

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. 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 Children and Families sub group met on the 13th February. At this meeting key statistics were shared by colleagues from Children's Services on issues such as educational attainment, number of looked after children and the number of children leaving care in Inner South.
4. Information shared at the meeting will be used to commission services using the Inner South Youth Activities Fund allocation so that appropriate activities are available for Children and Young People in the area.

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

Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

5. The Board has identified a number of priorities it would like to address in 2017. The first is to look at developing a strategy to help those with health needs get into work. A workshop is planned in June 2016 working alongside the North East and West Teams. Presentations from Department of Work & Pensions(DWP), Public Health colleagues and those work on Community Led Local Development (CLLD) will help stimulate workshop debate in order to start developing a strategy.
6. The Board will continue to meet in 2017 and work with partners to support other priorities it has identified, including:
 - Engaging with business
 - Delivering CLLD priorities
 - Reducing the impact of welfare reform
 - Building relationships between Further Education (FE) and our very local 3rd Sector

Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

7. The Shadow LAG (Local Action Group) has met several times in recent months to ensure the bid met the deadline for the end of January.
8. Details that are incorporated into the bid include an action plan for delivery, application form, equal opportunities policy, terms of reference for LAG etc.
9. It is anticipated that approval will be confirmed in April 2017 with plans to then set up the delivery team in the Autumn and be in a position to consider projects in November/December 2017 with a view to projects starting in early 2018.

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

Inner South Environmental Sub Group

10. The Environmental sub group met on **Monday, 23rd January 2017, 10am at Civic Hall.** The agenda included:
 - Issues from Holbeck Landlords Forum including £4.5 million capital investment
 - Environmental Locality Team – Service Level Agreement
 - Updates from BITMO, Waste Management and Parks & Countryside

Minutes will be circulated to the Community Committee.

Derelict & Nuisance Sites

11. Attached as **Appendix 1** is a briefing note as an update of the Derelict & Nuisance sites programme. South East area has a number of priority sites that are receiving attention. In Inner South the current status with two of its priority sites is:

Tivoli, Middleton – planning permission for houses/flats has been submitted and likely considered in Spring 2017

Belle Isle Doctors Surgery – it is proving difficult to work with the owners with plans/intentions of owners shifting. Further action is being considered.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour: motorcycles

12. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) has recently secured, in partnership with its Police colleagues, a five year injunction to prevent anti-social motorcycling in Leeds following the unauthorised 'ride out' through the streets of Leeds that occurred on Halloween last year. The injunction secured on 10 January 2017 replaces the earlier interim injunction secured on 9 December 2016 and will be in place for 5 years, covering the whole of the Leeds City Council area. It prohibits anti-social driving (as defined in the order) by anyone after serving of the order on them. Officers from LASBT are working closely with police colleagues to identify specific individuals who are being served with copies of the injunction to warn them of the consequences of a repeat of the events of 31 October 2016, described by the presiding Judge as being 'highly dangerous to the riders themselves and members of the public'.

Westwood Estate Public Meeting regarding anti-social behaviour

13. On 23rd November, a public meeting was held on the Westwood Estate in Middleton. There had been several complaints over many weeks about youths on the estate causing trouble and vandalism. Ward councillors, Police, LASBAT, Youth Service, Housing Leeds and Communities Team were in attendance.

Issues raised by the community included:

- Gangs of youths (3-4 ringleaders) causing ASB on the estate
- Youths causing criminal damage including setting fire to the primary school bus, pulling fencing down on private properties, smashing car windows
- Threatening and bullying other youths and residents on the estate
- Youths gathering at the shopping parade and being intimidating – this is having an impact on the local businesses and as resident don't feel comfortable going into the shops

These problems have existed for a while and the gang leaders are known to the agencies that attended the public meeting. Plans are now in place to engage with the High Schools as allegedly most of the youths that are causing trouble have been excluded from school.

The Police have recently started a high visibility operation on the estate and CCTV is being considered.

A follow up meeting was held on 8th December 2016 in order to develop an action plan.

Beeston Hill

14. A proposal to install CCTV linked to LeedsWatch is being considered by Community Committee today for Tempest Road and Cross Flatts Park in an attempt to address some of the issues of crime and ASB in that area, as well as re-assuring local residents and businesses.

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

Leeds South and East CCG – Health Inequalities Fund

15. Healthy Lifestyles work programme –The delivery of the enhanced community offer for Leeds Let's Get Active began in January 2017. Leisure Services are embedded within local partnerships to help shape development of the offer and identify need across the area.
16. Best Start work programme – Touchstone, who will be working with Women's Health Matters and Leeds Community Healthcare (health visiting), have been awarded a contract for three years to deliver a Best Start Peer Support service across the LSE CCG area focussing in areas of high deprivation. The service will recruit, train and support volunteers and paid sessional workers to develop and deliver activities and key messages aiming to support parents, parents to be and carers to give children the best start in life.

Leeds South and East – reducing smoking prevalence rates

17. Promotion of 'Today is the Day' campaign continues with additional resources being placed in local areas to highlight the campaign. Use of bus shelters and back of bus advertising is in place across the South East locality and the 'Today is the Day' self-help app recently launched and is being promoted to service users.
18. Leeds South and East CCG have secured £75,000 from Public Health England to support work on Maternal Smoking. The development of work programmes around this issue are now underway with the involvement of LSE CCG, Public Health, Maternity Services, Leeds Community Healthcare and Leeds University.

Local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships

19. Cottingley and Middleton and Belle Isle Health and Wellbeing Sub groups have both had involvement in the recent consultations for 'Today is the Day' and Leeds Let's Get Active. This involvement is ensuring that local needs are met and that partnership organisations are engaged with these programmes in their local area.

Older Persons sub group

20. The last Older Persons sub group took place on **Friday 16th December 2016, at St Georges Centre.**

The agenda covered

- 'Older Persons Event' - planning
- 'Make it Fallproof' Campaign
- Public Health Campaigns: Winter Friends, Winter Prompt Card and Bowel Cancer Screening

Minutes will be circulated to the Community Committee.

21. The Older Person Celebration event will take place on Tuesday 21st March 2017, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at John Charles Centre for Sport. On the basis of feedback regarding food from the event in 2016, this time it will be an afternoon event, with tea and scones. Once again there will be stalls for attendees to visit, alongside entertainment and various speakers.

Integrated Locality working

Neighbourhood Improvement Boards (NIBs) and Forums

22. **Holbeck Landlords Forum** met of 13th December 2016 with the meeting focussing on the £4.5 million of funding which has been secured from Leeds City Council to improve the through terraced and back to back housing in the Receptions area of Holbeck. Key points at the meeting included:

- 180 properties included in the target area in and around the Receptions
- Total of £4.5 million being invested
- For private dwellings LSS will pay 75% of cost with landlord having to meet remaining 25%. This equates to £3k to £5k having to be paid
- Work will start on site March 2017 and complete October 2018
- Benefits include approx. £400 per annum saving on fuel bills; properties comply with energy legislation; local employment opportunities

23. **Holbeck Residents Forum** met on 31st January 2017. The meeting provided updates on local work including the Leeds Neighbourhood Approach in Holbeck and work to secure Holbeck Moor. The meeting continued with an 'open spaces' session that looked at the key issues of housing, highways and traffic management, policing and community safety, and the environment.

24. **Belle Isle & Middleton NIB** met on 1st February 2017 at BITMO GATE. There were a number of key topics considered, including:
- Developing a strategy for those with health needs to get into work
 - Continuing to promote social prescribing and ensure all partners are engaged in referral process
 - Action to tackle asb in Middleton including a strategy to address illegitimate use of motorcycles

Community Centre's

Middleton Community Centre

25. It was agreed with Middleton Park ward members that the centre would be refurbished to make it a key asset for communities within the ward. Refurbishment includes a new kitchen installation, building works inside to create an open space hall. Part of the building will be used by Middleton Elderly Aid who will provide key services for older people in the ward. The other side will be used by Community groups.

Funding Sources

- S106 money - Planning reference 12 02500, which generated £49,516 money to be used towards the work at the community centre
- £7,233.00 – Middleton Park ward members Capital money
- £8,000 from ASDA, which was awarded to Middleton Elderly Aid, towards the installation of a new kitchen
- Installation of POD, In kind contribution from LCC Housing Services and in kind installation from MEARS.

Free lets in Inner South

26. The table below provides details of all free lets booked for the period February 2016 to January 2017.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
City & Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Hamara Centre	01.03.16 – 31.08.16	£260.00
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 & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	Beeston in Bloom	13.07.16 – 13.07.16	£25.00
Beeston &	St. Mathews	Holbeck Elderly Aid	26/06, 31/07, 21/08,	£385.00

Holbeck	Community Centre		25/09, & 30/10	
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
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Gala	03/12/16 – 03/12/16	£82.50
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC Youth Service	06/12/16 – 28/03/17	£561.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Forum	14/01/17 – 14/01/17	£20.00
Inner South Total				£7.347.00

Community Engagement in 2017/18

27. **Appendix 2** provides details of engagement in 2017/18. It is proposed to separate Community Committee Business Meetings from Workshops. Going forward it is proposed that workshops develop in tandem with ongoing engagement with a view that at least 3 engagement events involve all 3 wards on themes considered priorities across the Inner South. In effect this would constitute 'Inner South Community Committee on tour'. It is also proposed the refurbished Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre/Community Hub (scheduled to re-open July 2017) be used as a regular venue for Community Committee workshops.

Recommendations

28. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- b) Consider and discuss the engagement strategy going forward including proposals for Community Committee Business Meetings and future workshops, as outlined in *Appendix 2*.

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

