

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, Community Champions roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

Main issues

3.0 Updates by theme: Children's Services Community Champion: Cllr Angela Gabriel

3.1 Children & Young People's Sub Group

- 3.1.1 The last meeting took place on the 18th September. At the meeting a number of issues were agreed

- Review of the activities funded through Youth Activities Fund
- Consideration of new projects

- Agreed timetable for the 2015/16 Youth Activities Fund
- Agreement that the group will become a Children & Families Sub Group and sign off of the new terms of reference and membership of the group at the next meeting.
- Update on the development of the activities brochure

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

4.1 Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

4.1.1 An action plan has been agreed by the board and is currently being populated by board members. A copy of the action plan is available on request.

4.2 An apprenticeship event took place on Tuesday 25th November at John Charles Sports Centre, 10am to 2.30pm. There were a range of employers and training providers present. The event was aimed at 16-24 years olds who are not in education, employment or training

4.3 South Leeds Debt Forum

4.3.1 Partners on the Debt Forum have supported Ebor Gardens Advice Centre to develop a version of Money Buddies across the South East Wedge. Funding has been secured from Wellbeing, Housing Leeds and Public Health to roll out the project across the South East wedge starting in November 2014.

4.3.2 Debt Forum partners will be working closely with Ebor Gardens Advice Centre to ensure the service is effective in Inner South. The immediate priorities are to secure appropriate venues and recruit the first cohort of volunteers to be trained up as Money Buddies. The project will deliver 4 Money Buddies in Inner South for 12 months.

4.3.3 The next Meeting of the South Leeds Debt Forum will take place at Tuesday 13th January at 2pm at BITMO's GATE. Minutes of the Forum are available on request.

5.0 Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety

Community Champion: Cllr Adam Ogilvie

5.1 Inner South Environmental Sub Group

5.1.1 The meeting of the Inner South Environmental Sub Group held on 22nd October 2014. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

5.2 **Domestic Violence:** Following the Community Committee workshop held on 3rd September a local domestic violence plan will be drafted. Work is underway to determine how a plan can be resourced and the support available from the central team and local partners. An update will be provided at this meeting.

- 5.2.1 **Environmental Services and Police joint working** - A local pilot project has commenced with two PCSOs from the Inner South Policing team working from Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre for one day a week. The aim of the project is to pay joint attention to parts of Beeston and Holbeck focusing on environmental crime and anti-social behaviour. The project will be reviewed after 3 months and adapted as required.
- 5.2.2 **Hate crime:** The Middleton and Belle Isle Neighbourhood Improvement Board received a paper on hate crime and anti-social behaviour and discuss how partners can work together to tackle these issues in Middle and Belle Isle. A partnership meeting is planned to discuss hate crime and ASB with local partners and develop a multi-agency plan which seeks to tackle the issue through partnership activity.
- 5.2.3 **Operation Flame:** Planning is underway for Operation Flame with funding secured from the Inner South Community Committee. A range of partners will work together to identify and remove items / accumulations of waste, undertake targeted joint visits to those involved in anti-social behaviour previously, arrange and deliver high visibility patrols and direct young people to diversionary activities in the locality. The Operation involves partners from West Yorkshire Fire Service, West Yorkshire Police, Environment Locality Team, Housing Leeds, Leeds ASB Team and Safer Leeds.
- 5.2.4 **Tasking:** 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. The tasking teams have now been running for three months, will be reviewed over the coming weeks and adapted as required for the teams to continue to deliver improved performance in tackling crime, environmental issues and anti-social behaviour. Much of the operational work involving Operation Flame will be delivered through the tasking meeting.

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

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

- 6.1 **SE Health and Wellbeing Core Group and wider partnership forum** – the executive group at their meeting on September 16th received a presentation on the better care fund; and discussed issues linked to access to primary care services ; considered agenda plan for wider health and wellbeing partnership forum workshop which is to be held on November 18th at John Charles centre for Sport from 11 – 1.30pm. On the agenda is an update on key priorities for the locality for 2014-16 and a workshop session on creating pathways to enhance links with local services and activities through social prescribing.
- 6.1.2 **Joint meeting of member champions with SE CCG GPs** was held on 16th July 2014. Cllrs Truswell and McKenna attended. Over 100 GPs and practice managers present. Discussion focussed on opportunities for improving links between the local members and GP practices to address health inequalities. Meeting highlighted knowledge gap between the 2 partners on their respective roles and responsibilities

as well as differing community engagement processes. GPs keen to link with local community committees and partnerships to better understand decision making processes such as housing allocations and to influence major planning developments such as Thorpe Park.

6.1.3 **Mental Wellbeing Programmes** – are being run across inner south following on from discussions held at the Beeston and Holbeck and Middleton and Belle Isle recent neighbourhood improvement board meetings. Three half day awareness raising sessions ‘Safetalk’ are planned to run between November and March 15 with a total of 85 participant places. 30 of the places have been allotted to frontline staff and the rest aimed at local residents. There has been a high level of interest from agencies such as the Police and housing providers. A number of staff are to also keen to attend 2 day ‘ASSIST’ programmes aimed at providing staff with the skills required to support and refer people who are in need of more immediate help and at risk of suicide. All agencies have been informed of the newly launched mental health website.

6.1.4 **The Niche Tobacco Toolkit** has now been produced and will be available from November 2014 through the Public health resource centre. A session open to all to launch this toolkit is to take place on the 17th November at the resource centre at Technorth.

6.1.5 **Cessation support** activity from across the city shows a significant increase in take up of the services locally from people living in LS10 with a higher success rate on level of quits.

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

7.1 Older Persons Working Group

7.1.1 An Older People’s Working Group has been established. An initial planning meeting has taken place where the purpose and scope of the sub group was agreed. A further meeting with partners and key services from the council will take place.

7.1.2 It was agreed that an older person event will take place in March 2015. The aim of the event will be 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.

7.1.3 Draft Terms of Reference and minutes from the meeting are available on request.

8.0 Integrated Locality working

8.1 Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.1.1 The next meeting took place on 17th November 2014 at Elland road Police Station. A workshop was held to establish and action plan for the NIB. The minutes of the meeting are available on request

8.2 City and Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.2.1 The next meeting will take place 18th November at Hunslet Methodist Church. The meeting included an opportunity to identify priorities for future work. The minutes of the meeting are available on request.

8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.3.1 The last meeting of the board was held on 11th of September 2014, at 1:30 -15:30pm at St Georges Centre. The minutes from the meeting are available on request.

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

8.4.1 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.

8.4.2 The results of the consultation have been reviewed and Ward Members have been briefed on draft proposals.

8.4.3 Plans to install a new pedestrian crossing opposite Tesco are advanced and Highways expect work to start on site in the New Year. A complimentary declutter scheme will also be carried out. This will see the rationalisation of street signage and railings in this area.

8.4.4 Further improvements are being scoped including improvements to pedestrian footways and associated works.

8.4.5 Four locations are being developed for public realm enhancements, including improvements around the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre and New Bewerley Primary School, Hunslet Moor Primary School and St Francis of Assisi Primary School.

8.4.6 The three primary schools will be engaged in a public art project to among other things, develop and produce banners to hang from streetlighting columns.

8.4.7 The town team is developing a stronger identity with a number of traders taking on key roles, which include: Chair and Secretary. There is a culture group developing which has several arts linked people attending and more to come, such as East St Arts, Health for All, Basement Art and a group based at St Luke's Church.

8.4.8 The group have established contact with representatives of Aldi and have had several discussions. They have also commented on the development of the T&DC2 Scheme.

9.0 Localism

9.1 Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

9.1.1 Work to produce the plan continues. Below is an up to date timetable.

9.1.2

Action	Deadline/Timescale
Engagement questionnaire distributed and analysed	July to September 2014
Produce draft action plan	October 2014
Finalise plan for formal 6 week consultation	November 2014 to January 2015
Amend plan following consultation	April 2015
Plan submitted to LPA	May 2015
Post – submission publication and consultation	July 2015
Independent examination and modifications	April 2015 to November 2015
Referendum	2016
Bringing the Neighbourhood Plan into force	May 2016

9.1.3 The minutes if the Board meetings are available on request.

9.2 Community First Grants

9.2.1 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	132,888.00	109,332.76	68,552.92

- **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	199,292.00	187,066.00	107,193.49

- **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	114,470.50	98,660.50	57,388.78

10.0 Conclusions

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

11.0 Recommendations

11.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.
