

Report of the South East Area Leader

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

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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 Communities 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. At the meeting it was agreed due to short timescales the second round of YAF applications would be agreed by email. Minutes of the meeting are available on request.

3.1.2 Recommendations for the second round of YAF applications were made by email to the sub group members. A breakdown of approved projects can be found in the Well-being update report.

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 16th July 2015. There was a discussion on

- Welfare Reforms
- Retail work/training
- Unity/Housing Leeds Project
- Support for Year 11 School Leavers
- St Luke's Cares Project in Holbeck

4.1.2 A copy of the action plan and minutes are available on request

4.1.3 At the meeting it was agreed that a number of Welfare Advice Sessions would be held across the Inner South wards, with key partners invited to provide information on the day. These will take place from Friday 23rd October and during the week commencing 26th October 2015. The venues to be used are Cottingley Community Centre, St Matthews Community Centre, Hunslet Library, St Cross Church and BITMO Gate. An updated timetable will be circulated for promotion once the venues are confirmed.

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 3rd August 2015. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

5.1.2 An update was provided by Locality team on Environmental issues and Parks and Countryside.

5.2 The following dates were agreed for the ward based Zonal working workshops.

- City and Hunslet – 22nd September 2015
- Middleton Park - late October 2015
- Beeston and Holbeck - TBC

5.3 Holbeck Street Sex Work Managed Area

5.3.1 Members will be aware that, for many years, Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police have worked together to attempt to address the issue of street sex working in Holbeck. The adopted approach has been very enforcement centric and has resulted in brief periods of respite for residents and businesses in the Holbeck area and little long term impact on the issue.

5.3.2 Over a number of years the Authority has developed a strategic partnership on Prostitution, working with a number of partners including Basis (formerly Genesis) and the Joanna Project and commissioning research to better understand the issue and develop a multi agency approach to the challenges. Last year the group looked at a proposal to better manage on-street sex work in South Leeds, with the aim of moving the issue away from residential areas into a light industrial area where services could co-ordinate their work with the sex workers, improve reporting and reduce complaints relating to on-street sex work in the wider area. The proposal was for the managed area to operate in a defined geographical area between 7pm and 7am. The area would still be policed, but officers would not enforce offences such as loitering, soliciting or kerb crawling, though they would still enforce other offences in the normal way. This area was chosen because the sex workers already used this area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the businesses in the area generally ceased trading by 7pm. Local members were consulted on the proposals. Residents were consulted through discussions at the Cross Ingram Residents Association, the Holbeck Forum and via the Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (which residents are invited to attend). Local businesses were consulted via a meeting at Elland Road Police Station. The proposal was also discussed and approved at the Police Senior Leadership Team, the Strategic Group on Prostitution and the Members group on Prostitution. The Managed area became operational in October 2014 and is due for review in October 2015.

5.3.3 Oversight of the project is held with the Strategic Group on Prostitution and the Members Group on Prostitution, and governance sits with Safer Leeds. An Operational group has been established which is jointly chaired by West Yorkshire Police and Safer Leeds and includes Basis (formerly Genesis), the Johanna Project, the Locality Environment Team and a business representative (attempts have been made to secure a resident representative but this has proved unsuccessful). The operational group meets to discuss issues which impact the area such as complaints (business complaints are collated by the business representative who emails all the businesses in the area prior to the meeting, Resident complaints are collated by West Yorkshire Police attendance at Cross Ingrams Resident Association and the PACT meeting), environmental issues such as litter accumulations, breaches / warnings / cautions issued, and any other relevant issues such as serious crimes committed in the area.

5.3.4 Evaluation of the Project is to be undertaken by Dr Teela Sanders, Reader in Sociology at the School of Sociology, University of Leeds. She is recognised as an International expert on sex work policy. The evaluation report and recommendations will be presented to the Safer Leeds Executive meeting in September 2015 for their consideration.

5.3.5 Members will consider a full report at the next meeting, which will incorporate the evaluation report and its recommendations. However monitoring undertaken by the operational group shows some key successes:

- a reduction in complaints from residents about on street sex work in residential areas. The group has also noted a reduction in complaints about on street sex work at residents and PACT meetings, attended by the Police. In early 2014, the issue of on-street sex work in Holbeck was discussed regularly at community forums.
- an increase in reports from sex workers relating to offences committed against sex workers. The number of reports where full disclosure occurs has also increased.. This shows an improving confidence from sex workers to report to the police with full disclosure and this has led to significant arrests of individuals who have committed serious offences. These criminal cases are progressing through the courts at the time of writing. It is fair to say that some of these individuals are a threat to the whole community and the Police Sex Worker Liaison Officer and 3rd sector partners have, through the project, supported women to give evidence in these cases
- dealing with breaches in terms of sex workers operating either outside of the managed area or outside of the agreed times (7pm – 7am). West Yorkshire Police manage the process of breaches by issuing a verbal warning, written warning followed by a Home Office Caution.

5.3.6 There continue to remain some challenges for the project, particularly in relation to litter. A number of businesses have complained about the volume of litter generated in the project area. Leeds City Council continues to work with businesses to address this issue and has recently supplied additional bins in the area and increased the frequency of mechanical sweeping. The environmental challenges of the project will now be discussed and addressed at the Environmental Sub Group of the Community Committee.

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

The following is an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place.

6.1 Best Start Zones - LSE CCG are commissioning a Project Co-ordinator for the LSE CCG Best Start Zone Work Programme. The Best Start Zone concept (which will be covering the JESS cluster area) will be based on the principles and recommendations of The Leeds Best Start Plan. The Leeds Best Start Plan describes a broad preventative programme from conception to age 2 years which aims to ensure a good start for every baby, with early identification and targeted support for vulnerable families early in the life of the child.

The overall outcomes for the Leeds Best Start Plan programme will be:

- Healthy mothers and healthy babies
- Well prepared parents
- Reduced infant deaths
- Good bonding and attachment and early language development
- Longer term social and emotional capacity and cognitive growth

- The over-arching indicator for the programme is reduced rate of deaths in babies aged under one year (infant mortality rate) but also to support parents relationships with their unborn/new born baby and through to toddlers.

- 6.2 LSE CCG Social Prescribing - The LSE Social Prescribing service aims to provide a route for local GP's, health professionals and other relevant professionals to refer individuals to local community provision. The Social Prescribing Service will consider and assess the patient's social needs, in addition to any medical based intervention provided by a GP, and support individuals to access community provision. LSE CCG approved £1.5m to procure a comprehensive social prescribing service in 2015 for an initial 3 years. Following a tender process it has been announced that the service will be delivered by mental health charity Leeds Mind, working in partnership with voluntary sector support groups Touchstone, BARCA, Leeds Irish Health and Homes, Hamara and Better Leeds Communities (BLC). Project start is expected for November 2015.
- 6.3 Making Space Project LS10/11 – Progress has been made during June/July as the project co-ordinator has attended meetings and given a presentation about the service to GP's and other medical and reception staff at Arthington Medical Centre, Hunslet Medical Centre, City View Medical Centre, Beeston Hill Community Health Centre. At these meetings leaflets and referral forms have been left and there are also now posters to be displayed in the surgeries. Two assessments have been done with clients who wish to have a befriender and one person has been identified to become a befriender.
- 6.4 Weekly drop in session is running at The Vale to speak about the service. A number of people have expressed interest in the service as both volunteers and customers. So far there has been one referral and the customer is now awaiting a risk assessment to enable support to progress. Promotion has been done with local businesses- shops, cafes, health centres, churches, community centres, pharmacists and others in the LS10/LS11 areas - to ask them to display a service poster. Work is continuing to find suitable venues to hold support groups.
- 6.5 Health Trainer Service – Health Trainers have been in place at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre and St George's Centre since the end of February. At St George's Centre there is now a health related display in the waiting area and the Health Trainer has taken a proactive approach to engaging with customers. So far eighteen people have agreed to see a health trainer and twelve of these have gone on to set a personal health plan. Six out of the twelve have already achieved the goals they set themselves, seven out of the twelve have lost weight and one client has been signposted to more relevant support for mental health and debt issues.
- 6.6 First Aid Courses – Leeds South and East CCG have funded 130 first aid courses to run across the area. The courses are being organised by Children's Services with the aim of reaching parents, grandparents and carers. 87 courses have been booked to date with 27 of these being delivered or started in June and July.

7.0 Updates by theme: Adult Social Care Community Champion: Cllr Patrick Davey

7.1 Older persons working group

- 7.1.1 The Inner South Older Persons working group was held on the 21st July. Minutes from the previous meetings are available on request.
- 7.1.2 An update was provided by Leeds Federated Housing about the Time to Shine Project they have received funding for, which aims to tackle Social Isolation in Inner South.
- 7.1.3 The group received a briefing from the Councils Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Team on their role in securing grants to support the Tackling Fuel Poverty & Energy Efficiency agenda. The team is currently also looking at the other information they hold to map where the greatest need is, in terms of both high costs and fuel poverty, low income high costs, with a view to starting community engagement in the summer
- 7.1.4 It was agreed that officers would put together a proposal for the Inner South well-being packs

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 6th July 2015 at the Beeston Village Community Centre. Discussions focused on the development on the Councils Community Hubs. The overall aim is for community hubs to become a place and a resource that citizens use for wider community based activities that have a positive impact on broader social value and well-being.
- 8.1.2 There was an open space discussion where attendees were invited to raise issues that are important to them. These issues formed the basis of the workshop part of the meeting. The issues identified were:
 - Time to shine project
 - Environmental issues – in particular gardens
 - Planning enforcements - in particular gardens
 - Traffic & Parking issues
- 8.1.3 The next NIB meeting will take place on 16th November at Cottingley Community Centre. 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 20th May 2015 at Tiger 11. There was a good attendance 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 of the banners that have been designed by local primary schools for Dewsbury Road, as part of the T&DC programme.

8.2.3 The next meeting will take place on the 22nd September, 6pm to 8pm at Hamara Healthy Living Centre. This meeting will focus on the Environmental Services Zonal Working workshop.

8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.3.1 The last meeting was held on 16th June 2015 at St Georges Centre. A briefing was provided by Leeds Federated on the Time to Shine Project they have received funding for, which aims to tackle Social Isolation in Inner South.

8.3.2 Updates were provided on the New Policing Powers and the implications for neighbourhoods and neighbourhood Policing and Addressing ASB in Belle Isle & Middleton.

8.3.3 The minutes of the meeting are available on request

9.0 Localism

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

9.1.2 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.

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

1. Bulb planting 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.

9.1.4 Meanwhile, options 2 & 3 are still in development.
2. Site at new crossing by Tesco to be explored.
3. Site at junction of Trentham Street to be explored further.

9.1.5 The new pedestrian crossing opposite Tesco is now operational, along with the refurbished lights opposite the One Stop Centre.

9.1.6 The advertising hoarding outside the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre has been removed for safety reasons and we are still waiting for response on proposal to relocate.

- 9.1.7 A road safety study has highlighted the need for improvements along sections of Dewsbury Road that includes the T&DC2 area. A brief is currently being drafted with a view to designing and implementing changes this financial year.
- 9.1.8 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.
- 9.1.9 Highways are also proposing modifications to resident car parking around retail and commercial premises this year.
- 9.1.10 The Project Team has explored the relocation of some bus stop provision with Metro. This matter is on hold pending review of all projects costs.
- 9.1.11 The last meeting of the town team took place in August and discussed arrange of issues including increasing membership, public art scheme, highways, including road safety and parking signage.
- 9.1.12 A public art brief drafted by The Tetley has been agreed and will be offered to arts sector in September. A panel including local Councillors will consider submissions and award commission of work.
- 9.1.13 The second set of three banners designed by pupils of St Francis of Assisi, New Bewerley and Hunslet Moor Primary Schools are now in production and will be displayed in coming months.

9.2 Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum

- 9.2.1 The last meeting of the Forum took place on 18th July 2015. The next meeting will take place on the 5th September 11.30 followed by the Annual General meeting at 12.30pm.
- 9.2.2 The draft plan is currently being finalised to be presented for consultation in the autumn.

10.0 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 10.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (called 'the levy' or 'CIL') allows local planning authorities to raise funds from developers who are creating new buildings in their area. The funds raised will go towards infrastructure that is needed to support the growth of the city, such as schools and transport improvements.
- 10.2 The CIL is applied as a charge on each square metre of certain types of new buildings. It replaces the current method of seeking pooled contributions from developers, called Section 106 planning obligations. In Leeds these pooled S106 contributions were collected for greenspace, public transport improvements, education, and public realm in the Holbeck Urban Village. S106s will however

continue to be used for site specific requirements such as greenspace within the site, or access or nearby junction improvements. Affordable housing provision remains the same.

- 10.3 The Leeds CIL Charging Schedule was adopted by the Council on 12th November 2014, and charging was implemented on 6th April 2015. It applies to all relevant development permitted after this date.
- 10.4 A workshop was held on the 31st July for the Inner Community Committees. The aim of the workshop was to think about how much CIL each area might get and when and input into the content of the CIL Guidance Document.
- 10.5 A summary of key issues discussed will be shared with the Community Committees by the Planning Team.

11.0 Community Led Local Development

- 11.1 Members may recall that in early 2014 they were briefed on a European funding initiative called Community Led Local Development (CLLD) which is part of the current ESIF programme. CLLD is not for general “community development” and its use is restricted to the development of the economy and to support people into employment. It cannot be used as “continuation funding” for existing projects or activities. Funding can come from both the ERDF and ESF funds within the programme. A number of Members subsequently attended early consultation meetings and other activities designed to help consider what a local economic strategy would look like. There have, however, been significant delays at a national level in the published timetable; so although activity has continued at a local level to prepare for the eventual bidding process, these have mostly been confined to occasional meetings at a local level of people who indicated they wished to help frame the bid, and meetings of the city wide co-ordinating group which has “kept the pot boiling” by preparing the ground for the eventual implementation of CLLD bidding processes.
 - 11.1.2 There are three proposed areas based on deprived communities in inner Leeds. Each will require a (separate) Local Action Group (LAG) which will be responsible for developing a Local Development Strategy and leading any resulting CLLD programme. A LAG is a partnership comprising the public, private and third sectors and must also have an Accountable Body, which may be the local authority, to manage/ oversee the expenditure in accordance with the ESIF regulations.
 - 11.1.3 A CLLD area must have a population of between 10,000 and 150,000, falling within the top 20% most deprived LSOAs, and the programme area must form a cohesive geography. The programme must also have a minimum size of €3m public sector funding input, and there is an overall requirement for 50% matched funding for all activity.
 - 11.1.4 The bidding process is now open, providing an opportunity for Leeds to apply for a ‘preparatory stage’ funding of up to £20k European funding, which must be equally matched by other funding, to identify and establish the local action group, the accountable body, refine the areas and produce a Local Development Strategy. By the end of November 2015, the preparatory bids will be submitted and it is anticipated that approvals for those areas which are invited to proceed to the next stage will be announced in January, with the actual final bid being developed over a six month period which will involve detailed local consultation. At this point in time,

within the overarching criteria, no absolute commitments as to the exact geographical boundaries or activities to be delivered will be made. These decisions will be made as part of the process to create a local development strategy in 2016; and the earliest that we would expect to see any spend, should those later bids be accepted, will be Spring 2017.

11.1.5 Community Committees and individual Members will have the opportunity to fully participate in this development process if the preparatory bids are agreed at national level.

11.1.6 Further information can be obtained from Beth Logan, Policy and Performance Manager, beth.logan@leeds.gov.uk

12.0 Community Centres'

12.1 It was agreed that Ward members would agree free lets of Community Centre's within their wards. A breakdown of free lets is summarised below.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Dates	Value
Beeston and Holbeck	St Mathews Community Centre	LCC- Private sector housing	29 th September 2015	£80.00
Beeston and Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC- Youth Service	02.04.15 to 31.03.16	£662.50
Beeston and Holbeck	St Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Elderly Aid	02.04.15 TO 31.03.16	£572.00
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	LCC – Youth Services	07.04.15 to 28.03.16	£3900
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Hamara Healthy living Centre	19 th August to 24 th August	£80
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Lynbar Majorettes	31.07.15 to 31.03.16	£4340
Middleton Park	Middleton Community Centre	DAZL	1.09.15 TO 31.08.15	£540

13.0 Recommendations

13.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
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Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.