

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

Children & Families sub-group

3. Cllr Gabriel is a children's champion for the Inner South and member of the Corporate Parenting Board. The Corporate Parenting Board plays a vital role in holding to account the Council and wider partnership in relation to outcomes for looked after children and care leavers and also in helping to agree the strategic direction and priorities for service.
4. Cllr Gabriel has requested that the Inner South Community Committee are briefed on the role of a Corporate Parent and a session has been designed to cover the points below:

- Explain to members of my community committee what the role on the corporate parenting board means in practice.
 - Request for all community committee reports to consider and record the impact of decisions on looked after children and care leavers.
 - Share and explain the looked after children and young people's promise, care leavers pledge and new belongings action plan with your community committee.
5. A meeting was held with the Leeds United Foundation to look at work that could be developed locally. A proposal has been agreed with the Foundation to deliver a Young ambassadors programme in Beeston. a similar project is also being developed in the Middleton Park ward to be funded through the HAP funding pot.

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

Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

6. The most recent Board meeting was held on 20th July 2017. The main item on the agenda was Community Led Local Development (CLLD). Although the total funding package had not been agreed at the time of the meeting it was reported that it would likely be confirmed imminently. Over the summer months it is planned to establish the Local Action Group (LAG) and recruit the team that will help deliver the project across the 3 areas of the city over the next 5 years.

South East Debt Forum

5. Stop Loan Sharks Campaign in Middleton Park Ward.

The Campaign was launched at St Georges Centre in March and partners, elected members and officers leafleted 2,300 properties with postcards promoting the new Stop Loan Sharks website: www.stoploansharks.co.uk. These streets were identified by ward members. There was also a social media campaign, a press release in South Leeds Life and a display at the St Georges Centre to promote the initiative.

Partner organisations and the Illegal Money Lending Team are currently helping us to evaluate the success of the campaign. Although it's a sensitive subject, so far 6 people have accessed Customer Services and the Credit Union at St Georges Centre, as a direct result of the campaign, to enquire about loans, savings and other information.

6. Mental Health and Debt

A presentation was made by the community mental health team on provision available for those suffering mental health problems. The presentation also explained how services link into each other and work together. Debt forum members had identified that they were seeing increasing numbers of clients with mental health issues and sometimes customers that were "in crisis". They were unsure of the best place to refer them to and some were generally unsure of what help was available and how it all linked in. The presentation addressed this issue by providing details of the single point

of access contact telephone number and explaining the out of hours crisis number. Forum members will disseminate this information amongst clients and colleagues.

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

Instaplanta

7. Instaplanta is a Leeds based small business who supply and install deluxe timber, self-watering planters, fully planted, at no cost, to areas with high footfall such as towns, cities and busy retail parks.

The planters come with fitted advertising panels offering an opportunity for local businesses to promote their products and services. Instaplanta places a great deal of emphasis on the local environments in which it operates. They offer their service to the council or voluntary groups wishing to improve the immediate environment.

For a small monthly fee the local business can have their company name, logo and other information on signs which are then mounted onto two sides of the planter, the local council or in bloom groups logo is also included along with an environmental strap line of their choice on the sign. This in turn aides local businesses to share in the success that a vibrant town/city centre brings.

The Communities Team and Highways have worked together with Instaplanta to put in place a working arrangement for these planters to be installed in suitable places across the city. Working with Community Committee we anticipate approximately 12 planters will be installed in 2017/18. The agreed process for installation is attached as appendix 1.

8. Benefits to the Council

- Planters supplied fully planted absolutely free of charge
- Further promotion of civic enterprise and civic pride
- Add a connective splash of colour to mundane tarmac dominated areas
- Enhancement of the districts immediate environment and ecology
- Opportunity for the Council to further engage with and support their local businesses especially in the current economic climate
- Opportunity to further endorse the Council's Green Credentials and support the work of 'In Bloom' and other voluntary groups
- Improve the aesthetical appeal of the village / town / city centres and to help boost the local economy
- Drastically reduces watering regimes.

9. Benefits to the Local Businesses

- Opportunity to promote themselves in a high footfall location
- Good value for money promotion
- The opportunity to send out a positive environmental message/support local in bloom and other district initiatives
- The opportunity to further engage positively with the local council

- It is widely publicised that council's need to work differently to deliver better and more focused services for less money. This innovative scheme has been developed to work with and support local authorities at these difficult times to allow them to further introduce floral enhancements to keep standards high across the city at no cost to them.

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

Housing Leeds-advanced preparations for Bonfire Night and Mischievous Night

10. As in previous years a partnership approach is being adopted with regards to the prevention of fires, litter, anti-social behaviour and possibly criminal behaviour during this time. Housing Leeds will be working with partners within West Yorkshire Police, LASBT, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Parks & Countryside and BITMO.

Housing Leeds 2017/18 contribution does not significantly differ from the existing daily NHO estate management activity expectations. Housing Leeds will report any accumulations of rubbish or potential bonfires on land owned by Housing Leeds. The Tenancy Management Officers will be extra vigilant whilst out in their areas and make any appropriate reports for the removal of potential bonfires.

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

South East Health and Wellbeing Forum

11. Work streams continue to be developed within the South East CCG area around the topic of Mental Health. A programme of work has been approved to deliver a range of mental health courses to professionals and community members across the area. Over the course of 11 months there will be courses on offer from Touchstone, Community Links, Leeds Mind and Oblong to help raise awareness of mental health issues and empower people to understand, discuss and address the issues where appropriate. Courses will begin in September and run until August 2018.

Leeds Cancer Awareness Community Service

12. Leeds City Council has commissioned Unique Improvements to run a three year programme aimed at raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer. The programme will focus on breast, bowel and lung cancer and will look to work with teams of volunteers, supported by local services, to engage audiences in conversations about cancer signs and symptoms. The work will be creative, community facing and as well as encouraging behaviour change it will develop resilience and social capital across communities.

Better Together

13. Better Together (the locality community health development and improvement service) officially launched and began delivery on 1st April 2017. The first quarter saw the three partners (HFA, Hamara and ASHA) engage with 1500 local residents through community engagement including the Great Get Together and the Immigration Drop in service. The partners also engaged with over 200 residents through participation in group activities including the Kushy Nanas group at Building Blocks and a Walk and

Talk group at Middleton Park. 11 people have been supported in to a volunteering role with the service and 6 others have been supported to join local IT and ESOL provision.”

Inner South - Physical Activity

14. To support the Council’s locality based approach funding has been approved for a scoping exercise in Inner South Leeds (primarily covering the wards of Beeston and Holbeck, City and Hunslet and Middleton Park) to look at developing a whole systems approach to physical activity in the area. The funding will be for a total of £500k and Sport England has released a proportion of this funding to provide capacity to scope out the project. Following the scoping exercise a set of recommendations will be put forward which are required to unlock the rest of the available funding.

Leeds South and East CCG – Primary Care

15. **Suicide Prevention** – The fourth action point within the Suicide Prevention Action Plan for Leeds is to “Work with Primary Care to both support the workforce and those accessing primary care”. To carry this forward, a primary care suicide prevention working group will be established to ensure that primary care staff have an increased awareness of those at risk of suicide, promote social prescribing services, understand the training needs of primary care staff and increase the early identification of depression. Updates from this group and the opportunities which may arise will be fed back as appropriate.
16. **BBV Pilot** – An evaluation has taken place to look at the effectiveness of blood borne virus screening within primary care settings in Leeds. The city was the only area outside of London to be awarded HIV innovation funding by the Elton John AIDS Foundation which was supported by Public Health England. The initial grant which was for HIV Screening only was supplemented by all 3 CCGs who funded the laboratory costs for additional Hepatitis B & C screening. The pilot aimed to normalise and de-stigmatise BBV screening by offering all new patients, aged 16-65, the opportunity to be screened when registering in one of the identified higher prevalence GP practices across Leeds. Some headlines from the pilot highlighted that 18% (3,748 people) of the eligible new patients were screened. 49 positive cases were diagnosed in the first 12 months, 11 HIV, 30 HBV and 8 HCV, which represents a total yield of 13.1 per 1000 screens (2.9 per 1000 HIV tests, 8 per 1000 HBV tests and 2.1 per 1000 HCV tests). Testing in practices increased by 250% compared to the year prior to the pilot (8 months of the pilot compared to 8 months in the previous year). This evaluation looks at the first 12 months of the pilot and is accessible via <http://leedssexualhealth.com/professional-area/blood-borne-virus-screening-evaluation>
17. **Gypsy and Traveller healthcare** - Leeds West CCG has funded a nurse practitioner to support clinical health care with community members of Cottingley Springs and Roadside families with the intention of improving confidence and relationships with primary care. The role will work with Primary Care to increase awareness of the health needs of this population and develop better access. There is also an opportunity for practices to have some cultural awareness training of which some practices are looking to take up the offer. To continue to develop this work, we are working across the CCGs to establish best practice and look to support the Gypsy and Traveller communities to have better access to mainstream health care.
18. **Breastfeeding friendly spaces** - Leeds Breastfeeding Friendly campaign is designed to support mums in Leeds to feel confident and comfortable to breastfeed in and around

public places. Over recent years there has been an emphasis on working in partnership with local businesses and organisations who sign up to the campaign. Historically, health centres were identified as spaces in communities which are Breastfeeding Friendly with a small number of GP practices also signed up. An audit is ongoing to understand which practices are signed up to the campaign and supporting with disseminating messages and resources, this will be reflected in updates to the BFF website and the increased promotion within primary care settings. This supports the broader aims of the work covering the JESS cluster aiming to give every baby in Leeds the Best Start in life.

Integrated Locality working

Community engagement

19. Community Galas/festivals/breeze on tour were held across Inner South during the summer. At the Holbeck and Beeston galas the Communities Team consulted residents on issues such as the environment and community facilities. Young people were also consulted at the breeze on tour event on what activities they would like to be delivered in their area. This information will be used when considering projects for funding and shared with service providers to consider building into their service plans.
20. Belle Isle & Middleton 'Love Where You Live': Following the Love Where You Live (LWYL) launch event, the project team is undertaking an engagement programme across the area including the 7 primary schools. The comments received will inform the 'People's Plan'. Two surveys have been designed. The neighbourhood survey questions have been designed to encourage progressive and positive feedback and ideas from the community. We have also worked with the Police to draft questions that will get the community to identify the problems and how they think it could be resolved. This would give them more involvement in the process and ensure that the most important issues are dealt with first. First stage of the consultation has gone to these key neighbourhoods: Orions, Stourton Grange, Westwoods, Blakeley's, East Granges. It is anticipated the feedback from the surveys will lead to some improvement work in the area
21. The development of the LWYL website is progressing very well. Work is ongoing to continue to raise its profile and seek involvement from local partners.
22. Dewsbury Road Hub held the Big Get Together event in its car park on Saturday 17th June from 1pm to 4pm, organised by Customer Services and Communities Team. The event was to commemorate Jo Cox MP on the theme of communities having more in common than things that divide them. The day included:
 - 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

It is estimated that the event was attended by around 800 people.

Community Centre's

Community Centre Discounted Lets

23. Following a consultation exercise carried out in March / April this year, a decision was taken to remove the option of free lettings in community centres to be replaced by a maximum 75% discount available for supported organisations. This was applied to new lettings from 2nd May and to existing lettings from 5th June. All existing free lettings were automatically offered the discounted rate. Separate arrangements were made to account for costs relating to lettings made by Youth Services and Neighbourhood Networks.
24. The Inner South Community Committee area has 4 community centres that are directly managed by Leeds City Council. The following table shows the number of groups affected by the change in policy at each centre, the number of groups that renewed / cancelled their existing lettings, the amount of additional income achieved in year (June – March) through the discounted letting policy and the overall projected income at each centre, including income from lettings at the full community and commercial rates.

Community Centre	No. of Former Regular Free Lettings	No. of Renewals	No. of Cancellations	Additional Income 2017/18	Overall Projected Income 2017/18
Middleton Community Centre *	1	1	0	£2,275.00	£3,579.34
Middleton Skills Centre **	0	0	0	£0.00	£2,372.00

General Updates

Third Sector Leeds Goes Local

25. These workshops are held bi-annually on themes identified by groups working with Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) across the city. The South Leeds workshop will be held on the 13th of September 2017, from 10am to 12noon at Hillside. The subject will be community cohesion and resilience with a number of presentations, including the Prevent programme. All Ward Members are invited to this workshop.

Social Media and communications

26. Since the last meeting on 14 June 2017 the Inner South Facebook page has seen a steady increase in followers by 30, now with 699 overall, keeping the page in a strong third place in the 10 committee page ranking.

Popular posts included the summer edition of the IS Community Committee newsletter, the young people's activity day in Middleton (funded from the Well Being Budget), the LCC bins & recycling app, a film night at the Holbeck Club and *Meet @ Middleton* (poetry at St George's Community Hub), helping to deliver local stories to over 9,100 people since the last meeting. The page has also seen a 516% increase in video viewers with clips from the Beeston Festival and *Breeze on Tour* at Cross Flatts Park.

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.
