

Report of the South East Area Leader

Report to: Inner South Community Committee (Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, 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 Activity Fund (YAF)

3. An invitation to apply for Youth Activities Funding went live on **Monday 16th April 2018** and the closing date for applications was **Friday 4th May 2018**.

A total number of 23 applications for Youth Activities Funding were received, amounting to £91,568.50. The Youth panel met on the **22nd May 2018** to consider the applications, provide feedback and indicate their preferences.

Summaries of the applications including recommendations of the Inner South Peer Inspection Youth Panel have been presented to the Community Committee via email. Further details to be presented at the Community Committee meeting.

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

Employment, Skills and Welfare

4. The future direction of how we prioritise employment, skills and welfare in Inner South will be determined by the Community Committee Champion and the Communities Team.

South East Debt Forum

5. In April 2018, responding to requests from partners, the South East Debt Forum arranged two training sessions.
6. The first presentation was from Forward Leeds, at Swarcliffe Community Centre. They gave a detailed presentation on the drug and alcohol treatment services that they provide in Leeds and provided their single point of contact telephone number: 0113 887 2477.
7. Secondly, following the Beat the Odds campaign presentation from LCC Financial Inclusion Team last November, debt forum members expressed interest in a more in depth training session. The debt forum arranged for the Gambling Support Service (Newport Citizens Advice) to provide two Gambling Related Harm training sessions aimed at frontline workers. These were held at The Point, White Rose Centre and were open to members of all four debt forums in Leeds. Information included: how to screen for gambling related harm, brief interventions, where to refer and a toolkit for offering advice. The National Gambling Helpline is available 8 am to midnight and the number is: 0808 8020 133 or alternatively to find details of the nearest provider: GamCare on www.gamcare.org.uk.

Updates by theme: Environment, Community Champion: position vacant

8. The future direction of the environmental delegation and sub group will be determined by the Community Committee Champion and the Communities Team.

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

Managed Area

9. There has been several meetings of both the Operational Group for the Managed Approach and with the Managed Approach Reference Group since the last meeting of

Inner South Community Committee. A number of improvements have been put in place to support local residents after criticism about the scheme, these include:

- The reference Group receives weekly update reports on cleansing/policing issues concerning the Managed Approach. This is then shared with the 'Save Our Eyes' group.
- Members of the Reference Group have held walkabouts with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
- Members of the Reference group are liaising with LeedsWatch to site a mobile CCTV camera at a location it will be most effective.
- Public Health are working with local residents to identify locations sharps (needles) bins locations in Holbeck

Updates by theme: Health & Well Being and Adult Social Care, Community Champions: Cllr Paul Truswell (adult position vacant)

Best Start - Choosing the Cup

10. April saw the start of a new pilot campaign aiming to improve the oral health of children in the city. The campaign is called "Choose the Cup" and is coordinated by the Children and Families Public Health team. Small plastic cups, especially designed for babies aged 6 months and above, are being distributed in areas of the city with high rates of poor oral health along with key top tips on keeping their tiny teeth healthy.

Drinking from a cup helps babies to develop the key skill of sipping which also helps with language development and starting to eat solid foods. These small cups are easy for a baby to hold and use. They also make drinking an occasion too which is particularly important if families are giving drinks containing sugar. Milk and water are the safest drinks for babies and children's teeth.

A number of practitioners and groups are distributing the cups after doing a practical demonstration of how to use them. Parents and their babies can learn to use them together. Some information is also provided about keeping teeth healthy. The project is being evaluated to look at acceptability and use. For further information the contact is Jackie Moores in the Children and Families Public Health Team.

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Best Start Peer Support Service

11. The BSPS service have delivered 4 BSPS courses recruiting an average of 12 people per cohort and retaining 75% of participants.

In addition to positive outcomes measures for the majority of participants, qualitative information has also been collected after course attendance showing the impact on wider networks and local communities. This information includes:

Participants joining a closed Facebook group to share information and support each other.

A parent/carer support group organized by members of the first cohort has been set up incorporating previous group members and also open to other parents/carers in the community.

5 participants have applied to do further Best Start Volunteer Peer Supporter training.

1 participant has been accepted to become a peer supporter at the Leeds Perinatal Mental Health Service (subject to further training).

1 participant has spoken of using a community café in her area to promote Baby Box (safe sleeping).

1 participant is exploring starting a toy bank and support group.

Healthy Weight Declaration

12. Leeds City Council is working towards adopting the Healthy Weight Declaration (HWD). The aim of the HWD is to achieve a local authority commitment to promoting healthy weight across all Council teams with a view to improving the health and wellbeing of the local population. The Declaration includes 14 standard commitments and the opportunity of several locally chosen priorities. It will provide the rationale and a platform to connect Council teams to work together to raise awareness and deliver on the importance of healthy weight and supporting local people to be a healthy weight. For more information contact deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk or on 0113 378 6049.

Better Together

13. Better Together have submitted their end of year report marking one full year of delivery. Highlights from the report include:

Engagement/outreach

Partners have increasingly worked together, both on delivery and raising awareness of Better Together as a 'brand'. They have had a presence at all major festivals and galas in the area, attending events including Holbeck Elderly Aid breakfast event and the Great Get-Together at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

New activity

The consortium have responded positively to what members of existing groups wish to prioritise. This has centered on: English conversation, arts & crafts, physical activity and identifying and supporting new volunteers. For example, Happy Global Families group introduced a focus on combining English conversation within their activities which attracted 8 new members. ASHA have facilitated groups around domestic violence, forced marriage and honour-based violence awareness.

Outcomes

When looking at the outcomes measures used with service users, the vast majority of service users reflected improvement or maintenance of scores relating to emotional and physical wellbeing. Most improvement can be seen in the response to the areas of hobbies and leisure interests, reflecting the needs-based nature of partner's activities.

Volunteering

Partners have a track record of encouraging users into volunteering within the groups they belong to and with wider activities. At least 25 volunteers have been with partner organisations for over 3 months. At HfA, 2 volunteers became sessional workers during the year; before volunteering they had been group members. Another volunteer took up a college course.

Additional benefits

Awards for All – During 2017/18 HfA Community Development Workers supported community health and wellbeing groups to bring in a total of £75,900 in additional resources through successful applications for National Lottery Awards for All funding.

Other grant successes - Health For All-supported groups were helped to attract £26,300 from other grant-making bodies, including Leeds Community Foundation, Comic and Sports Relief, ARISE, Leeds Grants Group, People's Health Trust and Wades Small Grants.

Primary Care Update

14. **Suicide Prevention in Primary Care working group.** Following recommendations made in the latest Suicide Audit (link) a steering group has been established with primary care colleagues to develop an action plan to support an increased awareness and recognition of patients who may be at risk of suicide as well as the appropriate management of poor mental health.
15. **Increasing MMR uptake in Leeds.** Following a recent Measles outbreak in Leeds, Public Health England and Leeds City Council are continuing to promote the importance of the MMR vaccination in order to try and ensure there are no further outbreaks in the City. The following key messages should be shared with communities as wide as possible. Key information can be found via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Mentally Healthy Leeds

16. Mentally Healthy Leeds is a citywide mental health service put in place to reduce mental health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in local communities. This will be achieved by working to:

- Reduce stigma and discrimination
- Reduce social isolation
- Increase resilience (the ability to cope when things get tough and to 'bounce back' from difficulties).

The service will work with communities most at risk of poor mental health, including those in the most deprived areas of Leeds, young women, men aged 30-60, people who are LGBTQ, refugees and asylum seekers. By identifying, understanding and building on protective factors, people will be supported to stay mentally and emotionally well. Mentally Healthy Leeds will engage with local services, communities, groups and individuals to identify needs and respond in effective ways. The service will use a variety of community development approaches including peer support, volunteering, groups and activities as well as awareness-raising activity. Training will also be offered to communities and local employers.

Mentally Healthy Leeds is funded by Leeds City Council Public Health. It is led by Touchstone and delivered in partnership with Community Links, TCV and Oblong. <https://www.touchstonesupport.org.uk/services/mentally-healthy-leeds/>

The city also has the excellent websites MindWell www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk for adults, and MindMate www.mindmate.org.uk for children and young people in Leeds.

Community Engagement

Beeston Hill Residents Forum

17. The Beeston Hill Residents Forum took place on 12th April at Hamara Healthy Living Centre. An update was provided on progress on actions from the previous meeting. These included improvements on the Trentham Pocket Park, planned Highways improvements around the Tempest Road area.

18. Residents raised issues around Community Safety and highways with the councillors and the officers in attendance.

19. It was agreed to invite the local Police sergeant and Highways officers to the next meeting.

Love Where You Live (LWYL) Belle Isle & Middleton

20. The LWYL project team coordinated a litter pick involving The Cockburn Police Cadets, colleagues from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Park & Countryside on 8th of April on Newhall Road in readiness for a wild flower meadow planting session which took place on 13th May 2018.

General Updates

Social Media and communications

21. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and the number of people reached on Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

22. On the 21st October 2015 the Council's Executive Board approved a process for the allocation of CIL in Leeds. Any planning application approved prior to the 6th April 2015 do not qualify for a CIL contribution. As part of this payment schedule, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% for administration and 15-25% goes to a Community Committee or the relevant Town or Parish Council. This 15-25% of the CIL receipt (25% if there is an adopted neighbourhood plan, 15% if there isn't) is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. In the absence of a Town or Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Fund element of CIL is allocated to the Community Committee.

23. At the meeting of Inner South Community Committee held on 7th February 2018 it was asked to consider the process they wish to use for allocating the Community Committee element of the Neighbourhood Fund in Inner South. There were 2 options available:

- any funds raised through CIL are retained by the ward in which it is generated
- any funds raised through CIL, regardless of the ward in which they are generated, are split evenly amongst the 3 wards.

24. Community Committee deferred the decision until a number of questions were answered, these were:

Q. What is the current CIL available to Inner South Community Committee?

A. Appendix 2 details CIL available to Inner South Community Committee.

Q. What is the anticipated CIL available to Inner South over the next 5 years?

A. It is difficult to anticipate the level of CIL over the next 5 years, as this is dependent upon planning application activity which is difficult to predict. One single large planning application can skew predictions.

Q. Will ward boundary changes affect CIL with Inner South losing the city centre? Will this reduce CIL to inner south?

A. Any changes to your community committee boundaries will inevitably have an impact on planning applications which fall in those areas. Any changes to boundaries will mean that the planning applications falling in the boundary will change. It is difficult to say if CIL will be reduced or increased as it will depend on planning applications submitted.

Q. How much CIL has been accumulated in the central pot and to date what has the central pot either been spent on or been earmarked for?

A. To date the central pot so far has received approx. £4.5million, the first tranche of this for £685,434 has been allocated to be used to contribute to learning places deficit for schools; and the second tranche is currently under consideration.

Q. Will Beeston & Holbeck ward get funding from Holbeck urban village?

A. Beeston & Holbeck ward will acquire CIL from any developments within its ward boundary.

Recommendations

25. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- b) Determine how CIL is allocated in Inner South

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.
