

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 Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention, a summary of 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

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

Youth Activities Fund (YAF)

3. The YAF application process for 2017/18 will open on the breeze website in December 2016 and close on in early February 2017. We will be requesting bids from a wide range of providers that can deliver activities throughout the 2017/18 year. We anticipate a 10% reduction in YAF and therefore the advertisement on the breeze website will confirm that funding is subject to Executive Board approval.

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

Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

4. Since the last meeting of Community Committee the above Board has met twice. In September the theme of the meeting was 'supporting young people' and in November the theme was 'health and work'.
5. An action plan to lead the work of the board is being developed and will be presented at the first meeting to be held in 2017.
6. Supporting work that provides vocational training/confidence building and developing social skills to be ready for work will continue in 2017 with the Hunslet Club and Hamara being key partners in Inner South. Engagement with business will also continue with a number of visits being arranged in the New Year.
7. The elections for the Local Action group (LAG) will be held on 21st of January 2017. This will be the body responsible for project approval if European Social Fund (ESF) Community Led Local Development (CLLD) is approved. It is important that the LAG has a broad membership and representative of the area and therefore the Communities Team will support the promotion of this election.

South Leeds Debt Forum

8. The 'Joint Debt Forum Open Meeting' was held on Friday 7th October 2016 at St Georges Conference Centre. The event was attended by 75 people from across the 4 Leeds debt forums. The theme was Health and Wealth and the impact that poverty can have on wellbeing.
9. The event consisted of a mixture of workshops and talks, with speakers including the Chair of the Adult Social Services, Public Health and NHS Scrutiny Board, the Chief Executive Officer of Health For All and the Leeds City Council Financial Inclusion Team. There were 7 different workshops on topics such as universal credit, mental health, food & fuel poverty and breaking the cycle, with workshop facilitators feeding back at the end on behalf of their groups.
10. This information is now being collated to be distributed to attendees and be used to enhance action plans that are being developed in the respective debt forums.

Updates by theme: Environment, Community Champion: Cllr Adam Ogilvie

Inner South Environmental Sub Group

11. The Inner South Environmental Sub Group met on the 29th of September 2016. Minutes are available on request. Key items discussed included:

- Plans to consider the domestic waste policy and how these might best be implemented, taking into account local issues and conditions.
 - Consider initiatives and enforcement activities in tackling of dog fouling , sharing best practice and key messages across the ward
 - Members received highlights from SLA4 including changes in priorities and zonal working and its impact
 - Missed bin collections and access issues on Beeston Hill
 - Updates on key schemes were presented, including, sovereign square, Hunslet Moor, Hunslet Lake, Penny Pocket Park, Cross Flatts Park, Stourton Grange POS and Middleton Park Cycling Hub
12. An extra meeting of the Environmental sub-group to discuss the implementation of policies on domestic waste was held on the 2nd of November 2016.

The purpose was to establish the Community Committee's priority issues from (a-e) below.

- a. Domestic waste bins left out on streets
- b. Side waste (extra bags of waste left at the side of bins, to be collected)
- c. Contaminated recycling bins (wrong items in the wrong bins)
- d. Physical obstacles on the street meaning refuse collection & street cleansing vehicles struggle to get in to do their work.
- e. Excess domestic waste bins (ie over the Council policy on bin provision).

The meeting also looked to establish the areas where work on the priorities will commence; give a view on how to engage and inform on this issue; and consider how the Community Committee can continue to assist in the successful implementation of the policies going forward.

The locality manager has been tasked to provide a list of priority streets/areas where this area of where work will commence. Members have also been invited put forward priority streets/areas of concern.

Update by theme: Community Safety, Community Champion Cllr Mohammed Iqbal

Action Plan from Community Committee Workshop held in September 2016

13. The Action Plan developed after the September 2016 Community Committee Workshop is attached Appendix 1. We are currently working with colleagues to deliver these actions:
- Videos have now been posted on Inner South Facebook page advising residents where they can report asb/nuisance etc
 - Street Ambassadors – a meeting has taken place with Third Sector partners, volunteers and council officer to develop a model to take this idea forward. There is potential to access funding for this through Leeds Community Foundation grants.
 - Have contacted housing and Probation Services to arrange for a attendance at TARA meetings to allay resident fears about convicted sex offenders being rehoused near schools/playgrounds etc

- Tackling the issue of quads in Belle Isle & Middleton. A BUMPY session is now in place in the area and WYP are actively targeting illegitimate use of motorcycles in the ward.

Beeston Hill

14. After a recent residents meetings in Beeston Hill that mainly focused on community safety, inquiries are currently being made about installing CCTV linked to LeedsWatch to address residents concerns mainly around drug dealing, asb and intimidation. A subsequent meeting with West Yorkshire Police and residents was held at Hamara on 15th Of November and a number of priority concerns raised are now being actioned.

Updates by theme: Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing, Community Champions: Cllr Patrick Davey and Cllr Paul Truswell

Leeds South and East CCG – Health Inequalities Fund

15. Work has been undertaken to identify work programmes within three main topic areas – Best Start, Healthy lifestyles and Wider Determinants of Health.

16. Funding has been agreed for an enhanced Best Start programme across the LSE CCG Area. The work will include enhanced antenatal work programme, postnatal work programme, Best Start Peer Support work programme and workforce development activity.

17. Within the Healthy Lifestyles work programme an investment of £122.000 was made to support the continuation of Leeds Get Active in the LSE CCG area until November 2016. Beyond this period funding has been agreed for an enhanced community offer across the LSE CCG area.

18. Funding has also been used to secure two posts to work closely with the LSE CCG Primary Care Engagement Team. The post holders will provide specialist PH advice and will develop, implement and evaluate local work programmes/activity.

Leeds South and East – reducing smoking prevalence rates

19. Early evaluation of the Today is the Day campaign has shown some positive results across the LSE CCG area. Numbers of people engaging with smoking services across the area have gone up since the campaign started and although the numbers are small it is seen as a positive step for the area.. There are still campaign resources available if further promotional sites are identified.

Cottingley Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

20. The Cottingley Apple Day event was used an opportunity to launch the groups initiative on reporting crime and anti-social behaviour. The event was really well attended and there were representatives from the South East Communities Team, Police, West Yorkshire Fire Service and Anti-Social Behaviour Team present at the event. Posters and flyers were produced with all the reporting details included and officers were available to chat to residents about any concerns they had.

Best Start

21. Following the most recent Best Start Steering Group meeting the co-ordinator is currently looking at activities that are taking place in the area and how these can be enhanced to support the good work that is already taking place. The current database of activities has been updated and information has been requested from partners on ways this work can be enhanced.

Winter Warmth

22. Winter Friends training has once again been delivered across Leeds with 3 sessions running in the South East Area. The session for Inner South was well attended and all attendees have now been added to the Winter Friends Network. There are a few Winter Wellbeing packs remaining from last winter that can be distributed as crisis packs to those seen by any of the Winter Friends.

Older Persons sub group

23. The 'older persons sub group' met on the 15th September 2016, with minutes available on request. Key items discussed at the meeting included:

- Older persons event – a celebration event for 'older people', aiming to reduce and tackle social isolation in Inner South Leeds. The group agreed that the format of the event will be changed this time, as a result of feedback received from attendees in March 2016.
- Connect for Health – presentation on social prescribing and the work that they do in making referrals in South Leeds. Numbers reflect targets set but further referrals are encouraged.
- Digital Angels - a group that are funded through the Time to Shine project. Their aim is to work with over 350 older people over the age of 50. The project aims to specifically reduce social isolation by providing access and connectivity to the digital/internet world.
- Voluntary Action Leeds – they led a discussion on funding opportunities and the support to community groups and voluntary organisations that they can offer in South Leeds..

Integrated Locality working

Neighbourhood Improvement Boards (NIBs)

24. Belle Isle & Middleton NIB. This met on the 27th of September 2016. The key issues that the meeting covered included:

- Health Inequalities Fund. £3million of CCG funding allocated to Public Health have identified the priorities of reducing inequalities in health; healthy lifestyles; wider determinates of health.
- ASB, nuisance and hate crime in Middleton and Belle Isle and agreed actions to tackle these problems
- Improving prospects for young people .

24. The City & Hunslet NIB met on the 11th of October 2016. The meeting was very well attended by residents. The open space section of the meeting generated the following key issues from residents:

- Crime and ASB issues such as drug dealing and nuisance around quad bikes
- Road and traffic condition on Tempest Road, Hird Street ,Wickham Street, Rowland Road
- Refuse and cleansing: missed bin collection and access issues for refuse collection vehicle
- Residents were given opportunity to comment on plans for the Dewsbury Road Highway improvements
- Dog fouling particularly on pocket park on Trentham street

A follow up meeting with the Police subsequently took place on 15th November to try and address the concerns raised around crime and anti-social- behaviour in the area. This was also an opportunity for the Police, Councillors and Communities Team to reiterate the importance of reporting all crime incidents and sharing the different ways of reporting. A site meeting was then held to determine the cost and feasibility of CCTV in the area. Details of options and costs are expected soon.

25. A meeting for Holbeck residents was held on 8th November at St Matthews Community Centre. This was an open spaces session that included a presentation on South Bank Regeneration and discussions on local project proposals. The meeting attracted over 50 residents and a wide range of issues were discussed. It was agreed to reconvene in mid-January 2017 with Housing Management, Highways and a number of other services invited to address some of the issues raised.

Community Centre's

Free lets in Inner South

26. The table below provides details of all free lets, booked to date, in its community Centre's to date.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	4Children	Feb 2016 – Jan 2017	£2,750.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	South East Communities Team	25.02.16 – 25.02.16	£40.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Forum	14.05.16 – 14.05.16	£50.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC – Parks & Countryside	27.04.16 & 11.05.16	£78.00
Beeston &	Watsonia Pavilion	Beeston in Bloom	13.07.16 –	£25.00

Holbeck			13.07.16	
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Elderly Aid	26/06, 31/07, 21/08, 25/09, & 30/10	£385.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	Beeston in Bloom	15/07/16 – 15/07/16	£40.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	LCC Youth Service	29/08/16 – 27/03/17	£825.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC Youth Service	16/08/16 – 08/11/16	£375.50
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Armley Counselling	22/09/16 – 30/03/17	£840.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Elderly aid	06/10/16 – 31/03/17	£130.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Lynbar Majorettes	02/11/16 – 29/03/17	£660.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	Dance Action Zone	02/11/16 – 29/03/17	£220.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Elderly Action	12/12/16 – 12/12/16	£5.00
Total				£6,423.50

Recommendations

27. 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.
