

## **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**

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### **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 Andrew Scopes**

#### Children & Families sub-group

3. The Children and Families sub group is scheduled to meet **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. The agenda for the meeting will focus on:
  - Education information – attendance figures and attainment figures
  - Gaps in provision for children in young people
  - Holiday hunger provision
  - Key issues for Inner South from service providers in the area.

The sub group will also start planning the next Inner South Youth Summit to take place in Jan/Feb 2019.

### **Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare, Community Champion: To be determined**

#### Employment, Skills and Welfare

4. The Executive Member for Employment & Skills is currently working with officers on how best to deliver this agenda going forward. This will also include considering having an Employment & Skills Board for the city. The Executive Member has been informed of the interest expressed by a Member from Beeston & Holbeck, to take up the role of champion for that area. If any other members are also interested in this role, please make the Executive Member and the Chair aware.

#### South East Debt Forum

5. The Joint Debt Forums Annual Open Meeting will take place on Thursday 27th September 2018. The venue will again be St George's Conference Centre in the city centre and the title for this year is 'Coming Together.
6. The event will be themed around Universal Credit – with presentations covering: what support is already available, what could the Third Sector could offer, responses from advisory services/Credit Unions, financial education in schools and much more. There will also be the opportunity to participate in discussion groups, led by relevant facilitators. Details of how to book tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Updates by theme: Environment, Community Safety Champion: Cllr Angela Gabriel**

7. Following the last Community Committee meeting, a meeting of the Environmental sub-group is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> October. It has been agreed that this will now be expanded into an Environmental & Community Safety sub-group. The first meeting will agree membership, priorities and programmes of work for the year ahead. An update will be shared with the Community Committee following the meeting.

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

#### Managed Approach

8. The Operational Group for the Managed Approach has met three times since the last meeting of Community Committee. A number of actions have been taken to address sex workers operating outside the boundaries/hours and to address concerns of local residents.
- **Needle bins.** Three bins will be installed in Holbeck with locations agreed after consultation with Ward Members and local groups.

- **CCTV.** Safer Leeds will be funding a static camera linked to LeedsWatch to be installed near St Matthews Community Centre. Communities Team are working with colleagues in LeedsWatch to expand this project to add additional cameras.
- **Community Reference Group.** There are now two members of this group on the operational group.
- **Blocking off dirt road to Beggars Hill to vehicles.** This residential location was being used by sex workers and their customers. It will now be blocked off by an A Frame and lockable barrier, in the next few weeks, to prevent illegitimate vehicle access. This has been jointly funded by Safer Leeds and Inner South Community Committee.
- **Police Activity.** This has been much more overt and has seen a significant reduction in women working outside the rules of the managed approach.
- **Public Sector Protection Order (PSPO).** Consultation is under way to determine if this approach should be undertaken in Holbeck to address street drinking, which is often connected to sex workers and their associates.

**Updates by theme: Health & Well Being, Community Champion: Cllr Paul Truswell  
Adult Social Care, Community Champion: Cllr Gohar Almash**

Mentally Healthy Leeds

9. 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).
10. 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.

11. 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/>
12. The city also has the excellent websites MindWell [www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk](http://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk) for adults, and MindMate [www.mindmate.org.uk](http://www.mindmate.org.uk) for children and young people in Leeds.
13. In addition to the Mentally Healthy Leeds contract a draft Service Specification has gone out for the Wellbeing Space and Support contract. The specification has been developed following concerns raised at the South East Health and Wellbeing Forum that there was a gap in out of hours mental health provision in the area.

### Malnutrition Helpline

14. Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds City Council are pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition in older people. The malnutrition helpline puts the public and health and social care professionals in touch with a team of dietitians who can provide advice on a range of issues relating to difficulties with eating and drinking. People can access support by calling 0113 843 0905, Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm, or they can email the team at [lch.malnutrition@nhs.net](mailto:lch.malnutrition@nhs.net)
15. Malnutrition is a lack of good nutrition usually caused by not having enough to eat or not getting the essential nutrients you need to keep healthy. If not dealt with early it can lead to other problems. People at risk of malnutrition include; those who are housebound or living alone; those who are not well enough or able to shop for food, cook or prepare meals for themselves; and people with dementia, low mood or mouth/dental problems. The helpline can support by providing advice for those with concerns about;
  - Not eating enough or getting full quickly
  - Poor appetite
  - Losing weight unintentionally or clothes/jewellery looser than normal
  - Constipation
  - Difficulties affording food
  - Dehydration
  - Frail and risk of falls
  - Wounds or a pressure ulcer that won't heal
  - Not well enough to shop or cook
  - Eating difficulties related to dementia
  - Social isolation at meal times
16. Leaflets and resources are available from the Public Health Resource Centre. All are requested to promote this initiative with service users, their families and carers and frontline staff as appropriate.

## Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme

17. Leeds Community Foundation (LCF) is running the Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme, with support from Leeds City Council Public Health. The fund will support a range of community-based projects that help vulnerable people in Leeds who are most affected by cold weather. This includes households with young children and pregnant women as well as people with a range of physical/mental health problems, on low income, with disabilities, aged over 65 or otherwise vulnerable.
18. LCF are looking for innovative ideas that support vulnerable people to prepare for and cope with cold weather and are particularly keen for projects to address social isolation, increase resilience and that help reduce the levels of illness (and deaths) due to vulnerable people living in cold housing. There is a preference to fund practical projects that provide real, tangible help as opposed to purely the onward distribution of information. The fund is particularly interested in new, innovative approaches and projects are expected to link with and actively refer to other services. Grants of up to **£2,500** are available for local community projects and up to **£5,000** for citywide projects.
19. The closing date for applications was 5pm on Wednesday 29th August 2018. Applicants will receive the panel's decision by email in the first week of October. Queries go through the Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or [grants@leedscf.org.uk](mailto:grants@leedscf.org.uk)

## Better Together

20. Better Together is continuing to provide and further develop community-based Health & Wellbeing activities in Inner South. All KPIs were met for Year One and Q1 monitoring for 2018/19 show a continuing high level of delivery. 1420 individuals were engaged in Q1 through outreach. 132 new people were engaged in group activities, representing 54% of all those attending groups.
21. The Partnership of Health For All, Hamara and Asha is working increasingly well, with service users moving between the partners to access different services and a number of joint activities such as an initiative with Yorkshire Cricket Club for women-only cricket sessions. This began as a 12-week course but is continuing through the summer and beyond due to its popularity. It is clear that external organisations find it straight-forward to reach delivery partners through one approach rather than having to deal with 3 different organisations.
22. The focus in Year 2 of the contract is on increasing the opportunities for outreach, so as to target people not currently accessing services. Some of the new ways outreach is being delivered is through geographically-focused door-knocking, a regular stall being held at Dewsbury Road Hub and activities such as visiting local takeaways to talk to staff and customers. The Better Together partnership is represented on the Core Team of the Beeston Hill Priority Area and is seeking to engage more in the Holbeck priority area by joint working and responding to Council initiatives.

## Best Start Peer Support

23. The Best Start Peer Support Project aims to focus on enabling parents to feel happier and healthier, so that they can meet their children's needs and raise happy healthy children. By bringing together parents/carers in a safe space to talk about stress, asking for help, positive communication and self-worth, they aim to create new networks of support. This, in turn, enables parents/carers to seek help from specialist services if they need them and makes them more open to sharing what they know and what they've learned with other parents in their communities. It has also led to some parents/carers becoming more confident in accessing parenting courses (such as HENRY, Incredible Toddlers and Baby Steps) which contain information pertinent to other parts of the city wide Best Start Agenda.
24. Best Start Peer Support Project has already delivered two six-week courses in Middleton and one in Beeston. This has resulted in 21 parents/carers completing our course. We encourage all our participants to take specific action to share the things they have learnt on this course, and from each other, so that they become community assets and sources of further help and support. From these participants 9 have also applied to go on to do further volunteer training, which has already been completed by 3 of them. These trained volunteers are able to get involved with specific pieces of work for the Best Start Peer Support Project, or they can get support and guidance in starting their own community ventures.
25. A further Best Start Peer Support course is planned at the Hamara Centre in Beeston for September 2018 and we are trying to find suitable venues to deliver training in any or all of Holbeck, Belle Isle and Hunslet.

## Middleton and Belle Isle Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

26. The sub group recently met to discuss priorities across the Ward and smoking was once again highlighted as an issue for Middleton Park Ward. The group are aiming to relook at initiatives that could be delivered in the ward to both encourage contact with Smoking Cessation services (One You Leeds) and also to look at the wider agenda of prevention and education to stop numbers rising.

## **Community Engagement**

### Beeston Hill Residents Forum

27. The Beeston Hill residents' meeting continues to be well attended by a diverse group of residents. The main issues repeatedly brought to the forum are related to environment (flytipping, dog fouling, litter picking and missed waste collections), highways (traffic calming measures, parking) and community safety (a worrying increase in the rate of drug use with discarded needles being a serious issue, particularly around the Dewsbury Road Community Hub, and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) at the Vales Mental Health Service). Officers are working closely with services and the police to address

these issues. A dog fouling educational campaign is being planned for later in the year, subject to available resources in Parks and Cleaner Neighbourhoods. All residents are welcome at the next meeting, which is on the 11th October, 6.30pm at Hamara Healthy Living Centre.

### Love Where You Live (LWYL) Belle Isle & Middleton

28. A community engagement event for local residents in Middleton will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Middleton Community Centre. There will be local organisations and services providing information, advice and support stalls. Residents will have the opportunity to find out about what is going on in their area, have conversations with their local Ward Members and Council officers.

### Holbeck Residents Forum

29. The Holbeck Residents Forum last met on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with the main item on the agenda being a presentation by Leeds United AFC Managing Director, Angus Kinnear. He had been invited to talk about the proposals the club has to redevelop the ex-Matthew Murray High School site into its new training facility. These plans are subject to planning permission being granted. The discussion focused on the positive things it would bring to the area including regeneration and new facilities that will be available for community use. The proposals were generally well received by residents.

30. The remainder of the meeting focused on community safety, housing and highways with a separate open spaces session where residents were invited to discuss proposed needle bin locations, meet with the community reference group and talk with housing and highways officers.

## **General Updates**

### Social Media and communications

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

## **Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards**

### Belle Isle & Middleton

32. The Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB) will meet **28th September 2018**. The meeting is to be held at the Urban Bike Centre. The agenda will focus on:

- Universal Credit
- Anti-social behaviour, with an emphasis on young people and hate crime.

### Beeston Hill

33. Community engagement remains fundamental to improving the **Stratfords & Beverleys priority neighbourhood** and the surrounding area. The environmental improvements to Trentham Park including play equipment and raised flower beds have engaged a number of residents and this work is continuing. The Beeston Hill residents' meeting continues to be well attended by a diverse group of residents (see update at paragraph 14.)
34. **The Garnets launch** – Leeds City Council recently completed the development of 25 new houses for rent, at Garnets Grove, off Tunstall Road in the Hunslet & Riverside ward. The properties are now ready to let with some tenants already moved in. The new houses complement a newly redeveloped pocket park. This former community garden has been transformed from a small neglected garden into a local play area for toddlers to enjoy. As such, officers from the Communities Team, Parks and Countryside and Housing Leeds are organising a joint official opening of the new homes and the new pocket park in September 2018 to welcome the new tenants, as well as officially open the park to all.
35. The aim is to hold a celebration/community event. LCC youth service, Active Leeds and HAMARA have been invited to run some activities at the Vale, (Adult Mental Health Hub) arrange a tour of the new houses, ribbon cutting by elected members and some light refreshments. It is anticipated that the event will be an opportunity to engage with new tenants and existing residents, in an effort to engage residents regarding some of the ASB issues raised and promote community cohesion.
36. **The Beeston Hill Core Group** meets every six weeks to share information and jointly tackle issues in the area. This ensures that residents benefit from the added value of services and organisations working together and avoids duplication and 'over-consultation'. The last meeting received a report on selective licensing by the private sector housing team and all members were keen to get involved to make a difference to the area. Estate walkabouts led by Housing Leeds with members of the core group have begun and are starting to reap immediate benefits, such as the commitment to explore the change in road sweeping on Stratford Street from fortnightly to weekly.

#### Holbeck

37. **Holbeck Core Group** - A core group of LCC Officers, officers from partner agencies, third sector representatives and Ward Members has been established for Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood. It's main objectives will be to deliver a programme of activities and improve service delivery in the area. A number of projects are either underway or imminent and these include:
- **5 Recreation View** – this 2 bedroomed back to back is currently being used as a temporary pop up hub and is located in the priority neighbourhood. Front line services such as customer services and job search are provided by LCC staff; third sector partners such as MAP plus and IAPT(Improving Access to Psychological Therapies)



are also delivering services. There has been a steady increase in customers over recent weeks and staff have reported dealing with some very complex cases.

- **Local Centres Programme** funding has been awarded to improve the shop fronts on Domestic Street. Two blocks to be improved have been identified and surveys are soon to be undertaken. One aspect of the propo work starting in the Autumn of 2018.
- **Active Sports** are developing a programme of activities to be delivered at Holbeck Moor and target those living in the priority neighbourhood.
- **Leeds Neighbourhood Approach** improving house fronts and internal works in the Recreations. This also includes improving the binyards.
- **CCTV on Domestic Street** linked to Leedswatch. This could potentially be extended subject to funding.
- **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)** is currently being investigated to address the issue of street drinking and associated ASB along Domestic Street and Holbeck Moor.
- **MAP Plus (Migrant Access Project)**, which is being delivered by Touchstone, is working in the area and currently has a presence at the pop up hub in Holbeck. They have had a steady flow of clients from the Private Rental Team and have in turn referred clients on to many different services. The most frequent referrals being for housing support, employment support and benefit support. The project also supports community groups and is trying to develop community leaders. Details of outputs delivered from September 2017 to July 2018 are detailed on **Appendix 2**.

#### Third Sector Leeds Goes Local (TSLGL)

38. The next meeting of TSLGL for south Leeds will be held at Tenants Hall, Middleton on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 1.45pm to 4.15pm. The theme of the meeting is: '**supporting one another to achieve a thriving third sector**'. All Ward Members are invited to this meeting.

#### **Recommendations**

39. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

#### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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