

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner South Community Committee:
Beeston & Holbeck, Middleton Park, Riverside & Hunslet

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Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Scopes

3. The Children and Families Sub Group met on Tuesday 7th February 2019, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub
4. Following interest from members on the scale of the issue, Children's Social Work and Leeds Safeguarding Partnership gave an overview of procedures and processes concerned with children at risk of exploitation in Leeds (and Inner South specifically).
5. An update on the Youth Summit was heard. A discussion on how to attract more young people next time will be looked at in future sub group meetings as appropriate.

6. The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Thursday 6th June 2019 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub, and an update presented at a future Community Committee.

Youth Activities Fund

7. Projects approved via the youth activities funding round so far, are recorded in the accompanying finance report.

Environment: Councillor: Cllr Gabriel

8. The Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met on Thursday 17th January at Dewsbury Road Community Hub. The next meeting date will be agreed by the chair.
9. The sub group established a new branch to specifically look at finding areas of inner south Leeds where more trees could be planted. The first meeting with representatives from Forestry, Communities Team and ward members took place on 6 March 2019. An area off Dewsbury Road was selected as a potential location, with additional sites to be found as we progress through 2019.
10. All of the requested We're Watching You (Anti dog-fouling) signs should now have been installed at members proposed sites. A corresponding decrease in dog fouling rates in these areas, should become apparent at future sub group meetings. Any suggestions for further sites can be submitted to the sub group/Chair.

Civil/Environmental Enforcement Officer

11. The Finance report details a request to fund an officer in Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside. The enforcement officer will report to the Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group on successes/issues/activities.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update

12. At the last round of Community Committee meetings, a briefing was provided outlining the service review for the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT). A number of questions were raised by committee members and responses to these can be found at **Appendix 1**.

Community Safety: Councillor Iqbal

The Managed Approach

13. The weekly report has now been replaced by a monthly report and details Police responses to issues of non-compliance with the arrangements in place around the Managed Approach and service details from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
14. 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. It launched in February 2019 and will hold a series of meetings called 'Listening Well' over a 12 month period. A report will then be produced by Citizens @Leeds that will detail their findings.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor (position vacant)

Employment & Skills Update: Beeston and Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside, Middleton Park

15. Leeds moved onto the full Universal Credit (UC) digital claiming platform on the 10th October 2018. This means that new claims by all those who would previously have claimed JSA or Employment Support Allowance (ESA), are now for UC. The Government has now begun a process of transition and migration to complete the roll out of UC for existing claimants, and is expected to take until 2022 to complete.
16. Within the Community Committee area, there are 1,885 people claiming UC as of March 2019. There are 1,035 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of March 2019 which is a 37% (600 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.
17. There are 4,545 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of August 2018, which is no change when compared to the same period last year.
18. From April 2018 to March 2019, there have been 2,769 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 940 supported to secure employment and 994 to improve their skills.
19. The Personal Work Support package (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support, is working well. From October 2015 to end of March 2019, a total of 3,843 residents have started on the programme, 29% (1,122) have secured employment. 598 residents from Inner South have engaged or have completed this programme, 31% (187) of whom have secured employment. This programme has been remodelled and the new offer, My Work Pathway, focuses on intensive 1-1 support for 12 weeks with an additional 3 months in work support available. Delivery commenced on 4 December 2018 across 4 Hubs, City Centre, Dewsbury Road, Compton and Armley.
20. The Child Poverty pilot in Middleton successfully consulted with 122 parents to explore their potential interest in learning/getting into work. 18 parents enrolled on a Family Learning course which was the highest number of enrolments of any previous provision. 14 parents completed the course. Parents have bonded well and are continuing to express an interest in further learning, another course is due to start shortly. The work with the parents will continue to be undertaken and presented to the Child Poverty board in May to determine further focus and actions required.

21. NHS – Clinical Support worker recruitment was held at Dewsbury Road – 3 people from the Priority Neighbourhood attended, 2 found work and 1 was referred to a training Provider for further support.
22. A targeted approach recruitment event for Estate and Facilities management e.g. security, portering and ward housekeeper positions took place in Lincoln Green in April, 124 people attended the sessions 7 of these were from inner south, 2 of which were from the priority neighbourhood, 3 people from outer south also attended.
23. Hospitality Big Bash – an event was held at the Leeds Town Hall in February to promote opportunities within the Hospitality sector. 1500 people attended the event and were able to chat to businesses and training providers about current recruitment opportunities. This event was then followed up with a number of local Echo events cross the city, 21 people from inner south attended local sessions.
24. Apprenticeship Fair – took place at Leeds Arena in March. There were 134 exhibitors, 400 live vacancies and over 6000 visitors.
25. Beeston and Holbeck – a pilot project will be undertaken with Adult Learning providers across the two priority neighbourhoods focussing on ESOL provision and linkage to ESOL progression routes. This will be done in conjunction with City College.
26. A variety of work in schools has been undertaken
- Information session at Stephen Longfellow Academy in March 2019
 - Careers event in February 2019 at Elliot Hudson college
 - A variety of events over the last year at Leeds City College (Printworks campus)
 - Ruth Gorse Academy
 - Careers event in December
 - Information event in March
 - Pupil panel discussion in March
 - South Leeds Academy x 2 careers events in July and August (one being support on results day)

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillors: Cllr Truswell (Health & Wellbeing) & Cllr Almass (Adult Social Care)

Wellbeing Space and Support

27. The new service has now been named Your Space and was launched on 1st April 2019. The new service will deliver and promote a range of activities, awareness campaigns and signposting for people who live in LS8, LS9, LS10 and LS11. They will aim to work with individuals and communities to develop and identify the tools, skills and know how to maintain their wellbeing and live a happy, healthy life.

28. Your Space is a partnership project between Touchstone, HEA, Womens Health Matters and Leeds Beckett University – Centre for Health Promotion Research.
29. Recruitment has taken place for the service and there is a manager in place along with project workers linked to each of the partner organisations. The first role of the project team is to link into the local communities to gauge interest in the service both from a user and a volunteer perspective.
30. More information will be provided in the next report but links can be made with the service using the following contact details:
- YourSpace@touchstonesupport.org.uk
 - 0113 240 4196

Leeds Lets Get Active

31. Leeds Lets Get Active continue to deliver across the Inner South area. The activities delivered range from walking groups, Zumba, football, Tai Chi and chair based exercise. The team have some excellent examples of delivering sustainable activities by working with volunteers and offering coaching bursaries to enable them to carry on the classes as instructors. Walk Leader Training and Tai Chi instructors are both excellent examples of this strand of work.
32. The team are looking forward to delivering a comprehensive programme over the summer months including the Xplorer Parks summer programme where they have worked to get areas in Inner South mapped to enable them to widen out the areas they can deliver in.
33. Details of the current activities on offer can be obtained from Emma Woolford – emma.woolford@leeds.gov.uk

Looking out for your neighbours

34. Can you help your community pledge support to a ground-breaking new campaign? Do you live in West Yorkshire or Harrogate? Are you a member of any community groups? Perhaps you go to WI or your kids go to scouts? Maybe you're a member of a local church or volunteer for a charity?
35. Whatever you get up to, we'd love you to consider how you can help groups or organisations pledge their support to a brand new campaign that launches next month. 'Looking out for our neighbours' aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do simple things to look out for one another. This could be as simple as meeting for a cuppa, offering a lift or even just saying 'hello'.

36. The campaign is being led by West Yorkshire and Harrogate Care Partnership and is quickly gaining lots of support. It's already been backed by Jo Cox Loneliness Foundation, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Healthwatch, hospitals, councils, housing organisations, sports clubs and many community and voluntary groups, including Dementia UK, Mencap and Age UK.
37. People can choose how they support the campaign – from displaying posters to supporting it on social media or pointing people to the website www.ourneighbours.org.uk. It's minimal commitment that could make a massive impact.
38. So, if you'd like to help tackle loneliness in the community you live and/or work in then please let groups organisations know about this work and ask them to pledge their support

Priority Neighbourhoods

39. Following on from discussions at Holbeck and Beeston Hill Core group meetings members of the South Leeds Public Health Locality Team will be organising a speed networking session with the aim of improving networking and sharing best practice across the area. There have been a number of discussions focusing on the lack of knowledge around services in the area so the team will be looking to organise the session in order to address some of these concerns.
40. Information on the session can be obtained from Jo Loft – joanne.loft@leeds.gov.uk

Leeds Joint Debt Forum

41. Once again the Leeds Joint Debt Forum is looking to hold their annual event at St George's Centre in the centre of Leeds. The event will take place in October and will be focussing on protecting the vulnerable with discussions around housing, universal credit and affordable credit. More details will follow as the programme is decided.
42. For information contact Jo Loft – joanne.loft@leeds.gov.uk

Community Engagement: Forums

Holbeck Residents Forum

43. The forum did not meet for several months until there was clarification in relation to the 'Listening Well' events being held in Holbeck. The Holbeck Residents Forum will now meet up to four times during 2019/2020 municipal year.

Beeston Hill Residents Forum

44. The next meeting of the Beeston Hill Residents Forum will be held on Monday, 17th June 2019 at Hamara Healthy Living Centre, and an update presented at a future Community Committee.

Hunslet Moor Residents Forum

45. The next meeting of the Hunslet Residents Forum will be held on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub, and an update presented at a future Community Committee.

Funding secured for Church Street playground in Hunslet

46. Hunslet and Riverside ward councillors, Communities Team, Park and Countryside, Hunslet Tenants and Residents Association and Housing Leeds have worked in close partnership in securing £50,000 towards improvement works required for Church Street Playground, located opposite the Penny Hill Centre in Hunslet. The funding is made up of a central government pocket park plus grant worth £25,000, £23,000 by Hunslet & Riverside ward Councillors and a Housing Advisory Panel contribution of £2,000. Subject to planning permission, improvement works will include the removal of some self seeders, along with a large oak tree which has sadly come to the end of its life, the re profiling of the banking low level landscape works to create a more accessible open space where children can play and socialise. In addition, the work would see new play equipment installed to over a more rounded challenging play space along with new paths, thermoplastic line markings, signage and seating.

Love Where You Live (LWYL) Belle Isle & Middleton

47. Westwoods Community Forum was held on the 13th February, with the New Forest Village Community Forum on the 21st March. The community forums gave residents opportunity to engage with a wide range of council services and their Ward Councillors.

48. On the 1st March, a community orchard was planted in partnership with a Westwood primary school. Not only was it a very enjoyable morning for the school children who learnt about trees and how to plant them, but it is also hoped the trees will help with poor drainage in the area. The children were looking forward to enjoying the fruit in years to come.

49. The Westwood working group is looking at ways to improve the environment through partnership working. The working group are looking at some short term goals, such as a leaflet to educate residents about how to use their bins, report fly tipping and be a responsible dog owner. Longer term sustainability projects will also be developed through working group, with a multi- agency action day planned for the summer.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

50. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards

Holbeck

51. Asset Management & Regeneration have identified Holbeck as the priority neighbourhood it will target in support of its inclusive growth and neighbourhood regeneration ambitions. Importantly these work streams will have some dedicated officer resource in order to pursue the investment framework. A workshop will be held in the coming months, part of which will determine how this programme of work will develop.
52. Highways have identified potential funding to improve road safety and increase greenspace within Holbeck priority neighbourhood. Once the funding is secured and initial plans developed consultation sessions/exhibitions etc. will be held locally.
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Beeston Hill

53. **Guide to services** - Residents in Beeston Hill told the Council they wanted to know more about services being delivered in their area and details of how to access them. Whilst they appreciate the Council's ambition to get more people accessing information online, it's not always possible for some members of our community. As a result a booklet has been produced for the area and will be delivered to households in the Beeston Hill area in the coming months The contents provide details of what third sector partners are delivering in the area, some narrative on the type of activities residents can get involved in along with contact details. It also provides contact details for statutory services and emergency services and a programme of activities in the area during the course of 2019. WellBeing funds covered the cost of the booklet.
54. **ABCD Project** - Adult social care have provided Asset based innovation funding to strengthen community engagement activity within some of our most deprived neighbourhoods, including Beeston Hill, through the use of an asset based approach. The Communities Team are supporting the project and have commissioned St Luke's Cares undertake this project. Their contract started on 1st March 2019. 2 Community Builders (2 local residents) have been employed. They aim to support our ambitions to:
- Build community resilience
 - Strengthen community involvement
 - Support communities to be better connected
 - Empowering communities to do things for themselves
 - Improving access to and take up of services
55. The aim of the project is finding connectors, mapping assets, identify community building themes, building connections, matching funds and celebration & planning. Through the project St Lukes will record in a diary every conversation, story, observation, initiative and individual/group which the ABCD community builders engage with.

Beeston Hill Core Group

56. The Beeston Core Team met on Thursday 21st March, to bring together partners to develop key work programme and themes for the Core Team and to also monitor progress against agreed actions. This will ensure that there is a collective, joined up approach to work taking place within the priority neighbourhood. The Core Team also held a workshop that looked at issues, projects and funding opportunities which will feed into its *Plan on a Page*.
57. Work is in progress to establish a series of Task and Finish Groups that will have responsibility for agreed actions and work the programme for their respective theme.

Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

58. The latest Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board focused on a summary of the Winroses 1% area profile, and looked at key factors. An update on crime and anti-social behaviour, specifically quad bikes, was discussed and addressed. Following the roll out of Universal Credit in Leeds, the partnership heard from DWP, Housing Leeds, BITMO and Community Hubs around the initial impact Universal Credit was having on residents. Public Health provided an overview of the variety of projects ongoing in the area. The meeting was held at the Urban Bike Park, and the founder spoke to the partnership about future ambitions for the bike park, including strengthen links with the local community.

Local Centres Programme

59. Beeston Hill – All shops in the priority neighbourhood have been visited and most owners have been spoken with about: what they would like to see done, the state of business and a few ideas on what may assist. (As we have LCP funds available.) Officers have planned a meeting in early May to determine subsequent actions. This may include linking with organisations who can assist corner shops and standalone businesses. A proactive shop-owner at Beeston Hill has agreed to attend the next Dewsbury Rd Town Team to encourage partnership on projects to increase trade for each area.
60. Dewsbury Rd – There have been two issues which have been outstanding for several years: One concerning a verbal agreement between the traders and former developers of a supermarket site has now been resolved with the latter completing a payment of £28,000 for ongoing trader-led improvements to the shopping area. The second issue concerns TDC2 and a meeting is being held on 13 May to provide a clear direction.
61. Holbeck - Projects approved in Phase 1 of LCP are shop front improvements and better CCTV coverage of the main street. All businesses on Domestic Street and neighbouring Ingrams Rd have now been visited by the Communities team. An initial

discussion has been held with a business interested in seeing a Town Team launched for the industrial area. This is now being investigated along with opportunities to link existing businesses to the expanding city centre.

62. Middleton Park – Former members of the Middleton and Belle Isle Town Team (MaBITT) have agreed the group should be relaunched, having ceased when the last chair moved away from the area. Members are very supportive of the idea and all businesses are now being asked if they wish to play a part in the group. LCP proposals for the ward are being prepared.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

63. Happy Holidays' Holiday Hunger provision was provided over the Easter Holiday at Dewsbury CH over 6 days. Funding has been secured from the Dept. of Education to have the scheme provided at the 10 Hubs/OSC/Libraries over the summer holiday which will run for 4 days per week for 4 hours a day. Locations in the South for this scheme will be Dewsbury Road, St George's Centre, Hunslet Community Hubs and possibly Beeston Library.
64. Dewsbury Road Community Market launches on 15/6/19 as an Artisan themed market. The community World Cup Cricket celebrations events will launch at the Hub on this day too. The Hub has also become an All Stars Cricket accredited centre and will host a youth activity cricket programme for 5 to 8 year olds.
65. Dewsbury Road Community Garden is planned to be completed in mid-June. This will be a garden for children as a gardening youth activity supported by a multi-generational gardening groups.
66. Hunslet Community Hub is planned to open by end July. This will bring a customer services enquiry service to the building for the first time in addition to the Jobshop, and will also benefit from much improved Library opening hours. A project is also underway in partnership with Localities to regenerate the outside area in the vicinity of the Hub to provide an attractive social space for community enrichment. A community/stakeholder consultation will be held to discuss proposals.
67. Jobshops at Dewsbury Road, Hunslet, St George's Centre, and The Point supported 786 people into employment/apprenticeships/self-employment between April 2018 and March 2019.

Housing Leeds

Inner South Housing Advisory Panel (ISHAP) End of year report April 2018.

68. The ISHAP meet to consider the funding of environmental and community projects and services that benefit our housing Leeds Tenants, in the wards of Beeston and

Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside and Middleton Park. The HAP is represented by three ward members, Councillors Angela Gabriel, Cllr Elizabeth Nash and Cllr Paul Truswell.

69. Funding Priorities:

The 2018/19 priorities of the panel are outlined in the 'Plan on a page':

- To support applications that improve the environmental appearance of the area.
- To support applications that increase financial inclusion through employment and training and aids tenants ability to maintain a good rent account through maximising their income.
- To support applications which contribute toward enhancements in tenants health and well-being and support increases in life expectancy.

70. Budget:

- We received funding of £47,864.29 with the remaining funding from the previous year of £1,868.40 which gave a Total Budget for 2018/19 of £49,732.69.
- The total spend for the year was £44660.14 with match funding of £35179.22
- Match funders included Housing Leeds Area Housing Manager's Environmental Budget (AHM), Communities Committee – wellbeing fund, In-Bloom groups and other community groups.

71. Projects:

Of the 37 projects that were brought to panel:

- 31 were approved,
- 4 were rejected,
- 1 were funded in full through AHM
- 1 has been deferred.
- Of the 31 approved projects 14 were community development projects leaving 17 as environmental projects.
- Of the 17 environmental, 4 were fencing with a total cost of £6266.02.

Examples of each are:

Community:

- £870 Hunslet TARA fun day: sports for family participation and information stalls (City and Hunslet)
- £890 GoTri Holbeck Moor Active Leeds (Beeston and Holbeck, Hunslet and Riverside)
- £1,200 Middleton Elderly Aid Tea Dance: 12 monthly 2hourly tutored sessions (Middleton Park).

- £2,432 St Lukes ESOL classes (Beeston and Holbeck, and Hunslet and Riverside)

Environment:

- £4723.24 Newhall Crescent Bin Stores. Inadequate facilities for waste. This site has now been provided with concrete based bin stores and communal bins. (Middleton Park)
- £1,000 Springfield Place shared land security. To prevent children engaging in ASB when accessing this communal area. (Hunslet and Riverside)
- £5,225 Cottingley Towers and Heights bin stores to prevent the bins tipping over and spewing waste across the estate. (Beeston and Holbeck)

72. Working in Partnership:

- The Area Housing Manager continues to support the IS HAP by attending meetings to provide up to date information about rent, voids and Annual Home Visits performance data so panel members are clear about what is happening in their area. Performance information is put in context both with issues affecting our communities in relation to citywide data and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These reports indicate performance in Inner south Leeds continues to be on track.
- Working in partnership with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the IS HAP. The details noted earlier regarding funding bids clearly shows this is working in practice as both groups make sure tenants and residents benefit from this joint working approach in the range of projects funded. The IS HAP and Community Committee work carefully to make the best use of available funds, get value for money and use money wisely to benefit our communities.

73. Inner South HAP for 2018/19

- The HAP are keen to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.
- Following the HAP review there is a move towards the use of social media to promote the works and gain potential bids from the wider community. We continue to recruit HAP members across the city and, it is hoped, social media will play a strong role in this process and in appealing to our younger tenants. Each HAP area now has its own officer run HAP Facebook page. All consultations link into this and the page advertises for bids and panel members.

External Funding - Caird Peckfield Landfill Tax administered by Mondegreen

74. This funding is now available and details have been shared with partner agencies and third sector/community groups. Details of the fund is listed below.

- It is no longer 2 funding rounds per year it is open to applications all year round
- There is no maximum or minimum amount but grants are generally between £30k and £50k
- There will no longer be a board that considers applications. Mondegreen will assist applicants (where the application fits) and submit to the management of Caird Peckfield (CP) who now decide on approval/non approval.
- Anyone interested in applying must first either phone or e mail Mondegreen to go through what they are wanting to apply for. This will avoid putting in a lot of effort when a positive outcome is unlikely
- The contact at Mondegreen is Angela Pease e mail: angelapease@mondegreen.org.uk or Tel 01937 848895 or mob 07973 535114
- CP are enthusiastic about sports projects
- CP are enthusiastic about heritage projects
- LCC land and buildings is eligible
- The money is all capital/no match is required but if there is match fine
- CP are particularly enthusiastic about delivering projects in areas of high deprivation

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

75. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

76. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

77. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30

2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

78. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

79. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

80. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

81. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

82. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

83. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly, this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.