

**Report of:** Head of Stronger Communities

**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 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 Family Sub Group met on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

#### **National Child Measurement Programme**

4. A presentation by Public Health was delivered on the National Child Measurement Programme. This programme measures the weight of reception and year 6 children.

5. Although Leeds has become the first UK city to lower its childhood obesity rate, Beeston & Holbeck and Middleton Park wards have the 2nd highest rate of obesity (for reception age children) in Leeds.
6. Child obesity is a complex issue, but it was felt that education is a key factor in tackling it. There are many free resources available on the [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life) website.
7. There are a number of initiatives already taking place in Leeds including the 8 week Henry course. This is considered to be an effective way to tackle child obesity, as it is fun, engages families, leads to positive behaviour changes and has a proven track record.
8. The presentation with the data and information on initiatives in Leeds, can be emailed out on request.

### Youth Summit

9. The Inner South Youth Summit will take place on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at Elland Road.
10. There will be a focus on health and wellbeing, promoting healthy eating and existing activities. It was suggested that as the theme is being “healthy and active”, it would be better to provide a *Pick & Mix* of healthy snacks, rather than the usual meal.
11. The event will consist of 2 x shorter sessions of 2 hours, plus a later drop in session for high school age young people.
12. More details will come out through the sub group. The next meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 10th October 2019 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

### **Environment and Community Safety: Councillors: Cllr Gabriel (Environment), Cllr Iqbal (Community Safety)**

13. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.
14. The Flytipping Strategy Consultation was highlighted by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT). CNT have attended member briefings and circulated the consultation, so that ward members have the opportunity to feed into this consultation if they wish.
15. Future meeting dates at Dewsbury Road Community Hub have been booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 10th December 2019 and 10th March 2020.

## Civil/Environmental Enforcement Officer

16. At the last committee meeting members agreed 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.
17. Parking Services have now confirmed that 4 people are interested in the role, 2 of whom are spending a day with the enforcement officer in Morley, week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> August, to get a feel for what the role entails.
18. It is hoped that interviews can take place by the beginning of September to appoint someone to this role.
19. The Sub Group will be kept updated by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor (position vacant)**

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

20. No update this time. The next twice yearly report is expected for the December committee meeting.

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

### Your Space – Wellbeing Space and Support

21. Work on the Your Space project continues and progress has been made over the last 3 months to secure a venue for the service and also to have a full team in place to move the project forward. Space has been secured at the Jamyang Centre in Holbeck and the team are also engaging with Support@Holbeck to use space there for meetings and unwind sessions.
22. The team have been busy undertaking training to aid with the delivery of the project and they have also taken initial steps to embed the project in the target areas. These steps include:
  - Setting up social media
  - Creating events kits
  - Mapping existing services in the areas
  - Sourcing maps that give detailed information about communities
  - Planning pop ups and focus groups (White Rose Centre, St Georges Community Hub, Asda Middleton, Hamara, Beeston Festival)

23. Further information about the service can be obtained by contacting [ourSpace@touchstonesupport.org.uk](mailto:ourSpace@touchstonesupport.org.uk), or 0113 240 4196

#### Leeds Lets Get Active (LLGA) Community Offer

24. Leeds Lets Get Active continue to offer free physical activity sessions to residents in Inner South and Inner East Leeds. In the last quarter 246 people have engaged with the service and attended 1009 sessions within their local community. The variety of sessions has varied from football, Tai Chi, Yoga and walking to chair based exercise and Zumba.
25. The team have continued to pursue new partnerships to help deliver to a wider audience and one of these has been with the family support workers at Ingram Road Primary School. Workers identified a group of inactive parents who wanted to be more physically active during the school day. LLGA were able to offer sessions at Holbeck Community Centre that engaged 8 regular participants over a 10 week block. 75% of the participants were recorded as inactive at baseline.
26. LLGA have made progress working with GPs in the target areas and have also recently engaged with Social Prescribing and the new Your Space service.

#### Leeds Debt Forums

27. Planning continues for the Leeds Joint Debt Forum annual event which is due to take place in October. The event will be held at St Georges Centre in Leeds City Centre and usually attracts a wide audience from across the city. In addition to this there are Christmas Spending events planned also for October. The main event will take place on Briggate and will bring together services from across the city to help people plan their finances for the festive season. Smaller satellite events will take place in priority areas across the city which aim to take services into the areas with most need. Planning continues for all these events and they will be promote widely once finalised.

#### Better Together

28. Throughout the 2018-2019 monitoring period, Health For All (HFA), Hamara and Asha engaged 5729 people, of which 543 people were new to the service; reaching out to members of the communities of Leeds 10 and 11. They have continued with their targeted outreach approach, successfully engaging new people and making 304 new group referrals from outreach alone and encouraging to access to the myriad of groups available
29. Overall, 1914 people attended 60 groups coordinated and delivered by Better Together South consortium during 2018-2019. Types of groups include arts and crafts, ESOL, healthy eating, physical activity and health and social groups. Every group delivered offers the opportunity to socialise with others, thus benefitting from the mental health protection of reducing isolation, creating friendship bonds and

meeting people with at least one commonality. This was repeatedly reported as a benefit for the vast majority of the group provision.

30. Robust evaluation methods consistently reveal improvements in health and wellbeing for those people accessing groups.

### Best Start Peer Support

31. This project continues to provide a holistic health and wellbeing course. Course contents include key healthy living messages and activities designed to increase self-confidence and assertiveness. Target audience for the course are vulnerable women who have infants under 2 years old. Attendees include; women experiencing domestic violence and abuse; women who have experienced sex trafficking; asylum seekers and women experiencing poverty. As a general rule, most of the attendees live with multiple negative factors.
32. The project's success lies in the facilitator's ability to engage and retain women on the course. Whilst attending the course, the women benefit from a warm, non-judgemental and supportive environment. Outcomes include moving women into volunteering, paid work and college courses with women voicing their own aims as improving their life chances and that of their children's. Other women have left abusive and violent relationships.

### One You Leeds (OYL) - Summer Nutrition campaign 2019

33. 22nd July – 22nd August. The aim of the summer nutrition campaign is to raise awareness of healthier meal options for adults in Leeds by delivering a local level campaign. There are 500 copies of OYL Recipes Cards as well as outreach activity on offer to support people to engage and consider healthier options.
34. OYL will be offering free Eat Well and Cook Well support, guidance on ways to cook more and eat better through outreach activity and opportunities on the One You Leeds website and links to the NHS guidance and apps.
35. Key Messages: How will YOU eat well this summer? The lengthening days and warmer weather provides a great opportunity to cook and eat well with friends and family. How will you eat well this summer?
36. Facilitated by Reed Momenta, a range of campaign materials will be available through these key channels:
- Web advertising: Paid and organic content promoting easy ways to cook and eat well and a One You Leeds homepage campaign takeover.
  - Marketing Materials: Free recipe cards to support the campaign

37. Your Involvement. We are really keen to raise awareness of Eat Well this summer with people who might benefit from taking part. Some suggested ways to get involved:

- Talk about the campaign. The key is to make the most noise about Eat Well this summer. People can be directed to speak to a Health Coach at One You Leeds to maximise their chances of success. Signpost to [oneyouleeds.co.uk](http://oneyouleeds.co.uk) for more information.
- Promote the campaign through newsletters, websites and communication channels
- Hand out / display copies of the promotional materials
- FREE copies of our marketing materials can be requested by emailing [christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk](mailto:christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk)
- Embed the campaigns messages in any activities, events, courses and workshops that you deliver
- Support the campaign on social media
- Follow @OneYouLeeds and Like on Facebook to get involved. There is a lot of content that can be shared.
- Share with us what you are doing to promote the campaign so you can inspire others
- Email [christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk](mailto:christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk) with details

### Smoke Free Side-lines

38. Public Health have been working alongside Active Leeds and West Riding FA to introduce a smoke free side-lines initiative across the city. The initiative aims to create better health promoting environments, protect children and young people from tobacco smoke and provide them with a smoke-free environment at sport facilities.

39. Smoking is a significant cause of preventable deaths in Leeds and contributes to increasing health inequalities. Smoking is understood to often be a childhood addiction with evidence showing most adult smokers start smoking at a young age with 66% of smokers starting before they are 18. Young people are most at risk of becoming smokers themselves if they grow up in communities where smoking is the norm.

40. Smoke-free Side-lines is aimed at sports clubs and leagues and looks to support adults involved in sport and physical activity to understand their responsibility as positive role models. It is about promoting a sports club as a healthy and inclusive place, where the wellbeing of all, but particularly children and young people, is a priority.

41. It is planned to launch the Smoke-free side-lines initiative in Leeds (and other West Yorkshire areas) in September 2019, coinciding with the new football season and school year. Bespoke digital infographic posters are currently being developed for each local authority in West Yorkshire to support and promote the initiative.

## Inner South Community Heroes Event

42. An Inner South Community Heroes event is currently being planned, led by Cllr Almass. This event will celebrate the unsung heroes at work in each community, with members being asked to nominate groups and individuals who they feel deserve particular recognition. £3,000 of wellbeing funding was ringfenced at the June committee to support this event.

43. The date of the event will be **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 5.30-8.30pm**. Venue: John Charles Centre (to be confirmed.)

## **Community Engagement: Forums**

### Holbeck Residents Forum

44. The Holbeck resident's forum will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the Holbeck Club. An update from the meeting will be provided at a future community committee

### Beeston Hill Residents Forum

45. The Beeston Hill residents meeting continues to meet bi-monthly and the last meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June. The residents were able to raise their concerns with the chief officer from Waste Management regarding missed bin collections, recycling and other associated issues. Updates were received from the Police, Officers from Youth Service, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour and Cleaner Neighbourhoods Teams and Beeston Hill Community Builders. Following the meeting there was an opportunity for residents to speak one on one with the services and the ward councillors.

### Hunslet Moor Residents Forum

46. The Hunslet Moor residents meeting continues to meet quarterly and the last meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Residents were able to raise their concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, highways issues, drug dealing and taking. There was also consultation on the development of a potential MUGA for the area. Residents had the opportunity to hear from and speak to officers about services on offer and activities taking place in the area. The next meeting is due to place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

### Garnets Garnets Pocket Park – Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Update

47. Responding to local concerns raised by residents in the Garnets area. Officers from the Communities Team organised a multi-agency partnership meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> of June to address the issues of vandalism, increase in ASB, Drug taking/dealing, drinking, loitering and intimidation in and around the playground area, Vale Circles and in the Garnets area. Partners includes the Police, Youth Service, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) and Housing Leeds.

48. The general feedback from LASBT and the Police confirms that there hasn't been much reporting from residents directly, however, the Police are including the park in their regular patrols, rather than as ad-hoc.
49. Youth services are engaging with the older youths and moving them on to other areas, but there is no evidence these are the ones who have damaged the playground equipment. The Youth Service has spoken to them about keeping the noise levels down and reports of the noise have reduced since. Key actions include putting in place additional measures to direct older youth to other age appropriate activities.
50. Plans are underway to work with local residents to address these ongoing issues in the area.

### Community Noticeboards

51. Hunslet and Riverside ward councillors funded the installation of 15 community noticeboards in public green spaces across the ward. The noticeboards will provide access to information about the local area, ongoing consultations and Council services. The Inner South Communities Team will update the noticeboards at least once a month, to make sure the information is relevant and up to date. Access to the noticeboards will be provided to local Friends of Groups, such as Trentham Park, or residents' group such as the Hunslet Carr Residents Association, Hunslet Tenants and Residents Association. Local residents wishing to promote local events or initiatives will be able to do so by contacting the Communities Team via email: [Southeast.ast@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Southeast.ast@leeds.gov.uk).

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

52. Work continues with the Westwood Working Group. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have reported an increase in residents reporting fly tipping following an educational leaflet drop in the area. A multi-agency Action Day is being planned for September. The Action Day will be in partnership with the local Primary School and Council services, and will focus on looking after the environment and promoting a mind-set of 'Love Where You Live'.

### **Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter**

53. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

### **Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards**

#### Holbeck

54. Highways have secured £1 million of funding aimed at improving road safety and to increase greenspace within Holbeck priority neighbourhood. Through the Core Group



a plan of consultation is being arranged that will start early 2020 with a view to works commencing in autumn 2020.

55. Housing Leeds have recognised Holbeck as an area where support is required with new tenants to ensure that the tenancies are sustainable, particularly in relation to the back to backs in the Recreations. The issue is that demand in that area is very low and tenants rehoused in the back to backs often have complicated and multiple needs. Some have previously been rough sleepers and have drug addiction problems. Engagement with Housing Leeds is often a problem and some tenants simply abandon the properties and pass the keys to others. Working with Public Health the proposal is to seek funding for a worker who will provide intensive support to tenants with the objective of helping them sustain the tenancy and engage better with the council and other partner agencies.
56. Active Leeds anticipate funding being released from Sport England to employ a community activator working in 4 of the 6 priority neighbourhoods, including Holbeck. The project seeks to engage people in becoming more active and lead local projects of physical activity.
57. Safer Leeds are targeting Holbeck in addressing the issue of Domestic Violence (DV). The project will work with GP's to support victims; it will also provide training to front line staff so that they are able to see the signs of DV and take appropriate steps.
58. The city wide Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB) will be held in Holbeck on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Part of the meeting includes making big asks for Holbeck. These will include:
  - Regeneration picking up specific sites which have been identified that are not in keeping with a residential area
  - Funding for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of improvements to the Recreations
  - Housing support worker for vulnerable and high needs tenants (referred to above)

#### Beeston Hill Core Group

59. The Core Group met on 15<sup>th</sup> July at Hillside. Updates were provided by services working in the area which included :
  - Safer Leeds are targeting Beeston Hill in addressing the issue of Domestic Violence. The project will work with GP's to support victims; it will also provide training to front line staff so that they are able to see the signs of DV and take appropriate steps.
  - Employment and skills service have a new contract for South supporting 16-24 year olds into employment, education and training. There is a named officer who will be able to provide 1 to 1 support to individuals wanting to access opportunities.
  - The Guide to Services booklet has been delivered to every household within the Priority Neighbourhood area. Plans are underway to deliver the rest of the booklets to the surrounding areas in the coming months.

60. The Core group had the opportunity to use the remainder of the meeting to split into the task and finish groups, reflecting the agreed themes of the plan on a page. The task and finish group agreed memberships and projects to take forward within the priority neighbourhood. Progress on the projects will be provided at the next Core Group meeting.

#### Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

61. A partnership anti-social behaviour meeting took place, to look at issues in Middleton Park Ward. Services were asked to think of ways to improve across departmental communications, which will feed into the Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board. Dates have been scheduled throughout the year for the Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board, with the first one to take place on the 16th September.

#### **Local Centres Programme**

##### Hunslet & Riverside

62. Two students have been appointed to consult with local residents to turn the paved quad in front of Hunslet Library into “an inter-connective space for use by the local community and local business which will become an innovative focal point for Leeds.” Once they have completed the consultation, the ideas will be on display for comments in the fully refurbished Hunslet Community Hub. The new owners of the Penny Hill shops are involved in the consultation and it is hoped the new area will draw more shoppers to the area and provide an educational space open to all residents.

63. Dewsbury Road: The town team have held a walkabout with Highways to consider what improvements could be made to the recently installed central reservation. It was a very positive meeting and Highways are now timetabling many of the proposed improvements. The next town team meeting will discuss an action plan for further improving Dewsbury Road using funds owned by the town team. A representative of Beeston Hill shops will be invited to the meeting to see if there are opportunities for partnership working.

##### Middleton Park

64. Communities have contacted the new owners of the Middleton District Shopping Centre to discuss best possible use of the site. Additionally contact has been made with the agency overseeing development of the former Co-op warehouse site. In other news, a town team is being established for Middleton and Belle Isle area. The team will provide a private sector voice to link on projects improving the appeal and economy of the shopping areas. The first meeting of the new team is being held with Ward Members on Monday 12th August at the Urban Bike Hub.

## Beeston & Holbeck

65. Holbeck Shopfront Scheme. The project manager received the cost estimates from the surveyors and they were far more expensive than anticipated, so a meeting is being arranged by the Major Projects Team to discuss them in more detail with the surveyors in an effort to bring them back into budget.

### **Updates from Key Services**

#### Housing Leeds

#### **Private Sector Housing LNA 7 & 8**

66. A Community Engagement Day as part of the launch of LNA 7 & 8 in the Colenso's, Tilbury's and Euston's area of Holbeck was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. During the day **340** homes were targeted, **114** residents discussed with officers issues and concerns about living in the area and the quality of their homes.

67. Most conversations were positive with **44** issues being raised by the people met. These ranged from; **21** issues around Housing; **11** relating to anti-social behaviour; **4** issues around sex workers and crime/drugs; and **2** issues were raised about waste. **6** households with support needs were identified relating to health, employment and money concerns, which have all been referred onto various partners.

### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

#### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

69. 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**

70. 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**

71. 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**

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

## **Risk Management**

73. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

76. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.