

## **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**

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## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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

4.13 **ASDA Recruitment** - the new ASDA store will be opening on Old Lane, Beeston, in summer 2015. A number of recruitment engagement days were held. Below is a breakdown of numbers reached.

- 306 residents attended the sessions
- 219 were from the targeted localities and are broken down as follows:
  - Beeston & Holbeck: 108
  - City & Hunslet: 68
  - Middleton: 39
  - 4 post codes were from LS11 but the latter part of the post code has not been provided by the customer therefore, we cannot identify which wards they are from

4.14 Further sessions are planned. Information from these sessions will be analysed to establish how many local residents attended

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 2015. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

5.1.2 An update was provided by key services working on Environmental issues. It was agree that issues around market trader on Dewsbury Road would be discussed at this sub group.

5.1.3 Discussion were led the Environmental Locality Team who have responsibility for Environmental Services. Key recommendations will be taken back to the team and the Environmental Sub Group to consider future action.

##### 5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 Child Sexual Exploitation – a session for the South East Locality was held on 12th May 2015 at Brigshaw Co-Operative Trust with partners from across the South East

area invited including; schools, health centres, housing colleagues and others. Further awareness sessions are planned after Sept 2015.

5.2.2 An action day was held in Middleton on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015, focusing on anti-social behaviour and hate crime. The day involved officers from Safer Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, Housing Leeds, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Victim Support, Environmental Locality Team, West Yorkshire Fire, Barca Leeds and Youth Services working together, door knocking and engaging with residents in Middleton about any issues affecting them. The issues will then be forwarded to the appropriate agency to action.

## **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** – LSE CCG will be putting the LSE social prescribing service out for tender at the end of May / early June. It is hoped that the service will start to be implemented by October 2015.

6.1.2 **First Aid courses for parents** – Leeds South and East CCG have funded a series of first aid courses to be delivered across the South East area. The courses are being co-ordinated through the Children's Centres and a list of dates will be made available for promotion.

6.1.3 **Health presence in Local Community Hubs** – The health trainer service is now taking referrals within Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre and St Georges Centre, Middleton. The health trainers are on site for a five hour period every Monday and are currently using this time to promote the service and see clients who have been referred to them by local agencies. The presence of the service seems to be very positive with uptake of the service gradually increasing as awareness is raised.

### **6.1.4 Mental Health**

6.1.5 **Making Space** - Funding has been provided by Public Health and Inner South Community Committee for Making Space, an organisation who run a successful befriending and peer support service for people with enduring mental health conditions. The funding is for Making Space to provide their service across the LS10 and LS11 postcode areas. Work started on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and a volunteer co-ordinator has been put in place whose initial role is to link with agencies across the area to raise awareness of the service and encourage referrals for all partners. So far links have been made within both statutory and voluntary agencies as well as with health professionals.

6.1.6 **Training** – Following on from the SafeTALK sessions that ran in the area at the end of 2014 it has been identified that this training was not the most appropriate training for all frontline staff. In response Public Health colleagues are now working on a shorter, more tailored session to deliver to frontline staff across the South East Area. It is envisaged that these sessions will be ready to deliver from June onwards.

6.1.7 **Niche Tobacco** – The Public Health funded Niche Tobacco project has now successfully concluded with the production of a toolkit that is available citywide through the Public Health Resource Centre. The toolkit will allow the continuation of

awareness raising work across the city and will hopefully prove to be a useful tool for both statutory and voluntary sector agencies in all areas.

## **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 is planning its next working group meeting. The agenda of the next meeting will include looking at content and distribution of well-being pack in the Inner South Area. Minutes from the previous meetings are available on request.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Holbeck Club. 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Tiger 11. There was good attendance at the Board from local residents and partners. 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 Following the meeting there was a launch the banners that have been produced by local primary schools for Dewsbury Road, as part of the T&DC programme.

### **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 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 by the T&DC2 programme.

8.4.2 Two of the four flagship projects identified through consultation and in discussions with Ward Members have now progressed to design stage. It is expected that these projects will be completed this year.

1. Wild Flower meadow along the boundary of New Bewerley School MUGA.

2. Environmental improvements to layout of land around access and egress to the car park at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre.
3. Options for site of new crossing by Tesco to be explored.
4. Options for site at junction of Trentham Street to be explored further.

8.4.3 The installation of the new pedestrian crossing opposite Tesco is timed for completion in early June.

8.4.4 The advertising hoarding outside the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre has been removed for safety reasons.

8.4.5 A road safety study has highlighted the need for improvements along sections of Dewsbury Road that includes the T&DC2 area. A design brief is currently being drafted with a view to designing and implementing changes this financial year.

8.4.6 A scheme for improvements to pedestrian footways and associated works has been agreed with Highways and due for implementation. This work will be timed to take place at the same time as the road safety scheme mentioned above.

8.4.7 Highways are also proposing modifications to resident car parking around retail and commercial premises this year.

8.4.8 The town team was recently reconstituted with four founding members. At a recent meeting the team agreed to partner the T&DC2 project by investing in a public art scheme to be displayed in the area. Funding for this will come from the award made to the town team by Aldi.

8.4.9 Better car park signage to car parking is being explored through the Town Team.

8.4.10 The first set of three banners designed by pupils of St Francis of Assisi, New Beverley and Hunslet Moor Primary Schools were installed 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## 9.0 Conclusions Revised Community Centres' Pricing Policy

9.1 The revised community centres' pricing policy came into effect 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015, for all new lettings in the Inner South Community Committee portfolio. The new hourly rates are as follows:

	Commercial Rates	Community Rate
Large Rooms - generally halls	£25.00 per hour	£10 per hour
Delivery spaces - all other rooms	£12.50 per hour	£5 per hour
Kitchens for food preparation	£5.00 per hour	£1 per hour

- 10.2 A change in the new policy means Community Committees are able to agree free lettings in their centres but, to improve accountability for these decisions, these now have to be agreed for each individual letting.
- 10.3 The new three point pricing policy for community centres within the citizens and communities portfolio was implemented for new bookings on 1st May 2015. This was agreed by Executive Board in July 2014. The new policy sets prices at commercial and community rates and allows Community Committees to agree free lettings in their community centres. In order to improve accountability for these decisions, free lettings now need to be agreed for each individual letting. Each Community Committee is able to agree the delegated approval process that best suits their needs.
- 10.4 A second stage review will look at developing the community centre delegation arrangements to increase accountability at a local level. Initial discussions will take place with Community Committee Chairs to scope this work including the possibility of greater budget delegation. The implementation of the pricing review has uncovered a number of deficiencies in the availability of management information relating to the usage and financial performance of community centres, which is needed to underpin an improved Community Committee delegation. This will be addressed during review of lettings processes, including the move towards online transactions.
- 10.5 A major review is commencing of the service level agreement between Citizens and Communities and Civic Enterprise Leeds covering caretaking, cleaning, repairs, programmed maintenance and building management. Community Committees will be involved in this process as it takes shape.
- 10.6 To avoid extensive delays in Community Committees being able to consider and agree free lettings, Community Committees will need to agree their own delegated decision arrangements. These decisions may be made through a sub-committee, a nominated elected member or delegated to the Area Leader.
- 10.7 The only exceptions to this process are bookings made by the Communities Team, Area Teams and the Community Committees. These bookings will be free-of-charge but won't need to go through the free-letting application process. A standard lettings form will still need to be completed for all bookings, a price will need to be applied to the booking and then marked "fee waived" on the database.

## **11.0 Recommendations**

11.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

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

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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