

Report of the South East Area Leader

Report to: Inner South Community Committee (Beeston & Holbeck, City & Hunslet, Middleton Park)

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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 & Families Sub Group

- 3.1.1 The Children & Families sub group met on the 19th March. The Sub Group reviewed applications for Youth Activities Funding. Members agreed at a previous meeting to receive by email recommendations made by the sub group and indicate their support

or otherwise for these recommendations. Minutes of the meeting are available on request.

- 3.1.2 The Directory of Youth Activities for children, young people and their families in the Inner South Area has been published. The Directory has been produced for children, young people and their families living in: Belle Isle, Beeston, City Centre, Cottingley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Middleton and Stourton. Work has started on distribution of the directories. They will be distributed to local organisations such as Libraries, One Stop Centre, GP surgeries, Schools and placed in public venues across the Inner South area.
- 3.1.3 The Directory will also be published on the Breeze website. Copies of the Directory are available on request.

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

4.1 Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

- 4.1.1 The Employment and Skills board met on the 12th February 2015. There was a discussion on the upcoming developments and opportunities in South Leeds and work that was required to ensure partners work together to promote these opportunities locally.
- 4.1.2 The action plan was updated following the meeting and the Inner South Community Committee workshop. A copy of the action plan and minutes 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 Inner South Environmental Sub Group was held on 19th February 2015. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.
- 5.1.2 A Community Committee workshop titled 'Have your say on Environmental issues in your local area' took place on 19th March, 6pm to 8pm at the Beeston Village Community Centre. Local groups and residents were invited to discuss the new zonal working arrangements. There was an opportunity to hear what the current priorities are and to have a say about whether these priorities, which have largely remained the same for over three years, are still relevant.
- 5.1.3 Attendees were also encouraged to have input into how their community can begin to take greater stewardship of their local environment.
- 5.1.4 Discussion were led the Environmental Locality Team who have responsibility for Environmental Services. Recommendations will be taken back to the team and the Environmental Sub Group to consider future action.

5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 Work has started to support the Beeston Cottingley Middleton (BCM) and Jess Clusters to work towards the Quality Mark in domestic violence. Over the coming months the Leeds Domestic Violence team will work with the clusters in identifying domestic violence lead officers in schools and the cluster, delivering training at various levels and supporting staff in dealing with domestic violence. BCM and the Jess clusters are one of 9 clusters across the city piloting this work.

5.2.2 Child Sexual Exploitation – a session for the South East Locality was held on 22nd January 2015 at Bitmogate with 25 people from across the area invited including; schools, health centres, housing colleagues and others. A further awareness session is planned in May 2015.

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 **Social Prescribing** - A funding bid has now been submitted to LSE CCG to support the development of a social prescribing project in the Leeds South and East area

6.1.2 **Health Presence in Local Community Hubs** - Plans have now progressed to address the need for more health presence in the locality hub. The health trainer service will be present at both St George's Hub in Middleton and at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre from week commencing 23rd February 2015. The health trainers will be at both centres on Mondays for a 5 hour period where they will take referrals from One Stop Centre staff and frontline workers. Their role will be to provide an assessment of health and wellbeing need for the individual; provide one to one support to individuals to improve their health and wellbeing; signpost, and where needed provide an advocacy role to assist individuals to access local health and wellbeing activities. The project is due to run for 10 months and is being funded by Public Health.

6.1.3 **Mental Health** – Funding has been agreed in principle by both Public Health and Inner South Community Committee for 'Making Space', an organisation who have run a successful Befriending and Peer Support Service for people with enduring Mental Health conditions in Leeds for over 15 years. The funding will increase capacity within the service to take referrals from frontline staff in LS10 and LS11. Briefings will be given to staff from across the postcodes areas to raise awareness of the service and inform on how to make a referral.

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

7.1 Older persons working group

7.1.1 The Inner South Older Persons working group met on 13th January 2015 and the Terms of Reference was agreed. The overall aim of the group is to focus on co-ordinating support to older residents within the Inner South area. The group is

chaired by the Community Committee Champion for Adult Social Care, Cllr Judith Blake. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

7.1.2 The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 9th June 2015.

7.1.3 Inner South Older Persons event

7.1.4 The Inner South Older People's event took place on 5th March at Leeds Civic Hall. There were 100 attendees on the day. 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

7.1.5 The event was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Congreve. Delegates also had the opportunity to take part in taster sessions. These were Nia fitness, Reminisce workshop and Arts and Crafts.

7.1.6 Evaluation sheets were distributed and these will be analysed and suggestions will be reported to the next Older Persons sub group and fed into the planning for next year's event.

8.0 Integrated Locality working

8.1 Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.1.1 The last meeting of the board was held on 25th March 2015 at Tiger 11. Discussions focused on the emerging project in Holbeck. The minutes of the meeting and outcome from the workshop are available on request.

8.2 City and Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.2.1 The last meeting of the board was held on the 18th November. A number of key priorities had emerged at this workshop and will be incorporated into the 2015 improvement plan. The outcomes from the workshop are available on request

8.2.2 The next City and Hunslet NIB will take place in May (date to be confirmed), at Hillside, Tiger 11.

8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.3.1 The last meeting was held on 28th January 2015 at St Georges Centre. Among the items discussed was an update on Social Prescribing, what it is, how it will be implemented and the impact for local people, Money Buddies project and a strategy to address Domestic Violence. The minutes of the meeting are available on request

8.0 Localism

8.1 Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

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

Action	Deadline/Timescale
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

8.1.2 The minutes of the last Forum meeting are available on request.

8.2 Community Centre Review – Old Cockburn Sports Hall

8.2.1 The “Community Centre Review – Proposals to Consult” paper was agreed at Leeds City Council Executive Board on 19th November 2014. Among other things the Executive Board agreed a 12 week consultation to consult on future options for those facilities located in the Inner South. This process formally started on Monday 15th December 2014. Due to the Christmas break the consultation period was extended by 2 weeks and ended on Sunday 22nd March 2015.

8.2.2 A consultation event took place at the Old Cockburn Sports Hall on 12th March, 5pm to 6.30pm. Local residents and partners were invited to come as see to Centre and discuss the options for its future.

8.2.3 The following options were discussed

- The Old Cockburn Sports Hall is taken over and operated by a local Third sector organisation. Within the terms of this arrangement existing current Centre users will be protected and there will be work to encourage wider community use.
- The Centre is closed for use by the public and is used by LCC for alternative provisions.
- The Centre operates in its current format and council subsidises any loss made throughout the year

8.2.4 The product of the consultation will be reported back to the Council’s Executive Board with timescales for further action.

9.0 **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.
