

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 Youth Activities Fund allocation to Inner South Community Committee for 2017/ 18 is **£40,340.00**. An invitation to apply for funding went live on Monday 20th February 2017 and the closing date for applications was Monday 3rd March 2017 for round 1 to deliver Easter holidays activities. For Round 2 applications it remained open until Monday 3rd April 2017.

The Youth panel reviewed the applications on the 25th of April 2017, and indicated their preferences. To date, 16 applications for Youth Activities Funding amounting to

£56,743.00 have been submitted. The Delegated Budget Report provides details of the projects that have been recommended for funding.

4. The Children & Families sub-group met on the 23rd May 2017. Youth engagement in the area was discussed. It was agreed that the sub group will help support and Youth Summit to be held in early 2018. Finding from the Youth Summit will help to determine spending of the Youth Activities Fund for 2018-19.

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

Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

6. *Appendix 1* is attached as an infographic detailing the priorities and successes achieved in 2016.

The White Rose Recruitment Event 6th April

7. This event was held to advertise and recruit for the 6 restaurants being built and the 11 screen cinema.

Over 800 people attended on the day and over 200 have registered for additional support. The vast majority were from South Leeds but people attended from across the city. This was the largest number of people that have attended such an event.

The event included a range of activities running throughout the day:

- a carousel of information sessions on working in the hospitality sector and hints and tips for successful interviews. These ran every 30 minutes and were attended by 20-30 people per session.
- CV health check for those attending with an existing CV
- Build a CV workshop

Employment & Skills service will be hosting a range of follow up sessions over the coming weeks including more CV workshops and Interview skills sessions. Many people have already booked onto these sessions but others wishing to do so have been encouraged to get in touch.

Training courses in conjunction with the employers are also being provided to support specific recruitment requirements with the individuals who attend being guaranteed interviews.

South East Debt Forum

8. The Debt Forum last met on Thursday 16th March at Tenants Hall, Middleton. Presentations included the following:

- **Glasspool Charity Trust**, an organisation that provides grants for individuals of £250 – £750 for household essentials. They were also keen to consult with organisations working in financial/debt related areas outside of London and feed this intelligence into their 5 Year Plan. The need for crisis loans for individuals, grants for

bankruptcy/debt relief orders, funding for priority debts and debt on pre-payment meters were all stressed as important by forum members. For more information, please visit www.glasspool.org.uk

- **LCC Welfare Rights**, consulted the meeting on the Advice Consortium. This is a partnership with Citizens Advice Leeds, Citizens Advice Chapeltown and Better Leeds Communities which allows the council to bring together the funding for advice services across the public sector, getting better value for money and providing a consistent level of impartial and free advice. The 3 year contract ended in 2017 and has been extended for one year. People made a variety of suggestions for the consortium moving forward.

Stop Loan Sharks Campaign

9. A Campaign on illegal money lending was launched in Middleton Park Ward on 27th March by Elected Members and the South East Debt Forum. Intelligence from the Illegal Money Lending team and various organisations had flagged up that this ward is a hotspot for illegal money lenders. Debt Forum members leafleted 2,300 properties in streets identified by Ward Members, delivering a specially created postcard promoting the new Stop Loan Sharks website www.stoploansharks.co.uk which makes it easier to report and find help and also organisations in Middleton and Belle Isle who offer help around finance and debt and good sources of credit. Partner organisations will help us to evaluate the success of the campaign by letting us know if they have an increase in demand due to the promotion.

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

Inner South Environmental Sub Group

10. The Environmental sub group met on Thursday, 11th May 2017 at St Georges Centre. The meeting focused on performance and delivery of SLA priorities. The highlights from the meeting include:

Dog fouling campaign for the Inner South area due to the high level of complaints from local residents, the sub group has agreed to launch an anti-dog fouling campaign working in partnership with residents and key services, the campaign will be developed in four stages:

Stage 1: Using intelligence gathered from local residents, councillors and services to identify hotspot areas requiring immediate attention

Stage 2: Deliver a banner campaign displayed at hotspot areas to bring attention to the issue and raise awareness

Stage 3: Deliver the campaign through personal/social health lessons and school assemblies, emphasising the importance of the pupil's role in disseminating the information including running a competition to design images/message for a poster and leaflet campaign, which will be displayed at hotspot areas, local shops and local touch point areas

Stage 4: Opportunity to explore a citywide approach of reinforcing key messages on bin wagons, tippers, vans and local busses

Bulky Waste

11. In order to book a collection, from 9th May, residents are required to make a £20 contribution towards the cost of providing the service. The actual cost per collection and disposal is far greater. The booking system is working well and there has been no spike or backlog to deal with in the first few weeks. Customers can now book with no more than a 3 week wait.

Although it is early days, it looks like there has been a reduction of around 50% in the number of bulky refuse collection bookings received by the service. This is in line with what was expected and planned for based on the experience of other councils across the country. Environmental Services have been heavily promoting the use of third sector organisations that offer to collect and re-use items from residents and an element of the income generated will go to support that work.

Customer satisfaction with the service remains very good with only a handful of refunds being required citywide.

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods team will provide statistics to the Committee's Sub group later in the year.

Derelict & Nuisance Sites

12. In Inner South the current status with two of its priority sites is:

Tivoli, Middleton – planning application submitted for residential development

Belle Isle Doctors Surgery – demolition now completed and rubble being removed at time of writing this report.

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

Parkswatch Changes

13. The Parkswatch service transferred to Safer Leeds from Parks in 2013. The service was responsible for patrolling green spaces and parks, locking and unlocking cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions and occasional work with West Yorkshire Police. There have been 6 officers undertaking Parkswatch patrols, delivering this service through 2 shifts. The team undertook a 4 on / 4 off shift pattern working seasonal hours. Over the last few months, intensive work has been undertaken to modernise and redesign the Parkswatch service.

In 2015, LeedsWatch proposed and began the process of undertaking a redesign of the service in an attempt to integrate the Parkswatch service into the wider Safer Leeds Patrol Team. This work has now been completed and is due to commence in April 2017. The new team comprises of 20 officers (working a 5 shift work pattern) undertaking a wider range of duties including: patrolling of green spaces and parks, opening and closing cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions, patrolling of estates

to prevent ASB, responding to LCC alarm calls, routine patrols to LCC assets, patrolling of industrial estates where this is a paid for service and partnership working with other services including West Yorkshire Police. Work has also commenced on joining up the work of the Safer Leeds Officer Patrol Team with the Councils ASB team in an attempt to find sustainable solutions to some of the ASB type problems the team encounters.

The redesigned service provides a more flexible approach that can better respond to the needs of residents, businesses and partners. The service will be delivered using both cars and off-road bikes with LeedsWatch livery. The service seeks to continue with this approach but has identified that the use of cars will be more predominant than the use of off-road bikes. Work has been undertaken to check access to all our parks and green spaces and where operationally necessary some Safer Leeds Officers will continue to use off-road bikes. Work with partners, including West Yorkshire Police, will continue and actually be enhanced through the wider remit of the team and increased partnership work with LASBT.

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

South East Health and Wellbeing Forum

14. On 26th January, the South and East Health and Wellbeing Forum took place focusing on the topic of mental health and wellbeing. Attendees had the opportunity to share their views and ideas to develop new mental health work streams in the Leeds South and East CCG area.

Discussions focussed on what we are doing well in the South East and what we could do better to address mental health priorities in the area. Notes from the table discussions have subsequently been used to shape the development of new work programmes, linking to the Leeds South and East CCG Health Inequalities Fund, which aim to address local priorities in relation to mental health & wellbeing

Better Together

15. On Tuesday 21st February, the new 'Better Together' Service was launched, before an audience of 145 people. Better Together became fully operational on 1st April 2017, and will be delivered by three area based providers, a consortium led by Feel Good Factor in East North East, a consortium led by Health for All in South and East and BARCA as a single provider in West North West.

The three new contracts will replace the previous 14 separate locality contracts. The service will use a community development approach to build community capacity, increase social capital and strengthen individual and community resilience. The overall aim of the service is to reduce health inequalities by primarily focusing on the wider determinants. There will be a secondary focus on promoting healthy lifestyles and protecting health within communities. The service can include all ages, where appropriate, but will primarily focus on adults 16+. They will be delivered only in the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally within Leeds, as identified in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 (IMD)). Better Together will work with individuals and communities to identify local needs and ensure appropriate support/ interventions are provided.

Inner South Community Committee Physical Activity Workshop

16. The Inner South Community Committee held a physical activity workshop on 15th February with a focus on current activity across the area and discussions around shaping delivery in the future. Notes from the discussions will inform delivery plans in relation to the LSE CCG enhanced LLGA offer along with other locality based work plans.

Connect for Health

17. Leeds Beckett University are in the process of carrying out an evaluation of the Connect for Health Service, initial findings suggest that when local people access the service it has a significant positive effect on their overall wellbeing.

Leeds South and East CCG – Primary Care key issues

18. Bowel Cancer screening champions in GP practices will be continuing currently until 30th September 2017. The champion programme aims to support GP Practices encourage patients who have not completed their bowel cancer screening test.
19. Leeds South East CCG are procuring a community awareness programme for cancer and CVD to increase local uptake of cancer screenings and NHS health checks. There will be opportunities for the successful provider to work closely with communities within the Inner South locality.
20. Promotion of Today's The Day is continuing, there are a number of resources available for local organisations to utilise, including banners and flyers. New case studies supporting pregnant women to quit smoking have also been developed to support key promotion in children's centres across the area.
21. The LSE CCG Quality Improvement Scheme 2017/18 was launched on April 1st. Level 1 and Level 2 of the scheme supports key Public Health prevention work and working towards long term condition management: for example COPD screening rates, identifying patients at risk of diabetes, delivery of the NHS health check.

The Leeds South and East CCG New Models of Care Project - Live Well Leeds.

22. Leeds South and East CCG have supported a proof of concept project for a new model of care for people with multiple long term conditions based on an extended primary care model. The project aim is to identify the features of the model that lead to better outcomes for patients, increase patient satisfaction and reduced cost to the system by bringing primary, community, mental health and adult social care together, with specialists from local hospitals and third sector organisations, to work as a single extended primary care team. The CCG is working collaboratively with City View and Leeds City GP Practices in the Beeston area. The Live Well Team are now actively working with patients in Beeston and several themes have been identified from the participant reviews to date.

There has been a very positive response to the service and it is working on improving the overall health of the participants by conducting medicine reviews, outpatient or diagnostic referrals, improving mobility, helping with the navigation through the healthcare system and support with financial issues and edibility of benefits.

23. The Live Well Leeds Team is currently developing a plan to ensure the care model is holistic and not just medical. An example of how clinicians are working differently is through the development of a Live Well Learning Café, which is being developed in partnership with Hamara. The Learning café will be an informal setting for people to come together to learn about managing conditions well. The project will run until March 2018 and will reach 600 people in the Beeston area.

Older Persons Sub Group

24. The Inner south Community Committee held a special event for older people on Tuesday 21 March at John Charles Centre for Sport. The event included information stands, health advice and examples of simple exercises. Refreshments were served by the West Yorkshire Pioneers from Cockburn School. Over 120 people attended the event accompanied by their local Neighbourhood Networks.

Integrated Locality working

Community engagement

25. Holbeck Residents Forum met on 23rd May 2017 at St Matthews Community Centre. This was an open floor session with a good turnout of residents with the discussions focusing on highways and traffic issues, community safety and housing. A lot of concern was raised about an imminent highways scheme in and around Holbeck Moor and the Maynells which will see restricted parking introduced. The majority of the restrictions being introduced are generally supported by local residents but the proposal to introduce parking meters along Holbeck Moor Road has now been withdrawn. Ward Members and the majority of local residents prefer a time limited restriction scheme to be put in place and this is now being investigated by Highways. Other discussions focused on the improvement work being carried out to houses in the Receptions.
26. 'Love Where You Live' residents meetings were held during March at 4 venues across the Middleton Park ward. These meetings invited open discussion after a series of presentations from officers ranging from highways to forestry. The launch of Love Where You Live took place at the John Charles Centre on 25th May 2017. Approximately 50 people attended the event which saw the website launched and partners were encouraged to use it as a community tool. The link is <https://lwylbm.wordpress.com/>
27. City & Hunslet NIB met on 16th May 2017 at Hamara Healthy Living Centre. This too was an open space conversation with community safety, the environment and traffic/highways being the main discussion points. Subsequently a site visit has been arranged with highways officers to look at potential safety improvement particularly in and around Tempest Road.

Community Centre's

Middleton Community Centre

28. 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 £39.516 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

29. The table below provides details of all free lets booked for the period January to April 2017.

Community Centre	Organisation	Ward	Start Date	End Date	Value
St. Matthews CC	Holbeck Forum	Beeston & Holbeck	14.01.17	14.01.17	£20.00
Watsonia Pavillion	LCC Youth Service	Beeston & Holbeck	06.04.17	01.06.17	£162.00
Watsonia Pavilion	Friend of Cross Flatts Park	Beeston & Holbeck	03.06.17	03.06.17	£105.00
St. Matthews CC	Holbeck Gala	Beeston & Holbeck	30.06.17 & 01.07.17	30.06.17 & 01.07.17	£403.00
					£690.00

Community Committee Workshops in 2017/18

30. In 2017/18 the Community Committee Business Meetings will be separate from the workshops. Going forward it is proposed that workshops develop in tandem with ongoing engagement with a view that we have at least 3 engagement events across the 3 wards on themes considered priorities in the Inner South. In effect this would constitute 'Inner South Community Committee on tour'.

Holbeck Residents Forum. To incorporate a Community Committee workshop into a future meeting of this group with a focus on the priority neighbourhood in and around The Recreations.

City & Hunslet NIB. To incorporate a Community Committee workshop into a future meeting of this group with a focus on the priority neighbourhood around the Stratfords/Beverleys etc.

Love Where You Live. Bring together the different communities that make up the Middleton Park ward to investigate the issues that they have raised during recent consultations.

Beeston Forum. The potential to attend one of these well established meetings and hold a workshop on one or more of the issues that have been raised during 2017. An offer has been made to the Chair of this group to have this discussed with its membership.

General Updates

The Big Get Together

31. Dewsbury Road Hub will hold a Big Get Together event in its car park on Saturday 17th June from 1pm to 4pm, organised by Customer Services and Communities Team. It will include:

- Activities for children such as archery, steel drums/music, origami and face painting
- A number of well known acts such as Silver Finger Singh, Rob Greene
- Local acts from Hunslet Club
- Healthy cooking sessions from ministry of food as well as buffets etc

Third Sector Leeds Goes Local

32. This is a bi-annual event led by Voluntary Action Leeds and supported by the Communities Team to hold workshops on specific issues affecting communities. The most recent meeting was held on 9th March 2017 where it discussed health and well being and tackling poverty. A summary of the meeting with recommendations is attached as *Appendix 2*.

Social Media and communications

33. The attached report, *Appendix 3*, provides information on posts and the number of people reached on Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

Recommendations

34. 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.
