

Report of the Area Leader

**Report to: Inner South Community Committee (Beeston & Holbeck,
& Riverside, Middleton Park)**

Hunslet

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Inner South Community Committee Area 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 Andrew Scopes

Inner South Youth Summit

3. The Inner South Youth Summit took place on 21st January 2019, at the Centenary Pavilion, Leeds United. 117 pupils attended in total, with 22 secondary and 95 primary taking part. This included 10 different schools (including 2 secondary) representing all 3 wards.
4. 11 partner organisations: Youth Service, Breeze Team, Cyclops Pedal Power, Playhouse Youth, DAZL Dance, Leeds United Foundation, White watch (Fire Service), Leeds Urban Bike Park, Active Leeds, The Hunslet Club and ACES, all gave their time for free to allow young people to sample a variety of activities.

Snapbox also brought their photo booth, so young people could have a fun memento of the day and young people were given an official LUFC stationary souvenir by their local councillors.

5. The children and young people also took part in a youth activities fund consultation, where they chose what activities they would like to see in their local area over the coming year. This data will feed into the upcoming Youth Activity funding round.
6. One of the (many) highlights of the day was a chance to see the captain of Leeds United and the young people even had chance for a photo opportunity with him.
7. Feedback from young people was that they really enjoyed trying all the different activities and they learnt more about what the council does and local democracy in Leeds.

Children & Families Sub Group

8. The Inner South Children and Families Sub Group met on 7th February at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.
9. On the agenda was a discussion about child sexual abuse, with local partners, LCC colleagues, Childrens' Social Work and Leeds Safeguarding Partnership, to try to get an idea of the scale of the issue in Inner South.
10. Childrens' Social Work explained how there is a lot of work ongoing, including a multi-agency child exploitation panel, feeding into a sub group and they commission a lot of projects via 3rd sector organisations. An early help hub is also planned for the south, concentrating more on education.
11. Leeds Safeguarding Partnership talked in more detail about the 3rd Sector Sub Group dealing with CSE and how Children in Need funds several CSE projects in Leeds, via 3rd Sector organisations, including St Lukes' Cares in the South.
12. St Lukes' Cares, represented at the meeting, spoke about their perception of lack of capacity and resources in the area, especially when dealing with medium/low risk cases, as most organisations focus more on high-risk young people.
13. Data on the scale of the problem in Inner South was received in the meeting but being so localised, is too sensitive to share publicly.
14. Also, conversations around the appetite for a networking event for childrens' homes and charities who deal with *looked after children* and the upcoming Youth Activities Funding round, also took place.
15. The next meeting of the sub group is on 6th June, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

Youth Activities Funding Round

16. The Inner South Youth Activity Funding Round opened on 25th January. Applications for wellbeing grants to deliver activities for the 2019/20 period have been invited from organisations and partners.
17. Following the end of the funding round on 22nd February, application summaries will be collated into a spreadsheet and emailed to members prior to the March ward based briefings, at which meetings members will have the opportunity to make decisions on how the new YAF allocation will be spent.

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

Employment & Skills Ward Data April – Sept 2018

18. Beeston & Holbeck Ward

JSA	Total	Priority Neighbourhood	Priority Neighbourhood Change
April – Sept 18	500	70	No change for 3 years
ESA	Total	PN	Change
Feb 18	1300	155	-15

- JSA – 10 people are aged 16/24. This figure has been static for 3 years.
- NEET – 46 - ranked 4th highest in the city.
- Health conditions – 700 mental health – 580 physical.
- In PN – 95 mental, 10 physical.
- Job outcomes – 136 – PN 14 decrease of 2 from last year.
- Skills – 247 enrolments, 42 from PN - decrease of 7 from last year.
- 83 courses delivered – 139 planned or in progress (from Sept 18).
- Accessing services - PN 87 - increase of 41 on last year.

19. Hunslet & Riverside Ward

JSA	Total	Change	Priority Neighbourhood	Priority Neighbourhood Change
April – Sept 18	605	+100	60	+ 5
ESA	Total	Change	PN	PN change
Feb 18	1555	- 80	130	+ 0

- JSA – 10 people aged 16/24 - this figure has increased by 5.
- NEET – 56 – ranked highest in the city.
- Health Conditions – 935 Mental, 620 Physical.
- In PN – 85 Mental, 10 Physical.
- Job Outcomes – 196 – PN 19. Decrease of 8 from last year.
- Skills – 377 enrolments 38 from PN increase of 17 from last year.
- 144 courses delivered, 49 planned or in progress (from Sept 18).
- Accessing services - PN 77 - increase of 19 from last year.

20. Middleton Park Ward

JSA	Total	Change
Sept 18	530	-95
ESA	Total	Change
Feb 18	1690	-40

- NEET July 18 – 67 – 3rd highest in the city
- JSA – 100 are aged 16/24 years

- ESA rate – 3rd highest in the city
865 mental health
- Adult Learning – 18 courses delivered in 17/18
3 planned or in progress Sept 18
- 157 attended a skills course of which 120 were from the top 20% deprived SOA's
- 473 people are accessing services – 389 from top 20%
- 162 supported into work – 144 from top 20%

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

The Managed Approach

21. A dedicated policing team is now in place to support the managed approach. Early indications are that it has been effective with reduced complaints from residents about sex workers operating outside the agreed hours and boundary and reduced numbers of kerb crawlers.
22. An umbrella organisation called The Voice of Holbeck has been formed. This is made up of the different organisations that made up the Community Reference Group including Save Our Eyes, Citizens@Leeds and St Luke's Church. The plan is to have a launch event that will showcase how this group plans to listen to the people of Holbeck, followed by a series of engagement events led by the different groups. It has been agreed that The Holbeck Residents Forum will not meet until this series of events is completed. The plan then, is that future meetings of the forum will be led and chaired by residents.

Environment & Community Safety Sub Group

23. The sub group met on **Thursday 17th January**, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.
24. A piece of work around dog fouling is currently being carried out by the Communities Team. As this is still a major problem in the inner south area, Members have funded 80 *We're Watching You* "Glow in the dark" signs, from Keep Britain Tidy. These signs are designed to be hard hitting and have reduced dog fouling by up to 70% in other authorities where they have been installed.
25. Members have identified dog fouling hotspots in their wards. The signs have now been ordered and City Signs will install them in due course, at locations specified by members.
26. Missed bin collections in Beeston Hill, due to access issues, are still occurring regularly. The police have agreed to assist with PCSO support for the next collection day, on 18th January.
27. Increased drug use has been reported again at Dewsbury Road Community Hub, despite the Hub taking preventative measures such as UV lights in public toilets. In response to this, the police will drop in more often and do a sweep of the area.
28. The Urban Buzz Leeds project ends in March. However, they still have some budget remaining for planting activities that encourage pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies, in inner city areas. This budget can be used to buy plants, bulbs, seeds, tools and gloves.

29. Please contact Catherine.Jones2@leeds.gov.uk if you are interested bringing Urban Buzz to your area.

30. The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 11th April**, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

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

Wellbeing Space and Support

31. The procurement process has taken place for the Wellbeing Space and Support Service that will commence on 1st April 2019. The contract has been awarded to Touchstone who are working in a consortia partnership with Holbeck Elderly Aid and Women's Health Matters to deliver the service.

32. Wellbeing Space and Support will be a service located in the 10% most deprived areas in LS10/11 (Inner South) and LS8/9 (Inner East) for a three year period. The service will have two elements;

33. Element one – Wellbeing Space

The Wellbeing Space will provide a community based, social drop-in space with the aim of improving protective factors and reducing risks around poor mental health and reducing social isolation. It will have an inclusive, welcoming approach that will challenge stigma associated with traditional mental health settings.

34. Element two – Wellbeing Support

Wellbeing Support will provide outreach into communities with risk factors for poor mental health, which are not currently engaged. It will develop opportunities for communities to be advocates and supporters of mental wellbeing. It will identify barriers and develop opportunities for buddying, as well as promotion and awareness of appropriate and effective Public Mental Health resources in communities and with the local workforce.

Better Together

35. On the 28th January an event took place at Leeds Town Hall to celebrate the first year of delivery for the Better Together contract. The contract for South Leeds is led by Health for All along with consortia partners Hamara and ASHA. Better Together offers support to people in community settings through outreach, group work and one to one support.

36. Over the first year of the contract, the service collectively engaged with 4,702 people living in the 10% most deprived parts of South Leeds. The post code with highest activity was LS11 6, followed by LS10 2 and LS11 5.

37. Over the year the service had a target of engaging 460 people into group activity and achieved this figure with a total of 478 individuals being reported through the regular monitoring. Group activities delivered include: men's groups; money, jobs and skills; food; art and craft; physical activity and more general ones focused specifically on building social support and reducing social isolation.

38. The event was very well attended and showcased some of the fabulous work carried out by the consortium over the past 12 months.

Priority Neighbourhoods: Holbeck

39. Public Health have worked with the Communities team and Slung Low to provide funding towards the second term of Slung Low's Cultural Community College which was launched in January 2019. This term's offerings include introductory courses in podcasting, Tai Chi, fire eating, Asian vegan cooking and more.
40. Holbeck residents received a hand delivered flyer through their door for the full range of courses on offer a full week before the term's activities were promoted via social media, local press and to a wider mailing list. The announcement has been received positively with features in [The Guardian](#), [South Leeds Life](#) and the [Yorkshire Post](#). The classes have been hugely popular too. A number of the courses including Make A Podcast, Asian Vegan cooking and Fire Eating and Body Burning are already filled to capacity.
41. Also this month, Slung Low has moved all of the company's operations into The Holbeck social club which has generated further interest in the College's classes and enabled them to increase the capacity of a number of the workshops. There have been a significantly greater number of Holbeck residents sign up to courses during the initial residents-only priority booking window in comparison to term one.
42. Film maker Brett Chapman has been commissioned to make two new short films; one a mini promotional film about the Receptions Support Hub, its services, staff and users and a second documenting Slung Low's move to The Holbeck and its cultural offer to the local community.

Lunch Clubs

43. 2018/19 saw 87 lunch clubs funded across the city with over 2800 older people receiving a hot, nutritious meal for around 40 weeks of the year.
44. Leeds Community Foundation, in partnership with Leeds City Council, are pleased to be offering grants to support the vital work of lunch clubs across the city for 2019/20. These grants are specifically for the running costs of lunch clubs and can support new clubs as well as helping existing ones to continue delivering services.
45. Clubs must run activities in Leeds and be providing regular hot meals to local older people. Funding is awarded as a contribution towards running costs and can help with rent, training, meal costs and volunteer expenses. The scheme cannot cover day trips, home delivery of meals or additional social activities provided by lunch clubs.
46. The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Thursday 14th February 2019. Any queries about the programme can be directed to the Leeds Community Foundation Grants Team on 0113 242 2426 or e-mail grants@leedscf.org.uk.

Healthy Weight Declaration

47. Last year, Leeds City Council became the first Council in Yorkshire and Humber to adopt the Healthy Weight Declaration and will be launching it on 1st February. This national charter mark aims to raise the profile of healthy weight across council teams and improve working together to help support more people achieve or maintain a healthy weight. The Healthy Weight Declaration provides a strategic vision and framework to help support the council to exercise its responsibility to promote healthy weight across the city.

48. The Healthy Weight Declaration consists of 14 commitments and six priorities which were consulted on over several months. These priorities will help spearhead the Declaration and help the council achieve the commitments as well as contribute to Leeds being the best city for health and wellbeing. The priorities are:

- Implementing a Leeds 'Move More' style campaign.
- Influencing planning and design for a healthy environment.
- Increasing active travel and improving air quality.
- Encouraging an active healthy workforce.
- Influencing the Councils food offer to promote a healthy weight.
- Implementing our local whole school food policy.

49. For further information please email deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk

Next Hot Meal



50. Where's your next hot meal coming from?

If you are a carer, paid or voluntary, a neighbour, someone close to a vulnerable isolated older person or a health and social care professional such as a social worker or district nurse you may come across someone who is having problems with eating and possibly at risk of malnutrition.

51. One in ten people are malnourished – often those who are lonely, have a change in personal circumstances, have mobility problems, don't know how to cook, don't know what to cook or just no longer interested.

52. What do we mean by malnutrition? It is a serious condition that occurs when a person's diet doesn't contain the right amount of nutrients and can be either:

- Under-nutrition – not enough nutrients.
- Over-nutrition – more nutrients than you need.

53. Malnutrition and dehydration are both causes and consequences of illness and have significant impact on anyone's health.

54. **But how can we help? Just by starting a conversation:**

- "It's going to be cold – have you got a hot meal for later?"
- "I'm off to the shops – need anything?"
- "What are you having for dinner tonight?"
- "Fancy a hot drink?"

55. It means you can start talking about food and drink in a casual way and find out what help they need. The website www.leeds.gov.uk/nexthotmeal gives you access to all sorts of support material and information that you can make use of.

Updates from NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group

Your views needed on Leeds urgent treatment centres proposal

56. NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has developed a proposal for urgent treatment centres for the citizens of Leeds and would like to hear your views.

57. Over the last few years we have spoken to local people who have told us that it's not always clear who would be best placed to help you, or a loved one, when you're not feeling well or have been injured.

58. This is especially the case where you feel you need to be seen quite quickly but you know it's not an emergency. We know that the way services are currently designed to help you in this situation – which we often call urgent care services – are not easy to understand.

59. Urgent care is care that someone feels is needed on the same day but their illness or injury is not life-threatening. This could include anything from cuts, minor injuries, bites or stings through to mild fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea etc.

60. We feel that our proposals will help simplify the system for you when you have an urgent care need.

61. The CCG is encouraging people to feedback their views by completing a survey, available online or in paper format. You can also attend one of the events the CCG has organised. Further details are available on the web address below. Read the proposals in full and have your say today: www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCsurvey.

The Leeds Big Thank You campaign

62. We write to make you aware of a new citywide campaign, the 'big thank you / you can be a winter hero'. This is a system-wide campaign that covers the NHS, Leeds City Council, community and voluntary sector organisations, carers and the unsung heroes among our communities. I hope you will join me in supporting this very compassionate campaign that we recently launched with the Yorkshire Evening Post.

63. Please join us in:

- Saying a public thank you to all those in our wards who are helping people stay well this. Write your message on the board here: www.bigthankyouleeds.co.uk - you can see the messages we've already received here: <https://bigthankyouleeds.co.uk/big-thank-you-gallery/> -

- Sharing the message on your social media and at events you are at, that we can all be winter heroes by: looking after our own health, checking in on our elderly or vulnerable neighbours and being prepared for bad weather.

64. The campaign seeks to encourage people to say a thank you to their winter heroes from all walks of life. This could range from frontline public sector staff, community and voluntary staff as well as people within our communities who look out for others such as unpaid carers or a community connector. At the same time we are also encouraging people to think about small steps they could take so that they too could be a winter hero. This could include getting a flu jab, looking out for neighbour or planning ahead for any bad weather. This is an opportunity to try an innovative approach to deliver some of our key prevention messages for winter in an effort to reduce wider system pressures.

65. We're pleased with the support we've received locally from the NHS in Leeds, Leeds City Council and our community and voluntary sector organisations. Recently we have also been joined by West Yorkshire Police, the British Transport Police and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

66. You will know many individuals and organisations in your ward and beyond who keep your community and the city going through winter and beyond. Now's a great chance to say thanks to them.

We're Proud to be 'Looking out for our Neighbours'

67. We are excited to announce that we are supporting a brand new community campaign from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership.

68. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' is a new campaign that aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do simple things to look out for one another.

69. Although lots of people in Leeds are already doing great things to help those around them, there is still more we can all do to positively impact on the wellbeing of others.

70. A Health Foundation report (December 2018) highlighted how living alone can make older people 50% more likely to find themselves in A&E than those living with family. Pensioners living alone are also 25% more likely to develop a mental health condition. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' aims to change this - by inspiring people to do small things to reach out to the people around them.

71. The campaign will launch on the 15th March across West Yorkshire and Harrogate and has been co-created with over 100 residents in these areas, drawing on their neighbourly experiences. Keep an eye out for more information.

Updates by Theme: Community Engagement

Social Media and communications

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

73. **Appendix 2**, Inner South Community Committee Newsletter.

Beeston Hill Residents Forum

74. The Beeston Hill Residents Forum took place on Thursday, 17th January at Hamara Healthy Living Centre. An update was provided on progress on actions from the previous meeting. Residents received updates on programmes of work from the Police, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Highways. Residents' highlighted ongoing issues of missed bin collection for both black and green bins, fly tipping on streets and local parks. They also raised concerns about highways issues including Dewsbury Road improvement works particularly, the cycle tracks lack of visibility and use by cyclists and installation of central reservation restricting access to Trentham Street.

Hunslet Moor Residents Meeting

75. The Hunslet Moor Forum took place on Tuesday, 29th January at Dewsbury Road Community Hub. Issues highlighted by residents includes Dewsbury Road highway improvements; drug dealings and increased drug use in residential areas; various forms of anti-social Behaviour; Youth Work provision in the area; the Clean Air Zone; community communications; litter; Hunslet Moor Improvements and car parking.

Love Where You Live (LWYL) Belle Isle & Middleton

76. Belle Isle Christmas Lights Switch On took place on Monday 26th November with Middleton Christmas Lights Switch On taking place on Tuesday 27th November. Both events were well attended by the community. Pupils from Windmill Primary School, Low Road Primary School, St Philips, Westwood Primary, Middleton Primary, Clapgate Primary and Middleton St Mary's led the carols, as the wider community also sang along. Middleton councillors then handed out selection boxes to all of the children who attended the events.

77. On Saturday 8th December at 11 am, a memorial to all the units and personnel who served at Middleton Airfield was unveiled. Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust donated a granite plaque in remembrance to all those who served at Middleton Airfield 1916 – 1918. After consultation with the community, the plaque was mounted and placed at Middleton Park Circus as a focal point for the community to remember all those who served at the airfield. It is hoped that the memorial stone will be a focal point to remember all the units and personnel based at Middleton Airfield for many years to come.

78. The BITMO Community Forum took place on 10th December at BITMO Gate. It was well attended by the community. Stalls were provided by Police, Health for All, St Georges Hub, Belle Isle Winter Aid, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Leeds Corinthians RUFC, South Leeds Spartans ARLFC and Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation. Residents spoke directly to services and found out what is going on in their community.

Cottingley Playground

79. After many years of development and substantial contribution from the Inner South Community Committee, the new Cottingley playground was officially opened by Cllr Scopes on 26 November. The opening ceremony was blessed with dry weather, then everyone went over to the Cottingley Community Centre for games, crafts and refreshments.
80. The new facility has already proven a hit with local children and young people and the way it has been designed means that if additional funding can be secured, the facilities can be extended.
81. The playground cost £100,000 with contributions from the following funding bodies:
- £40,000 Ward Based Initiative (Beeston & Holbeck members)
 - £20,000 LCC Housing Revenue.
 - £26,000 Leeds City Council Inner South Community Committee - well-being capital budget (Beeston & Holbeck members).
 - £5,500 Section 106 money.
 - £4,500 Inner South Housing Advisory Panel.
 - £4,000 Leeds City Council Inner South Community Committee well-being revenue budget (Beeston & Holbeck members).

Holbeck Residents Forum

82. This item is covered under the Managed Approach, above.

Updates by Theme: Priority Neighbourhoods

Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood

60. The city wide **Neighbourhood Improvement Board** provides strategic oversight of the neighbourhood improvement programme and consists of Elected Members, Senior Officers and Partners. It is chaired by the Executive member for Communities and membership includes the chair of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board.
61. The council's Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB) visited the Beeston Hill priority neighbourhood. The NIB consists of the 5 Directors from Leeds City Council, the Chief Superintendent from West Yorkshire Police and a representative from the NHS.
62. The visit included a walkabout around the priority neighbourhood, followed by a meeting to discuss some of the key issues for the area. There were presentations from key officers and successful projects in the area were shared.
63. There will be some key follow up work with individual services, to progress further projects in the area.
64. A workshop was held on 4th Feb with Voluntary and Community Groups and Social Enterprises (VCSE organisations) currently working in Beeston Hill area. The aim of the workshop was:

- VCSE organisations working in the area to meet and share what work they're doing.
- Leeds City Council to share their work and ambitions for the area.
- To discuss ideas about keeping in touch and working collaboratively in future.

Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood

65. The Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Core Group teamed up with Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood to hold a joint workshop at John Charles Leisure Centre in January 2019. The purpose was to bring together clubs, groups and people who run and manage community activities and programmes, to understand what has made them a success and the critical factors to their engagement.
66. Since October 2018, Social Marketing Gateway (SMG), working with Active Leeds, held conversations with key organisations and community leaders/influencers within Holbeck and Beeston Hill, centred around how people feel about being physically active.
67. Active Leeds have been working with SMG on a physical activity insight paper for selected localities within Leeds, which will unlock £500K of funding from Sport England. The Core Team 'Takeover' workshop group session looked to capture the stories and opportunities to engage, influence and connect with a wider audience across Holbeck and Beeston Hill helping to "mobilise the community".
68. Without this insight work, the funding from Sport England cannot be accessed. It was therefore important that, from this workshop, the partnership could demonstrate that they understand the community and the influencers that do great things already and how they might harness this and develop physical activity opportunities further.
69. The bid for funding has now been submitted and a successful outcome is anticipated.
70. Discussions and a walkabout with regeneration and planning have been held to discuss the use of buildings situated within Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood. Several premises and businesses appear to *out of keeping* with the general area and these discussions are around longer term ambitions for the regeneration of Holbeck.
71. The Communities Team have been working with Employment & Skills looking at the JSA and NEET statistics in the ward but more particularly in Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood (see section 12 of report). The proposal is to home visit residents receiving JSA in the area and provide details of all of the activities and courses available to them. It will also open up the opportunity for the Communities Team to improve relationships with residents living in the area and support them to become better engaged. At the moment there is an issue around how the data can be shared, but it is anticipated that this blockage can be overcome.
72. A specially commissioned programme of classes for Holbeck focusing on 5 Recreation View is coming soon. The Slung Low Cultural Community College bus will be parked near 5 Recreation View for certain courses and at certain times of the day. Classes will be split between the bus's classrooms, Holbeck Moor and the event room at The Holbeck. This curated programme of activities for Holbeck residents, taught in the heart of Holbeck, is taking place throughout February and March.

73. Each course looks at a different way of affecting someone's well-being: diet, fitness, fun, and agency, bringing experts in their field directly in to contact with people who might be excited to learn a new skill. The funding will support not only the extra resources needed to present so developed and adventurous a programme, but also a specific marketing campaign, alongside the presence of the bus, to attract members of the Holbeck community who haven't previously attended participatory classes in the area.
74. The proposed programme has been developed from course suggestions gathered from residents at the Holbeck Gala 2018. Participants pay what they decide at the end of the class. This piece of work has been enhanced through funding from Public Health.
75. A number of third sector organisations including Touchstone and Holbeck Elderly Aid are working with local residents on potential environmental and arts projects in the area. Ideas include flowerboxes for the back to back properties and artwork on key buildings along Domestic Street. Some of this work can be supported through the funding stream set aside for Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood and the work planned under the Local Centres Programme.

Updates by Theme: Local Centres Programme

Holbeck

76. The surveyors have been appointed and the Communities Team is still awaiting a detailed quote from them which will enable the discussions with the traders in our Priority Block 1 to be reopened and the scheme finessed.
77. A 4 camera scheme was approved previously, with £8,000 coming from the Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Budget, for a camera at the top of Meynell Heights to improve safety in the area. (The other 3 cameras are to be funded by LeedsWatch, Local Centres Programme and Housing.)

Hunslet and Riverside

78. As part of the Council's Town & District Centres 2, the Dewsbury Road Traders Group next meeting is on 14th January at Dewsbury Road Hub. Items under discussion include what funding is available from the private sector and the T&DC2 fund to add artwork to improve the appearance of the shopping area, a business survey, how successfully the recently installed road layout and cycle lanes are operating and adoption of a branded logo for the team.
79. At Penny Hill a scheme is being investigated to create an active community space in the paved area between the library and shops. This idea was launched following plans to convert the library into a modern community hub, which are now underway. Ideas for the Penny Hill scheme will be developed with the community over the coming months.
80. Investigation is soon to get underway to provide connectivity around Beeston Hill between the various shopping areas and pocket parks and linking them with the main shopping areas of Beeston Hill and Dewsbury Road

Middleton Park

81. In Middleton and Belle Isle further improvements are being planned using the Council's Local Centres Project funds. Investigation is underway to have a display commemorating the Middleton Arms pub at the nearby pocket park, improvement at the bike park, a new sign facing the roundabout at the Middleton District Shopping Centre, investigation of a vinyl at Winrose shops and continuing the unified red theme throughout shopping areas at Belle Isle.

Recommendations

82. 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.
