

Report of the Assistant Director (Citizens & Communities)

Report to: Inner South Community Committee

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For decision

Inner South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention, a summary of key work which the Area Support Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Background information

2. The Community Committee has a Community Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Community Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Community Committee, Area Lead Member roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

Main issues

3.0 Appointment to Community Committee sub groups and Community Champions

- 3.1 In recent years the Area Committee has appointed the Area Lead Member role. This process is now superseded by the Community Champions.

- 3.2 The Community Committee is being invited to appoint to the following Community Champion roles elsewhere on the agenda:

- **Environment & Community Safety**
- **Children's Services**

- **Employment, Skills and Welfare**
- **Health, Wellbeing**
- **Adult Social Care**

3.3 Members are asked to confirm representation on the following Community Committee Sub - Groups for the new municipal year:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current Appointees
Children and Young People Sub Group	3- one member per ward	Cllr Angela Gabriel, Cllr Judith Blake, Cllr Patrick Davey
Environmental Sub - Group	3 – one member per ward	Cllr Adam Ogilvie, Cllr Kim Groves , Cllr Mohammed Iqbal
Older Persons Working Group (To be considered at section 8 of the report)	3 – one member per ward	New group

3.4 Members are asked to:

- agree to establish an Older People’s Working Group and nominate one ward member from each ward

3.5 Each of these groups forms a key part in the delivery of priorities set out as part of the Inner South Community Committee Plan.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children’s Services Community Champion: Cllr Angela Gabriel

4.1 Children & Young People’s Sub Group

4.1.1 The next meeting of the working group is not scheduled but it is expected that discussions at the next meeting are likely to consider the following:

- Review of the activities funded through Youth Activities Fund
- Consideration of new projects
- Agreed timetable for the 2015/16 Youth Activities Fund
- Review of the terms of reference and membership of the group with the view of it becoming a Children & Families Sub Group
- Development of the activities brochure

5.0 Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare Community Champion: Cllr Kim Groves

5.1 Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

5.1.1 The Board last met on the 25th July 2014. The minutes from the meeting are available on request. Highlights from the meeting include:

Discussion on how all partners better work together to deliver Employment & skills work in South Leeds:

- Corporate picture
- Locality picture
- What partners are delivering/funding/programmes
- Planning future work together

Refresh of Employment, Skills & Welfare Board:

- updates on employer engagement,
- NEET data and activity and Community Learning
- Community Committee messages
- Action Plan
- The inclusion of new Board Members

Training & Employment:

- Update on Construction Apprenticeships
- Proposed construction apprenticeship event in South Leeds

Welfare Issues:

- Incapacity benefit and JSA – work to get those on incapacity back into work
- Debt Forum – city event and local work
- Money Buddy proposal

5.2 South Leeds Debt Forum

5.2.1 On Friday 13th June over 90 delegates came together from across Leeds for the annual joint Leeds Debt Forum Conference. This year was the first time South Leeds Debt Forum was represented. The event focussed on the positive steps being undertaken by Leeds City Council and local neighbourhood based organisations to combat debt and financial hardship.

5.2.2 Presentations were received from Leeds CAB, Leeds City Credit Union, Money Buddies, Leeds City Council Financial Inclusion Team and The Centre for Decision Making Research at Leeds University Business School. A full report from the conference is currently being pulled together and can be circulated on request.

6.0 Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety

Community Champion: Cllr Adam Ogilvie

6.1 Inner South Environmental Sub Group

6.1.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Inner South Environmental Sub Group held on 24th July 2014 are available on request. Highlights from this July meeting include:

- An increase in the percentage of manual and mechanical cleaning rotas delivered
- Bins in Cross Flatts Park are now emptied at weekends by the Locality Team
- Enforcement activity is being focussed on commercial waste issues at shops in Middleton Park
- Integrated services working is being piloted in Beeston Hill
- The 2013/14 SLA will continue until the re-structure of teams and work has been completed.

6.2 Community Safety

6.2.1 In March 2014 Members received a comprehensive update in relation to partnership activity to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in Inner South. This update intends to provide Members with details about the Safer Leeds plan priorities, work undertaken locally to develop tasking arrangements and how members can influence local priorities through the new tasking arrangements.

Safer Leeds Priorities

6.2.2 Leeds' ambition is to be the best city in the UK with the best Community safety Partnership and services. Our desired outcome is that people in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, streets and the places they go. The Safer Leeds Plan aims to contribute and share outcomes with the Vision for Leeds 2011 – 2030, West Yorkshire Police Crime Plan 2013 – 18 and the Safer Leeds Strategy 2014-15. This work is informed by a joint strategic assessment and approved by the Safer Leeds Executive, which comprises of a number of partners including, Elected Members, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, Probation, Youth Offending Service and various Council Departments, amongst others.

6.2.3 The Safer Leeds Priorities are:

- Strengthening the partnership approach to support an integrated approach to tackle domestic abuse
- Continued focus on reducing domestic burglary across Leeds
- Effectively tackle and reduce antisocial behaviour in our communities
- Improve our understanding and approach to deal with child sexual exploitation and human trafficking
- Reduce re-offending across Leeds
- Deal with increased use of legal high and cannabis in the city

The Safer Leeds Plan is attached at **Appendix 1** and provides more details about these priorities.

6.2.4 **New Tasking Arrangements**

Members will be aware of the work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police to align neighbourhood policing teams to Community Committee boundaries and work more closely with partners, through the programme of change work started in June 2013. Through workshop discussions between Safer Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, elected members and other partners, work commenced to introduce ward based tasking across the city to deliver the aims of working more closely with partners. Ward based tasking will be a core component to local crime and antisocial behaviour problem solving. The tasking meeting will provide an opportunity for local partners to meet regularly to discuss and plan joint visits, action days and other initiatives to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

6.2.5 Tasking meetings will be held every 3 weeks and include a mixture of core members and those members who may dip in and out of meetings. Core members will be Police (Chair), Housing Leeds, Leeds Antisocial Behaviour Team and Environmental Services. Partners who may not attend every meeting include: West Yorkshire Fire Service, Area Support Team, Targeted Service Leads/Officers. During the first meetings a co-chair will also be appointed. Each meeting will receive a 3 weekly tasking report from the Safer Leeds analysts which highlights crime and antisocial behaviour problems relevant to the area being discussed. The report will include crime statistics, details about which crimes are increasing in the area, predictive analysis based on the problems the previous year and any relevant cases for the area. Those attending the meeting can also bring problems and issues forward for discussion. It is important to recognise that initially the meetings will be held every 3 weeks, but partners at the meeting could decide that it would be more productive to meet every 6 weeks.

6.2.6 Tasking meetings will be held in the following Inner South areas:

- City & Hunslet – Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre
- Middleton Park – St Georges Centre
- Beeston & Holbeck – Elland Road Police Station

6.2.7 There is an opportunity for work under the Beeston & Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board to be delivered through the Beeston & Holbeck tasking group. This tasking group will have additional members from Unity Housing Association and Leeds Federated Housing Association.

7.0 **Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing Community Champion: Cllr Paul Truswell**

The following work provides an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place:

7.1 **City connect project in Holbeck** – Groundwork have been successful in their bid to run the local programme aimed at establishing walking activity in Holbeck building on Tour de France. Consultation is underway as are plans to undertake a street audit to assess environmental improvements. A grants scheme for local groups to apply to set up walking groups now available.

- 7.2 **Beeston & Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board: – focussing on mental wellbeing** – workshop and discussions was held on 21st July 2014 to develop local actions.
- 7.3 **Alcohol** – further applications for off licenses have been received for Holbeck with restriction measures placed following officer consultation meetings with applicants using **South Leeds Licensing framework. This framework is to be revised** to include restriction on sales of cheap super strength alcohol - above 6.5%.
- 7.4 **Alcohol campaigns** – attached below are two briefing notes which give details of Leeds City Council's 'Like my limit' and "best summer' campaigns, for your information. The '**Like my limit' campaign** is being led by public health and aims to:
- challenge the social norm of drinking at home.
 - encourage people who drink over the recommended guidelines to think about the impact their drinking habits might have on health, relationships, appearance, work, children, etc.
 - signpost people to information about recommended alcohol consumption guidelines, health risks, and available support.

The '**#bestsummer' campaign** is also being led by public health, and aims to:

- change young people's perceptions that drugs and alcohol are needed to enjoy social situations or have a good time.
- highlight wider risks associated with taking drugs and alcohol.
- help young people limit these risks.
- signpost young people to relevant support and advice, in relation to drugs and alcohol as well as wider associated risks.

Briefing papers on these campaigns are available on request.

- 7.5 **Middleton and Belle Isle Obesity Activity** - Improving nutritional content of takeaways – Feasibility study completed. Discussion on the findings scheduled for next H&WB steering group. Initial report findings include sign up by 20 of the 30 retailers visited to a good food award scheme. Minor changes already made to things such as salt shakers swapped from 13 holes to 5 holes. Evidence suggests habitual nature on number of times people shake doesn't change therefore instant reduction in salt intake. Consumer insight suggests use for convenience. Also findings suggest need to improve cooking skills and food education.
- 7.6 **Smoking** - Cessation activity showing low take up but significant impact in results for those attending.

West Yorkshire Tackling Illicit Tobacco for Better Health Programme – Launched last week, this regional (WY & York) 12 month programme will try to reduce the supply and demand for illicit tobacco in West Yorkshire as part of wider activities to reduce the harm caused by tobacco use. Target audience: aged 25-65

years, aimed at communities where smoking is often normal part of community life. The campaign called “Illegal tobacco: Keep it out, will aim to:

- highlight that tackling IT is an important issue that could affect families,
- reinforce it is illegal and possible criminal consequences
- Get people talking about it with friends and families
- Empower those who feel uncomfortable to do something about it
- Sign posting calls to action
- Provide a deterrent by highlighting local action
- The campaign will deliver the messages via radio, digital, PR and printed materials to distribute in communities.

7.7 **E – Cigarettes** – the following link is to a national report with key findings showing usage of e-cigarettes tripled in the last 2 years. Also shows success in people quitting smoking increased and rates of smoking are down. The issue is the lack of evidence on the harm caused by e-cigarettes and whether they are an effective harm reduction method. <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2014/05/21/e-cigarettes-and-harm-reduction-where-are-we-now-and-what-next/>

7.8 **Bowel Cancer Campaign** - Leeds South and East CCG is carrying out a work programme over the next two years which aims to increase uptake of the bowel cancer screening test to 60 %. A **launch of the Leeds South and East Bowel Cancer Work Programme** is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 11th September, 12.00 – 2.30 pm** at Tenant’s Hall Enterprise Centre, Acre Close, LS10 4HX.

The aim of this launch event is to:

- Give you an opportunity to find out more about the campaign.
- How you and your organisation can promote the key messages of the campaign.
- Resources available to promote the key messages of the campaign.
- A light lunch will be provided at this launch event for attendees.

Please book your place at the launch event by contacting Julie Whitehurst by email on julie.whitehurst@leeds.gov.uk or by telephone on 0113 39 52876| M: 07891 272566

8.0 **Updates by theme: Adult Social Care
Community Champion: Cllr Judith Blake**

8.1 **Older Persons Working Group**

8.1.1 One of the priorities included in last year’s Area Committee’s business plan was ‘Vulnerable members of the community are able to live independently at home for longer’. To support this priority, the then Area Committee spent £1,695.99 on an event to celebrate the contribution older people make to our community. The event was designed to provide a day of entertainment and fun for older people as well as an opportunity to gather information from various organisations about the services

they provide for older people, including information and advice about living in their own homes with comfort, dignity, and security for as long as they choose. In addition, Area Committee spent £9,000.00 to support neighbourhood networks working in Inner South to provide a winter warmth package for vulnerable elderly residents during the winter.

8.1.2 The Community Committee is asked to consider establishing an Older People's Working Group which would work closely with the Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing theme champions to focus on co-ordinating support to older residents within the Inner South area. It is envisaged that this group would be instrumental in delivering Community Committee funded projects such as the Day of Older People celebration event and in helping to co-ordinate the Wellbeing Packs (formerly Winter Warmth Packs). The packs would help elderly and vulnerable residents by providing practical items and advice throughout the year.

8.1.3 Members are asked to:

- a. agree to establish an Older People's Working Group
- b. nominate one ward member from each ward

8.1.4 Draft Terms of Reference are available on request.

9.0 Integrated Locality working

9.1 Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

9.1.1 The last meeting of the board was held on the 21st July 2014, 10am at Elland Road Police Station. Discussions focussed on the development of an Action Plan and priorities for the ward. The minutes from the meeting are available on request.

9.2 City and Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

9.2.1 The last meeting of the board was held on the 6th of May 2014. Work continues to take place to deliver actions identified through the Discussions focused on priorities and actions for the area and a review of progress to date. The minutes from the meeting are available on request.

9.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board(NIB)

9.3.1 The next meeting of the board is due to be held on 11th of September 2014, at 1:30 - 15:30pm at St Georges Centre. The minutes from the meeting will be available on request.

9.4 Town and District Centres 2 Programme (T&DC2)

9.4.1 The Inner South Community Committee is asked to note the following update on the Dewsbury Road District Centre is to be funded under the T&DC2 programme.

9.4.2 Since the last report the following consultation has been completed:

- A community consultation event was held at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre in March. Over 300 people attended during the event. We are grateful to the Customer Services staff for all their support.
- A breakfast meeting for local businesses was also held at the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre. The development of a traders group supported by the Area Support Team (AST) is now advanced and is linked to the proposals to improve this section of Dewsbury Road.
- A Schools Project involving St Francis of Assisi, New Bewerley and Hunslet Moor Primary Schools. Pupils spoke to shoppers, traders and residents.
- The results of all this work has been captured and presented back to respondents through displays at the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre, the three schools and through the Traders Group.
- Options to take the schools work forward have been explored with representatives of the above schools. Staff are very enthusiastic about the potential to knit this work into the curriculum and a planning meeting will be held in September involving the three primary schools, relevant high schools, City College and AST to develop it further.
- Some improvement options have been presented to Members recently. A further conversation is to take place with Members by way of a site visit next month. Depending on the outcome of this meeting the final version of the scheme and a programme for delivery will be agreed.

9.4.3 Next steps:

- Co-ordinate site visit by City & Hunslet Members.
- Continue to support development of a traders group.
- Schools to develop public art and banner displays.
- Partners to consider opportunities for collaborative work with local schools.
- Highways input to be finalised following Member input
- Gather all comments and build into to new proposed works list.
- Project to design phase.

10.0 Localism

10.1 Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

10.1.1 At its last meeting, Members were informed that the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum has elected its Board which includes a majority of local residents as well as representatives of various organisations. The Board is now meeting regularly to deliver its responsibilities for leading on and developing the Plan and Forum. A revised project plan has been developed for delivering the Plan. A newsletter was produced and delivered for the June meeting of the Forum. A questionnaire for residents to get their views about the identified priorities for the Plan has been produced.

10.1.2 The Board is being supported by Planning Aid England together with support by LCC Officers. Members of the Board contributed to an event on Neighbourhood Plans in inner city areas which was organised by LCC.

10.1.3 The Board will be organising the next meeting of the Forum which is being held at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 27th September at St. Matthews community centre.

10.2 Community First Grants

10.2.1 Information on Community First Grants for Inner South is summarised below:
A detailed summary of groups funded is available on request.

- **Beeston and Holbeck Community Panel**

From your allocation of **£152,595** the following grant requests have been submitted by your panel.

	Recommended Amount	Paid Amount	Final actual spend
Total	119,930.00	95,057.76	59,202.92

- **City and Hunslet Community First Panel**

From your allocation of **£237,370** the following grant requests have been submitted by your panel.

	Recommended Amount	Paid Amount	Final actual spend
Total	186,543.00	169,458.00	57,701.13

- **Belle Isle and Middleton Community Fund Panel**

From your allocation of **£118,685** the following grant requests have been submitted by your panel.

	Recommended Amount	Paid Amount	Final actual spend
Total	112,720.50	85,397.00	43,718.78

11.0 Conclusions

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

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- b) Agree nominations to Community Committee Sub Groups. appointments to sub groups: Children & Young People; Environmental Sub Group; Older Persons Working Group.

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.
