor Groves and BITMO's Community and Tenant Support Manager, Carla Yeomans; anchoring the partnership approach desired to tackle this issue.

From the information shared at this meeting we:

- Created a digital support asset map detailing the various places / services across the ward where people can access digital equipment, guidance and support.
- Established an 'LS10 Digital Network' Whatsapp group, a place where partners can share information quickly, keep up to date with the latest funding opportunities and troubleshoot any digital challenges.
- Linked up organisations with digital inclusion project ideas with relevant funding opportunities.

Going forward, we will be exploring the feasibility of setting up a digital device recycle scheme for the ward.

Hunslet & Riverside

Beeston Hill Core Group.

62. With changing demands and officer roles having to be re-assigned to prioritise the COVID-19 response, one to one meetings with individual service partners have been held in addition to the core group meetings.

The nature of the pandemic has resulted in an increased demand for services with the needs of residents becoming increasingly complex. Services are also seeing an increase in new residents accessing services that hadn't previously sought assistance. It is inevitable that these challenges and its effects will ensue throughout and after the pandemic and the demand on services will intensify.

63. One of these challenges includes the widening gap in digital inequality. With more residents having to work, learn and interact online during the pandemic, the gap has widened for those who lack digital skills or access. The digital divide and exclusion has also intensified for migrant families, where parents are unable to support with their children's education and projects like the homework club run by Hamara (which had been offering this support), had to temporarily close.

64. A number of initiatives have since been developed in Leeds to address digital exclusion, such as the Leeds Tech Angels scheme led by Digital Access West Yorkshire and the COVID-19 fund launched by the Leeds City Digital Partnerships team, in partnership with Forum Central and 100% Digital Leeds. The funding will enable organisations to use digital solutions to work more effectively in lockdown or to directly support residents by providing data packages and / or equipment. Local organisations Holbeck Together and Hamara were successful in securing £750 and £1,000 respectively from the COVID-19 fund.

65. During the summer the two Inner South Community Hubs (Hunslet and Dewsbury Rd) resumed a limited service, which meant a number of support services that had previously been on offer such as the Job shop, activities for children and access to study space have all had to be put on hold. The Support Hub at 5 Recreation View has also been closed during the course of the pandemic. Whilst services are still available online, through pre-booked appointments and by phone, the frontline face to face offer for residents has unfortunately been restricted. As a result, the number of people accessing support services had reduced including contact from regular service users.

The Communities Team will continue to work with the core groups to co-develop local support and provide the opportunities for partners to update on work and initiatives, which have been progressing in the area.

Local Centres Programme (LCP)

All Wards

66. Businesses for whom we have email addresses around the city are sent weekly updates (excluding 2 week Christmas break) on news to help them manage their business amidst the Covid nightmare. The Updates are also intended to provide confidence and a chance for businesses to circulate the business to their neighbours.
67. New signage was placed at 120 local shopping areas (roughly 4 per ward) across the city in December. This included rules on facemasks, NHS app etc. (A copy of the poster is attached.) The A3 corex signs were placed on lighting columns at the following Inner South locations on the assumption they are main footfall areas - as supermarkets arrange their own exterior signage:

<u>Beeston & Holbeck</u>
Cottingley Vale - LS11 0JY Post by Pharmacy
Dewsbury Rd - LS11 7JX KFC (111 D121)
Dewsbury Rd - Park House B&B (101 D121)
Top Moor Side LS11 9LW Holbeck Wines (3 T315)
Beeston Rd - LS11 7HX Deli Snacks (6 B267)
Middleton Ring Rd - LS11 5LG Bensons (S224)
Lodge Lane (Beeston Hill shops) - LS11 6AZ (267)
<u>Hunslet & Riverside</u>
Dewsbury Rd - LS11 5EG Royal Smokehouse (47 D121)
Dewsbury Rd - LS11 5HZ Sheik General Store (57 D121)
Balm Road – Pelican Crossing post by shops Hunslet Carr Fisheries

Church St - LS10 2AP Light column behind phone boxes
<u>Middleton Park</u>
Belle Isle Parade - LS10 3AH Andys Barbers (B3 254)
St George's Rd post near Bus stop near Shopping Centre (2 S1121)
Middleton Park Circus - LS10 4LU Betfred (8 M275)
Middleton Park Circus LS10 4HP Mobys Fish n Chips (4 M275)

Additionally, more queueing vinyls were provided for businesses to place outside their shop to ensure queueing safety. (1,700 have now been circulated outside the city centre)

68. **Middleton Park** – The Town Team was emailed asking when they would like the next Town Team meeting. They decided that rather than hold Zoom meetings (as are being undertaken in some areas) they would like to wait until the pandemic is over. In the meantime they get information via the weekly updates and I visit the area on a roughly monthly basis as part of my ongoing checks of all shopping areas outside the city centre. On my most recent catch up the Town Team member for Middleton Shopping Centre confirmed they are circulating information we send to them.

At the start of this year I contacted the markets manager who met with the town team last year, to check they can still progress with street markets in Middleton Circus. They confirmed this is still the intention once we have confirmed to them it is safe to do so.

I am linking with Regeneration over some upgrading to Council owned shops in Belle Isle and Sissons Mount. Funding for this is being considered through HAP. Businesses in the shopping centre advised that fly tipping was not being removed by the overseeing agent. I have contacted them and copied in Ward Members and relevant contacts in the Council.

69. **Hunslet and Riverside** – Similarly Dewsbury Rd Town Team businesses have decided to not hold meetings until the pandemic is over. In the meantime they get information via the weekly updates and I visit the area on a roughly fortnightly basis. The information is circulated by Town Team trader contacts and they regularly update me on items of interest.

70. Penny Hill – the shopping arcade has received a slight facelift on soft landscaping. I have written to the agency asking for further improvements (and will copy Ward Members in on anything received). A proposal is being drawn up for creating a village square and pocket park between the library and Penny Hill shops in addition to an improved activities area outside the refurbished Hub. The activities area is progressing and funding has been secured however an estimate of the costs is still

being awaited for the remainder of the project (the square, soft landscaping etc). Once the costs are received a meeting will be held with ward members to determine the best way forward.

71. **Beeston and Holbeck** – Despite being in lockdown, in February businesses in Holbeck, Cross Flatts, Old Land and Dewsbury Rd (both sides of the road) from Tommy Wass to Cross Flatts Park were visited, to obtain contact details to send updates to. Many shops were shut and some had significant queues, but despite this 20 new contacts were made. This will hopefully enable messages to be shared and also spread to neighbouring businesses.

Community Hubs Update

72. Dewsbury Road and Hunslet continue to provide a public service but in a further restricted way due to the current lockdown. St Georges Centre remains closed for Hub services due to the wider space and controlled environment required by the NHS.
73. Customer services enquiries are dealt in a twofold way - quick enquiries are dealt with on site, but for lengthy enquiries an appointment is made the customer will receive a call back by the Hub officer. Trussell Trust and Local Welfare Support payment vouchers continue to be issued, and customers are able to drop off benefit proofs and council tenancy keys. Issuing of temporary parking permits have temporarily been suspended in the current lockdown. Library browsing has also been suspended in the current lockdown but customers are able to order and collect library books. More public access computers are now available on a pre-booked basis (13 at Dewsbury Road and 16 at Hunslet). The use of these computers has been restricted in the current lockdown for emergency and job search use only. The Credit Union remains open at Dewsbury Road.
74. Employment – as part of an ESIF contract and in partnership with Employment and Skills, the service will be transitioning to provide a more extensive support package to those seeking employment and during their initial period in a new job. Additionally iPad lending has been made available (13 at Dewsbury Road and 16 at Hunslet) to enable those who do not have internet access to be able to job search and make job applications from home.
75. Healthy Holidays – in a continuation of the support programme which ran over the summer holiday, children affected by food insecurity received food hampers and activity packs over the Christmas holiday period.
76. Telephone support - staff have helped to resource a number of telephone services: the Test and Trace programme - making outbound calls to residents who have been advised to self-isolate; calls to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents who have requested a call back; the LWSS line; and council tax and benefit line

77. Census – preparation is underway for Dewsbury Road to be a Census Support Centre for residents who will need support to complete their census return.

78. Hub and Library opening hours public consultation – to fulfil the budgetary savings that the service needs to make an online public consultation is taking place throughout January 2021, on the standardisation of opening across the Hub and Library service.

Housing Advice Panel (HAP) Update

Inner South Housing Advisory Panel (ISHAP) for April-December 2020.

79. The ISHAP meet to consider the funding of environmental and community projects and services that benefit our housing Leeds Tenants, in the wards of Beeston and Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside and Middleton Park. The HAP is represented by three ward members, Councillors Angela Gabriel, Elizabeth Nash and Paul Truswell.

This year we have gained two new Tenant HAP members each in their 40's and 2 more HAP friends.

Funding Priorities:

80. The 2020/21 priorities of the panel are outlines in the 'Plan on a page'

- Enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including initiatives which address parking, fly-tipping, dog-fouling and overgrown shrubs and trees.
- To contribute to projects which will give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of their general health and well-being, especially social isolation and mental health.
- Support applications with other council teams, service providers and voluntary organisations to address social problems including burglary, ASB, drugs and domestic violence.
- Assist tenants affected by universal credit and other welfare reforms through projects which include digital inclusion, work preparation and budgeting.

81. Budget:

- Total Budget for 2020/21 of £44,654.25.
- The total spend for the year to date is £13,535.92

82. Projects:

Of the 13 projects that have been brought to panel so far:

- 10 were approved
- 2 were rejected
- 1 has been deferred

Of the 13 approved projects 12 were community support projects leaving 1 as environmental projects to fund a parking sign.

Community Bids

83. £10,500 of the Community bids went to the groups and charities to support people who were struggling to pay for food during this year's pandemic.

£2684.24 was spent on three projects to support families/children's wellbeing. The funding provided, table tennis sets and games sets from Active Leeds, 8 sessions of doorstep dance sessions run by DAZL and Festive Decorations for school children with which to brighten their homes.

£320 worth of litter picking equipment was supplied to Westwood Primary school to support the teaching of community pride and skills and to improve the environment.

Working in Partnership

84. Housing Managers continue to support the IS HAP by attending meetings to provide up to date information about rent, voids and Annual Home Visits performance data so panel members are clear about what is happening in their area. Performance information is put in context both with issues affecting our communities in relation to citywide data and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These reports indicate performance in Inner south Leeds continues to be on track.

Working in partnership with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the IS HAP. The details noted earlier regarding funding bids clearly shows this is working in practice as both groups make sure tenants and residents benefit from this joint working approach in the range of projects funded. The IS HAP and Community Committee work carefully to make the best use of available funds, get value for money and use money wisely to benefit our communities.

Inner South HAP for 2021/22

85. The HAP are keen to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

HAP's move towards more use of social media to promote the works and gain potential bids from the wider community has encouraged different groups to apply for funding. We continue to recruit HAP members across the city and, it is hoped, social media will play a strong role in this process and in appealing to our younger tenants. Each HAP area now has its own officer run HAP Facebook page on which bids, action logs and agendas are published.

Housing Leeds Purchased a year's Trial of an engagement software which we are calling 'Your Voice Leeds' this is a bespoke consultation tool which housing will use for some of its tenancy consultations and service reviews. We may use this in future to review Housing Advisory Panel bids and similar consultation.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

86. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

87. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

88. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

89. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

90. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

91. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

92. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

93. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹ None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.

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Inner South Community Committee Facebook Page and COVID-19 Groups

Appendix 1

Highlights

16th December 2020 – 12th January 2021

Inner South Community Committee Facebook Page

Since 16th December 2020 the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **1 new page 'likes'** (and currently has) **1,203 page likes** (as of 12th January 2021). It has gained **2 new followers** since the last update, making a total of **1,382 followers** in total.

This means that this is the **second** most popular Community Committee page.

There are two things to note in general:

- 'reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'engagement' is the number of reactions, comments or shares

Engagement tends to be a better way of gauging if people are interested and have read the posts because they wouldn't have interacted with it otherwise. For example, a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read it, the engagement is 0 and it hasn't been an effective way for the Community Committee to communicate.

However, all posts can be read without any further interaction.

The **most popular post** since the 16th December 2020 was the posting regarding *Improving Brickfield Park*. This has:

- been shared 2 times
- reached a total of 237 people

The following (below), are screenshots of the three most popular posts since the 16th December 2020.

Alongside it are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

1st Place – Improving Brickfield Park

237 people had this post delivered to them and it had 38 post clicks, with 10 likes, comments and shares.

Improving Brickfield Park – Have your say

Whether you currently use Brickfield Park or not, we would like to hear your views on how this green space could be improved.

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say over improvements to an important piece of green space. Brickfield Park is located on Lady Pitt Lane next to Beeston Hill and close to Lady Pitt Lane Allotments.

We have been able to secure some funding for improvements for Brickfield Park. We would like to know your views and ideas about how you think we should spend this to money to improve it.

To find out more and share your thoughts, please follow this link below:
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/RXUPN7/>

As part of our continued effort to improve local green spaces, Hunslet & riverside ward members and Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Team are looking to make improvements to Brickfield Park to ensure this space remains well used and loved.

The deadline for completing this survey is Monday 25th January 2021. If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the survey please contact: parks@leeds.gov.uk .



 **Get more likes, comments and shares**
When you boost this post, you'll show it to more people.

237 People reached	48 Engagements	Boost Post
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2nd Place – Following the latest national lockdown we will unfortunately be closing the facilities

192 people had this post delivered, with **5** post clicks with **12** reactions, comments & shares.

Following the latest national lockdown we will unfortunately be closing the facilities listed:

- Skateparks
- Outdoor Gyms
- Multi Use Games Areas
- Golf Courses
- Sports Facilities (Bowling greens, Football pitches, Tennis Courts)
- Home Farm - Temple Newsam
- Lotherton Wildlife World

The following will remain open:

- All parks and greenspaces, crematoria and burial grounds
- Lotherton Hall as a free to access park
- Playgrounds
- Cycle trails and BMX tracks
- Café as takeaways
- Concessions in parks
- The Arium

Our volunteering program will continue at this current time.
Please contact parks@leeds.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Stay safe and enjoy your local greenspaces!



Leeds Parks and Countryside Service is  sharing a COVID-19 update.
5 January

 Like Page

Following the latest national lockdown we will unfortunately be closing the facilities listed:-

- Skateparks
- Outdoor Gyms
- Multi Use Games Areas
- Golf Cours...

[See more](#)

192

People reached

17

Engagements

Boost Unavailable

3rd Place – Last week we put a call out for people to donate their old tech - laptops and tablets.

139 people had this post delivered to them. There were 7 post clicks and 5 reactions, comments and shares

Last week we put a call out for people to donate their old tech - laptops and tablets especially. You'll have seen on BBC Yorkshire and the national news how children are struggling to access online school. So many people stepped up to help, we can't thank you enough. But the demand is huge - children in our city need our help so please keep them coming.

We are especially grateful to Manning Stainton Estate Agents who don't have any spare tech just now whilst a lot of their staff are working from home but were still keen to help. They have made a generous donation which will help TechAngels upgrade some of the laptops they have had donated and also supply children with dongles and sim cards so they can access the internet.

It's always humbling when so many people respond to our calls for help - we don't take it for granted.

If you have any tech to offer, find out more here <http://ow.ly/glQQ50D4AOY>



139
People reached

12
Engagements

Boost Unavailable

COVID-19 Ward Based Facebook Groups

The Communities Team have set up **33** ward based **Coronavirus Help Facebook Groups** as a way of promoting services, supporting communities and cascading information in an attempt to tackle the Coronavirus pandemic. Key charities, voluntary groups, community groups, Councillors, as well as the wider population in the local community are all invited to join the pages.

To date, **Beeston, Holbeck & Cottingley Hall** has **408** members, **Belle Isle and Middleton** has **76** members and **Hunslet & Riverside** has **112** members

Belle Isle and Middleton Coronavirus Help Group

FACEBOOK highlights

16th December 2020 – 12th January 2021

Since 16th December 2020 the Belle Isle and Middleton Coronavirus help group has gained: **0 new page 'members'** (and currently has) **47 page members** (as of 12th January 2021).

The following below, is a screenshot of the top post since the 16th December 2020. Alongside it are the figures for how many people have 'seen' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

Top post –The Leeds coronavirus helpline is there to help anyone self-isolating due to COVID-19 and in need of support.

10 people have seen this post and it had 2 likes.



LJ Bambury shared a link.
Admin · 5 January at 12:03 ·



The Leeds coronavirus helpline is there to help anyone self-isolating due to COVID-19 and in need of support. Find out how at the link below:



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People and communities

Find out how council services are affected and how to get help.



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Hunslet & Riverside Coronavirus Help Group

FACEBOOK highlights

16th December 2020 – 12th January 2021

Since 16th December 2020 the Hunslet & Riverside Coronavirus help group has gained: **1 new page 'member'** (and currently has) **112 page members** (12th January 2021).

The following below, is a screenshot of the top post since the 16th December 2020. Alongside it are the figures for how many people have 'seen' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

Top post – Leeds Remains in Tier 3 Restrictions

30 people have seen this post and it had 2 shares and 2 comment.



Cllr Paul Wray shared a post.

30 December 2020 at 15:12 · 🌐

⚠️ Leeds Remains in Tier 3 Restrictions: Following today's review, the Government has confirmed Leeds (and West Yorkshire) remains in its current tier 📢 #Hunslet #HunsletMoor #HunsletGreen #HunsletCarr #Beeston #BeestonHill #LeedsCityCouncil #Covid19



HM Government NHS

CORONAVIRUS TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT

gov.uk/coronavirus

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BAR, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No meeting of households, indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support facilities. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	Hospitality is closed, with the exception of take-away, takeaway, or delivery.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early year settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Clubs, other organised activities for children, and leisure facilities permitted.	Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	Closed (with limited exceptions).	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes. All for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Indoor venues closed.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	ACADEMICS	REGISTRATION	LEISURE
Travel restrictions apply to all non-UK citizens and non-EU citizens. Travel restrictions apply to all non-UK citizens and non-EU citizens.	Academic institutions should remain open. All other leisure facilities should remain closed.	Registration of interest should remain open. All other leisure facilities should remain closed.	Leisure facilities should remain closed.

For support and more information visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

Cllr Paul Wray
30 December 2020 at 15:10 · 🌐
⚠️ Leeds Remains in Tier 3 Restrictions: Following today's review, the Government has confirmed Leeds (and West Yorkshire) remains in its current tier 📢 #Hunslet #HunsletMoor #HunsletGreen #HunsletCarr #Beeston #BeestonHill #LeedsCityCouncil #Covid19

2 comments 2 shares seen by

**Beeston, Holbeck & Cottingley Hall
Coronavirus Help Group**

FACEBOOK highlights

16th December 2020 – 12th January 2021

Since 16th December 2020 the Beeston, Holbeck & Cottingley Hall Coronavirus help group has gained: **0 new page 'members'** (and currently has) **408 page members** (as of 12th January 2021).

The following below, is a screenshot of the top post since the 16th December 2020. Alongside it are the figures for how many people have 'seen' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

Top post – Merry Xmas one & all!

183 people have seen this post and it had **8** likes and **3** shares.



Gohar Almass shared a post.
23 December 2020 at 19:34 · 🌐

Cottingley Hall

Gohar Almass is with Pervez Akhtar and 57 others.
23 December 2020 at 19:09 · 🌐

Merry Xmas one & all !!!

[View insights](#) 183 post reach >

👍 8 3 shares

Top Post!!

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Report of: Martin Farrington, Director of City Development

Report to: Inner South Community Committee
[Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside, Middleton Park]

Report author: Finn Campbell, 0113 37 89803

Date: 3rd March 2021 **To note**

Inner South Community Committee – Draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy – Consultation

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

Main Issues

2. The draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy details how we are going to achieve our vision for Leeds, "to be a city where you don't need a car". The strategy outlines the key challenges and opportunities facing the city, our "big moves" and targets for 2030 in order to achieve the city wide vision, support the three overarching objectives to tackle Climate Change, deliver Inclusive Growth and improve Health and Wellbeing.
3. In order to realise our vision, meet our objectives and continue to deliver transformational change we need to work with individuals and businesses, regional bodies including the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Transport for the North as well as Central Government.
4. It is clear however that these actions alone will not be enough to meet the scale of the climate emergency challenge facing us all and that further measures need to be considered as part of the Transport Strategy's development. The draft strategy therefore presents options to allow the continuation of our transport conversation with everyone in the city to agree the Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

About the consultation

5. This consultation is an opportunity for everyone inform the final strategy and join the conversation to shape transport policy.
6. A copy of the executive summary for the strategy is attached to this report. Full copies of the report and online questionnaire are available here: www.leeds.gov.uk/transportconversation. As part of the consultation process a webinar series has been launched to discuss topics of the strategy in more detail. All sessions are free and can be joined via a computer, smartphone or landline number. Further details can be found on the above address.
7. In addition to the webinars, we will be attending all community committees over the next couple of months as well dedicated sessions with seldom heard and equality groups. Printed copies of the strategy and questionnaire are available on requests and are supplied with a freepost return envelope. These can be requested via email at transport.strategy@leeds.gov.uk.
8. The consultation is live until Friday 26th March 2021.

Inner South Area

9. The draft strategy sets out our proposed approach to transport policy for the whole city. Whilst the strategy is not spatially defined, policies and measures detailed in the document and subsequent action plans will cover the Inner South Area.
10. The consultation on the draft strategy is opportunity to highlight issues effecting the local area.
11. There will be an opportunity for questions from elected members and residents after the presentation.

Recommendations

12. The Inner South Community Committee members are requested to note the contents of this report and the attached Executive Summary of the draft transport Strategy and contribute to the live consultation.

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TRANSFORMING TRAVEL



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Connecting Leeds **Transport Strategy**

Executive Summary

Foreword

Our ambition for Leeds is to have a strong economy within a compassionate city.

To achieve this goal we are committed to delivering the priorities set out in our Inclusive Growth and Health and Well-Being Strategies, and doing all that we can to tackle climate change. The extent to which we are able to deliver success in these areas will be influenced by the action we take to transform mobility and connectivity in the city, the region and wider north.



We are a city ready to move forward together - sitting proudly at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse. With the arrival of High Speed 2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail transforming our intercity connections we need to ensure that mobility in Leeds in the next decade supports sustainable economic development for everyone. Delivering transformational economic growth not only in Leeds but across the city region and the north; creating a strong labour market with increased access to jobs and talent and opportunities for everyone is at the heart of our strategy.

Over the last few years we have seen significant transport investment which has made our city easier to walk, cycle and travel by public transport in. At the same time, the effect of overdependence on private cars on us, our families

and communities has become ever clearer. It has contributed to an increase in poor public health across our city, with streets that can often be polluted and unwelcoming places to live, walk or cycle. It is also bad for business with millions of pounds of lost productivity caused by congestion.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we live our lives, from how and where we work to how we spend our leisure time. Whilst we do not know the long term effects that this will have on our lives we do know that people want to walk and cycle more.

Our vision for Leeds is for a city where walking, cycling and green public transport become the most appealing, practical and best value choices for many more journeys. Where streets are attractive spaces for everyone to enjoy.

This strategy outlines how we aim to put walking, cycling and green public transport infrastructure first, the challenges we face as a city but also the opportunities there are to continue to transform travel in Leeds. The strategy will also set out big moves and how we are going to deliver the change required.

With the Climate Emergency declaration, how we manage and plan transport has important implications for our streets, public places, and future growth as a city but most importantly for everyone, who lives, works or travels in Leeds. We have started to take action to address the levels of congestion, crowding and unreliability on our transport network. However, there is more that can be done to improve everyone's experience of travel in our city.

There is no single solution. We need to continue to get people to move away from their cars to deliver an affordable, reliable, safe and zero carbon public transport network for the city which supports streets for people and unlocks the power of transport for a fairer, greener and more prosperous Leeds.

Councillor Judith Blake. Leader Leeds City Council

Executive Summary

This executive summary provides an overview of the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy. It outlines our vision, objectives and big moves which combined will support the inclusive growth strategy, climate emergency ambition and health and wellbeing strategies.



Our vision for Leeds is to be a city where **you don't need a car.**

Where everyone has an **affordable zero carbon choice** in how they travel.

We want to **Connect Leeds, Connect Communities, and Connect Businesses** together in the most sustainable ways.

This means a city:

Where walking and cycling are the first choice for short journeys, creating safe and healthy environments where active travel is prioritised and road danger is eliminated;

With a fully integrated low carbon transport network with a network of modes – each of them accessible, viable and sustainable, which together will connect everybody with everything. By reducing transport's damaging impact on the environment, we will support Leeds commitment to becoming a carbon neutral city by 2030.

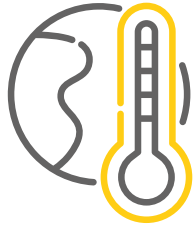
With decreased car dependence, with a shared go anywhere active and public transport network. That enables people to make choices that are right for them by providing smart, reliable, real time, multi-modal travel information, or making use of technology to decide not to travel at all.

With efficient land use for a well-connected productive city centre, moving more people not vehicles – prioritising mass transit, buses and active modes of travel.

That enables everyone to have equal access to the same opportunities. Where the cost of travel is reduced and people need to travel less.

The Objectives

We want to ensure economic opportunities are available to everyone, create a healthy and caring city for all and through a range of travel choices address the climate emergency, by moving away from personal car ownership, towards a shared, go anywhere low carbon transport network. To support our vision for Leeds we have three over-arching objectives in the transport strategy.



TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges we face globally and as a major city we have a key role to play. We declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and pledged to make Leeds carbon neutral by 2030. In order to meet our 2030 target we must persuade people to adopt more sustainable travel choices by:

- ❑ Reducing the need for travel and the number of car journeys, especially at peak times
- ❑ Encouraging people to choose active travel and public transport
- ❑ Improving the efficiency of the transport network and make better use of our road space
- ❑ Encouraging the uptake of zero emission vehicles in freight, public and private transport



DELIVERING INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Ensuring that as Leeds continues to grow, that this is inclusive and benefits all our citizens and communities. The Leeds Inclusive Growth strategy sets out 12 big ideas to encourage inclusive growth. In order to support the delivery of inclusive growth and make Leeds an attractive city for business to grow and invest in, we are going to:

- ❑ Support individuals access more employment opportunities through a comprehensive transport network
- ❑ Develop and regenerate places through continued investment in transport infrastructure
- ❑ Improve productivity by investing in a more time and cost efficient transport system
- ❑ Lower the cost of mobility, ensuring transport is affordable for everyone



IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Health and Wellbeing strategy sets out 12 priority areas to help Leeds become the best city for health and wellbeing. "We want Leeds to be the most active city in England" and our priority is to get more people active more often. To improve health and wellbeing we are going to:

- ❑ Ensure walking and cycling are the first choice for the shortest journeys improving physical health
- ❑ Reduce the negative effects of transport on our local communities, improving air quality and reducing CO2 Emissions
- ❑ Help make Leeds the best city to grow old in and a child friendly city through making streets accessible to all
- ❑ Eliminate road danger by adopting a Vision Zero approach to road accidents

Big Moves

We have identified six big moves that will be the focus of the Transport Strategy. We believe these six big moves will move us towards achievement of our vision, objectives and targets.

Our Big Moves are supported by 12 policy areas, it is a combination of these policy areas that will deliver and ultimately enable our big moves to become successful.



De-carbonising Transport

Reducing the need to travel, re-mode how we travel away from private car use and encouraging further uptake of alternative fuelled vehicles and the infrastructure they need.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Re-mode how we travel - making it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport.
- Reducing the need to travel - making it easier to access the same opportunities and amenities without having to travel as far.
- Support the uptake of alternative fuelled vehicles and associated infrastructure through publication of our Alternative Fuelled Vehicle Strategy
- Commit to all new infrastructure being carbon neutral and carbon negative where possible
- Continue to improve local environments through the planting of street trees, contributing to our wider ambition to create new woodlands through the planting of over 5.8 million trees

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Trial new technologies to make it easier to adopt low carbon choices such as on-street electrical vehicle charging points
- Work with partners to make it easier for everyone to access services closer to home.
- Ensure low carbon mobility choices are available throughout Leeds, serving the routes and locations people need.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How we can further incentivise people to use the low carbon public transport network in partnership with the Combined Authority and bus operators.
- A low carbon zone, this could be similar to the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in London, where the most polluting vehicles are subject to greatest charges based on CO2 emissions.



Creating healthier streets, spaces and communities

Ensuring walking and cycling are the first choice for the shortest trips, creating places and spaces where people want to spend time which are inclusive and accessible to all.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Provide accessible, well designed space for walking and cycling, including developing local cycling and walking infrastructure plans for all Leeds Communities.
- Use street space more efficiently by tackling congestion and reducing traffic.
- Ensure our streets are safer for everyone by working with partners to reduce crime and anti social-behaviour
- Work with accessibility and inclusivity groups on the development of a street charter to reduce barriers to travel
- Maintain the Outer Ring Road as the primary route for vehicle trips around the city in order to support the transformation of our local streets.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Adopt Vision Zero approach to road safety, where all accidents are preventable and liability is shared between, road users, engineers and road operators
- Create and support an integrated, connected network for all modes, enabling longer trips to be undertaken sustainably building on the 20 minute neighbourhood concept
- Lobby for greater allocation of funding for these types of measures, which are currently more challenging to fund
- Monitor our Active Travel Neighbourhood trials to see if they encourage people to walk and cycle more but also reduce rat-running
- Review parking management measures across the Leeds district to include more spaces for cycles, car clubs and Electric Vehicle charging
- Tackle barriers to active travel including bike storage at home and access to training
- Develop a local shared ownership model for transport within communities through the provision of car clubs and bike sharing.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- Different parking management measures to reduce vehicle dominated environments and incentives the uptake of alternatively fuelled vehicles.



Transform the city centre

Continue to deliver and develop transformational change in the city centre as a place for people and seamlessly integrating all modes, supporting role of Leeds as a local, regional and national economic hub.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Deliver transformational change through the delivery of our new gateway locations on the Headrow, Park Row and the Corn Exchange making it easier to travel for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users
- Invest in the city centre as a national, regional and local transport hub

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Encourage and facilitate traffic to move around the city centre rather than through it with the closure of City Square.
- Create a network of open and green spaces within our streets that make the city centre more attractive supporting the Our Spaces Strategy
- Support the role of Leeds City Station, enhancing its role as a regional transport hub and enabling for the integration of high speed rail
- Maintaining the Inner Ring Road to help facilitate the transformation of the city centre whilst also ensuring we reduce the physical barrier it places between communities, making it easier for people to access the city centre.
- Review our parking strategy including park and ride facilities.
- Re-assess how we use our existing water and rail network to best service the city especially in relation to freight.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- A workplace parking levy, this could charge employers who provide workplace parking, with monies raised being ring-fenced to invest back into transport.



Enhance Public Transport

Building on the successes we have had in recent years in improving bus and rail services and working with partners to ensure the meet the current and future needs of users.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Work with partners to secure the investment needed to deliver transformational improvements to the rail network
- Work in partnership with the Combined Authority and the operators to create the best bus system which is an attractive and natural choice for everyone.
- Upgrade key bus corridors (including provision of additional bus priority measures) to provide fast & reliable high frequency bus services.
- Deliver City Centre Gateways to transform the public transport experience across the city.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Develop our park and ride offer on key radial routes across the city.
- Upgrade all key bus corridors across the city to provide a core network of high frequency bus services.
- Promote demand responsive transport services to offer flexibility and connectivity across the city in areas not well served by traditional bus services.
- Work with the Combined Authority, bus operators and technology firms to encourage service and product innovations.
- Create a well connected and seamless network of active travel and public transport infrastructure and services with integrated ticketing and payment options.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How different transport operating models could improve the public transport provision in the city
- How we can provide reasonably priced fares that further incentivise people to use the public transport network in partnership with the Combined Authority.

New Mobility Solutions

Thinking about transport differently, focusing on shared mobility and how we pay for transport, encouraging flexible transport choices and using technologies to improve mobility in the city.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Consider new technologies and innovative approaches to delivery that can open new opportunities for travel including shared mobility and micro mobility modes.
- Continue our work with taxi and private hire vehicles to provide the best service for Leeds
- Continue to support the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in the development of the Demand Responsive Transport trial.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Deliver mobility hubs across the city where several modes can be accessed in one location integrating transport
- Ensure accessibility considered as a whole system across the council, with transport acknowledged as just a single element alongside spatial planning and technology
- Define our Shared Transport Vision to include car clubs, bikes and scooters

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How autonomous vehicles can play a future role in mobility within the city.
- How we can support the better integration of freight services and local deliveries to reduce van mileage in the city
- Enhanced shared ownership models and how we can integrate shared transport modes into our existing mobility services, ensuring they are affordable and offer value for money

Deliver a Mass Transit Network

Delivering a low carbon mass transit in Leeds, enhancing the transformational work already going on throughout the city through partnership with the Combined Authority.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Through the Bus Alliance, continue to deliver the Connecting Leeds and West Yorkshire-Plus Transport Fund investment programmes, to help transform our bus offer in the short term.
- Work in partnership with the Combined Authority to develop and deliver an advanced Mass Transit system as quickly as possible.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Ensure that the right mass transit solution is delivered that integrates instinctively with the city and unlocks the benefits for the people of Leeds at the earliest opportunity.
- Ensure that it integrates with our existing transport network, creating an affordable, zero – carbon network
- Work with partners to secure the investment needed to deliver transformational improvements to the rail network to support the Mass Transit network

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- The further opportunities mass transit can offer for the city including the opportunities for transit oriented development



Targets

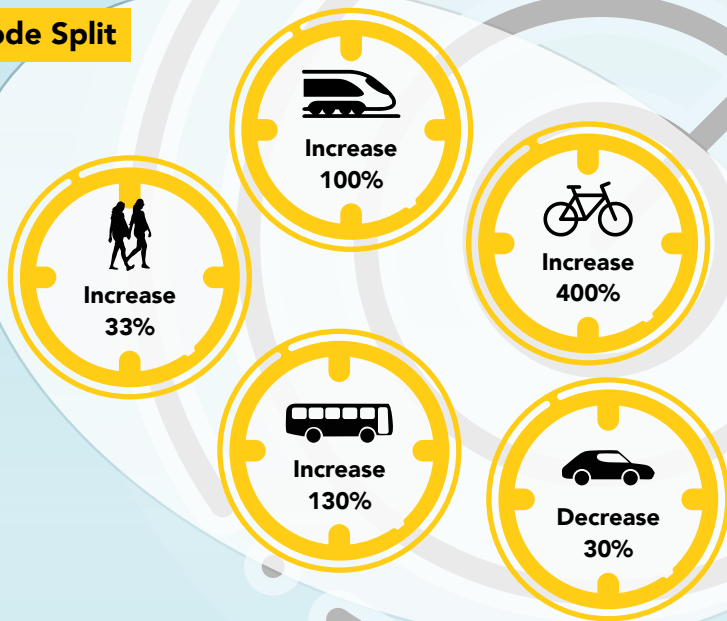
In order to achieve our strategic vision for Leeds to be a city where you don't need a car. Our overall target comprises of four components:

Climate Emergency

The Council is committed to making Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.

Mode Split

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Distance Travelled

To support our mode split targets, we need to reduce the length of car trips made in the city by 30%. That is on average 900 car miles per year.





Vision Zero

Zero people killed or serious injured on Leeds roads by 2040.

Our Big Leeds Climate Conversation, you told us that:

-  **94.8%** believe that the climate is changing
-  **93.4%** believe that climate change is due to human activity
-  **More than two-thirds** of respondents (**67.1%**) say that they already walk or cycle journeys less than a mile.
-  **13.2%** would take the bus or train more often
-  **33.2%** would pick up deliveries from a central location
-  The exception to this is that **more than a quarter (26.5%)** of respondents say that they would consider switching to an electric or hybrid car

Our 2030 average trips components

-  **31%** walking
-  **41%** private car
-  **2%** other
-  **4%** cycling
-  **22%** public transport

What you can do to help?

-  Leave the car at home one day a week
-  Visit places by public transport
-  Have a web meeting instead of travelling to the meeting
-  Walk the children to school

Meeting the Climate Emergency target

Meeting our pledge for Leeds to become carbon neutral by 2030 will be challenging. Transport accounts for 36% of all Carbon Emissions within Leeds. Our current policy projection will contribute to a reduction in CO2 emissions, however we need to do more to further reduce emissions. Our policies including our Bold and Big Moves detailed in this strategy will contribute up to a 43% reduction in CO2 emissions from transport by 2030.

The challenge in achieving net-zero carbon emissions is not one just facing Leeds, it is also facing regional and national government. The Department for Transport are currently working to a 2050 ambition for carbon neutrality and their policy projections are set out in Decarbonising Transport: Setting the challenge report. Recent announcements, bringing forward the ban on the sale of fossil fuelled vehicles to 2030 will help reduce carbon emissions however further policy actions are required.

Our Big Moves set out our focus areas for the transport strategy. To outline our proposals for each of the Big Moves, we have broken down each move into the following components:

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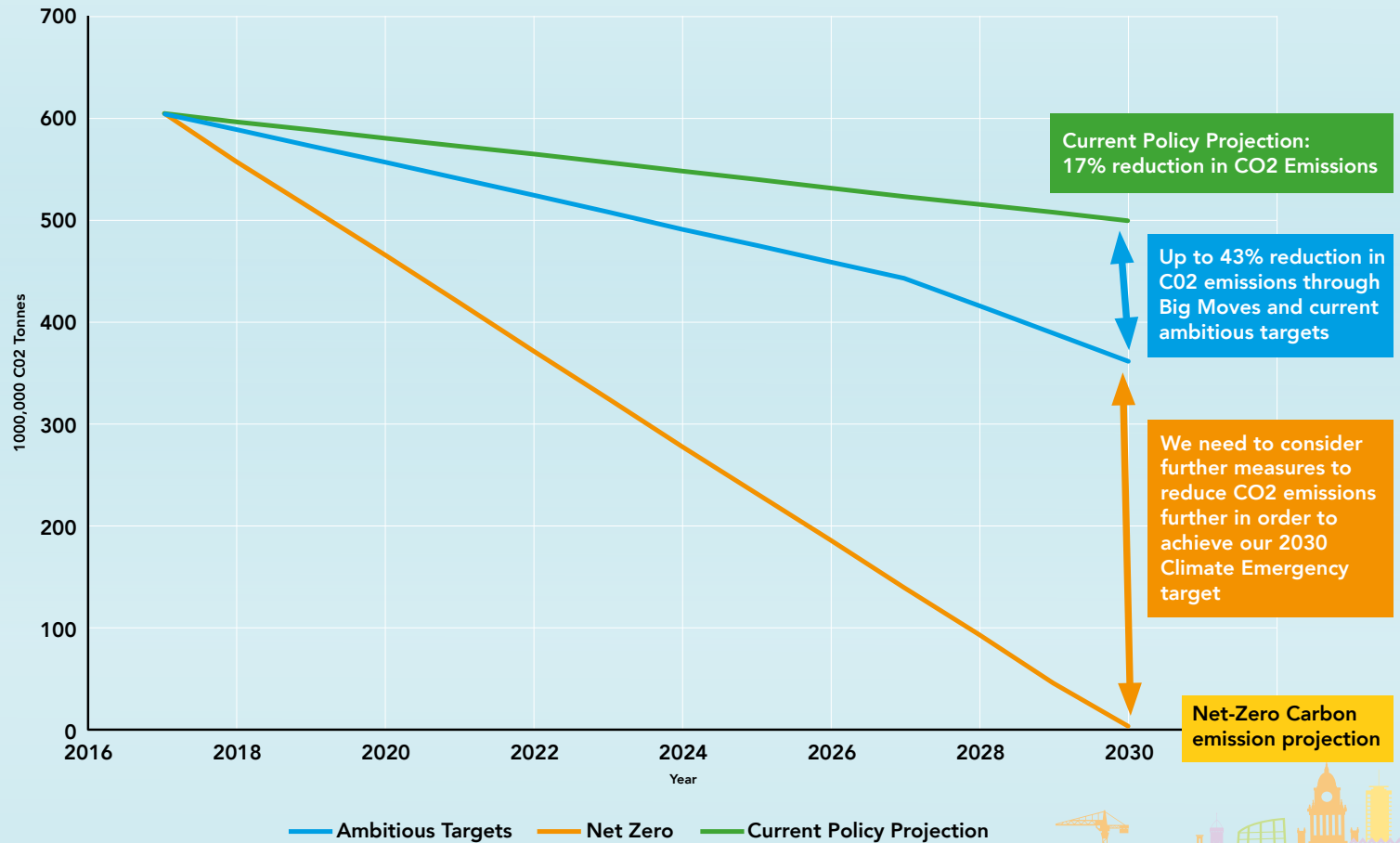
- This is where we outline what measures we are going to continue to do

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Measures we are going to introduce as part of this strategy to work towards our targets

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- Measures we need to consider going forward in order to achieve our targets
- We will require support from Central Government to enable us to make these steps and changes to national policy to enable this to be achieved



Achieving and Delivering the vision

Achieving the vision and meeting our targets will be challenging, we need others to help. In order to deliver our strategy we will develop a series of action plans, which will detail short, medium and long term measures, transforming mobility in Leeds and supporting our objectives to be the best city in the UK. It will only be by working together that we can achieve our vision.

TO DELIVER THE VISION WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS:

- We will guide the delivery of the transport strategy aligning it to support wider policies around creating an inclusive economy, health and wellbeing, well designed spaces and decarbonisation. We will lead by example. *#LeedsbyExample*
- As we deliver our Strategy we will continue to review the outcomes and where necessary make adjustments to ensure they remain relevant to achieving our goals.
- We will work collaboratively and adopt an open and committed approach to working with our partners.
- We will continue to explore a range of funding opportunities as they arise.
- We will engage with the citizens and businesses of Leeds to ensure the transport strategy meets their needs.

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TO DELIVER OUR AMBITIOUS STRATEGY, ACHIEVE OUR VISION AND MEET OUR OBJECTIVES, IT WILL TAKE A WHOLE CITY APPROACH WITH GENUINE ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FROM CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND PARTNERS.

- We ask the **citizens, visitors and businesses** to continue to engage with LCC to help inform the strategy, deliver our vision and work together to achieve these targets.
- We ask that the **Transport Expert Panel** we have established continue to support the development and delivery of mobility solutions in Leeds.
- We work in partnership with the **West Yorkshire Combined Authority** on a daily basis and will continue to do in the development and delivery of policies and priorities.

We believe that through this continued partnership approach better integration and outcomes can be delivered.

- We ask **The Government** to commit to a comprehensive long term funding package to give us certainty on our future transport investments and for co-ordination of different governmental policies.
- We ask that the government commits to the delivery of the eastern leg of **High Speed 2** to Leeds and that **Transport for the North** continues to work with us to enable the delivery of Northern Powerhouse Rail and other policies such as integrated ticketing.
- We ask **Network Rail** to work with us and the **Combined Authority** to bring forward the delivery of three new stations in Leeds as well as further improvements.
- We ask that **Highways England** works with us to reduce negative impacts of the Strategic Road Network on our the severance of our communities air quality or carbon emissions.
- We ask all **train operating companies and the DfT** to continue to invest in new greener rolling stock to increase capacity into Leeds Station and reduce overcrowding.
- We ask the **bus operators** to continue to work with us enhance bus services and vehicles across the city.
- We ask all developers support our vision for Leeds and help contribute to it and to continue to engage with us to support well connected development.

As part of our engagement strategy we are now seeking feedback on this draft strategy. Your feedback will be carefully analysed and will inform the final strategy for Leeds.

Next Steps

Public Consultation

December – February

Review of all consultation responses

February – April

Publication of new Transport Strategy

Early Summer 2021



Report of the City Solicitor

Report to: Inner South Community Committee

Beeston & Holbeck; Hunslet & Riverside; Middleton Park

Report author: Gerard Watson, Principal Governance Officer, 0113 37 88664

Date: 3rd March 2021

For decision

Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2021/2022

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

Main issues

Meeting Schedule

2. The Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee.
3. This report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2021/22, in line with previous practice. The proposed schedule has been compiled with a view to ensuring an even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year.
4. Members are also asked to note that the schedule does not set out any Community Committee themed workshops, as these can be determined by the Committee throughout the municipal year, should Members feel appropriate.

5. The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Localities team. As referenced earlier, this report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2021/22, in line with previous practice.
6. For this municipal year, efforts have been made to try and avoid scheduling multiple Community Committee meetings on the same day, in order to allow for attending officers to be present at as many Committees as possible when taking reports to all 10 Committees during a cycle. Also taken into consideration this year are the practicalities around the webcasting of meetings, and the fact that we can only webcast a maximum of 2 meetings simultaneously.
7. In terms of the format of the Community Committee meetings, as Members will be aware, over the course of 2020/21 in response to the pandemic and the restrictions in place, Community Committees initially met remotely on a consultative basis, and then remotely on a formal, decision making basis. Regarding how formal Community Committees, and other committees will meet moving forward, this is a matter which will continue to be monitored in light of how the pandemic develops and the local and national restrictions / legislation in place at the time. This will also include consideration being given to any changes made by Government to the current regulations which enable formal, decision making meetings of the Local Authority to take place remotely.
8. The proposed meeting schedule for 2021/22 is as follows:
 - Wednesday 9th June 2.00 pm
 - Wednesday 1st September 2.00 pm
 - Wednesday 24th November 2.00 pm
 - Wednesday 2nd March 2.00 pm

Meeting Days, Times and Venues

9. Currently, the Committee meets on a Wednesday at 2.00 pm - and the proposed dates (above) reflect this pattern.
10. Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people i.e. members of the public, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal working hours. Therefore, the Committee may wish to give consideration to meeting start times which would maximise the accessibility of the meetings for the community.

Options

11. Members are asked to consider whether they are agreeable with the proposed meeting schedule (above).

Corporate considerations

10a. Consultation and engagement

The submission of this report to the Community Committee forms part of the consultation process as it seeks the views of Elected Members with respect to the Community Committee meeting schedule.

In compiling the proposed schedule of meeting dates and times, the current Community Committee Chair and colleagues within the Localities team have been consulted.

10b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

In considering the matters detailed, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that the Community Committee meeting arrangements are accessible to all groups within the community.

10c. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to decisions taken by Community Committees.

Conclusion

11. The Procedure Rules require that each Community Committee will agree its schedule of meetings and that there shall be at least 4 business meetings per municipal year. With this, Members are asked to agree the arrangements for 2021/22.

Recommendations

12. Members are requested to consider the options detailed within the report and to consider and agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2021/22 municipal year (as detailed at paragraph 8).

Background information

- Not applicable

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