

**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**

##### Children and Families Sub Group Meeting

3. The Inner South Children and Families Sub Group met on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.
4. A presentation from the Learning Improvement Team was received by the sub group, which covered primary and secondary school results from Inner South Schools. As the list of Inner South schools was incomplete a complete list of Inner South school results will be circulated to the sub group, along with a link to performance data. This can also be shared more widely with Members.

Despite the incomplete data, some points were highlighted:

- For primary schools results, nationally Leeds is currently in the bottom quarter.
- Secondary schools: in “Progress 8” results (progress in the best 8 subjects) Cockburn is above the Leeds average (but has recently dipped), possibly affected by a changing exam system. Ruth Gorse is still one of the best scoring schools in Leeds, despite some recent issues. Cockburn John Charles is also doing well and has improved from 2018.

The sub group asked the Leadership & Management Lead to feed back concerns around the lack of engagement by academies with clusters and in police liaison and they commented on the urgent need for a temporary expansion programme to increase school places in Inner South. There was also a request for school results which are based on *clusters* and for off-rolling data to be included with the results.

5. An item on issues around food vans parking near school gates, was unable to be heard. This has been postponed until next time, along with a more complete report on the Youth Summit.
6. The next sub group is due to meet next on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

#### Youth Activity Funding (YAF) Round

7. The Inner South YAF funding round closed on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A funding workshop for councillors was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub. This gave members the opportunity to have across-ward discussions about the 16 projects received, following which any recommendations made will be ratified at the March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Community Committee. Data from the young peoples’ consultation at the youth summit and from school and youth group consultations were also fed into this workshop.

#### Inner South Youth Summit

8. 210 people attended this event at the Centenary Pavilion, Elland Road including 156 young people from 16 local schools and youth partners. All of the young people were fantastic representatives for their school or youth group. Schools/groups attending included: Greenmount, New Bewerley, Beeston Hill St Lukes, Beeston Primary, Clapgate, Cottingley, Hunslet Carr, Hunslet St Marys, Lane End, Middleton Primary, Sharp Lane, St Anthonys, Westwood, Cockburn John Charles, Youth Service, and Reestablish. Feedback received on the day was very favourable.
9. It was also encouraging to see how many projects and organisations support opportunities for young people in the area and were able to attend and deliver activities for children on the day. These included Clean Air Leeds, LCC Youth Service, The Playhouse, Breeze, Get Set Leeds and Wrongsemble.

10. Feedback submitted by young people for youth activities has been collated and this will be passed on to local councillors to influence decision making around youth activities. Once the funding has been allocated a 'You said, we did' poster will be created to be shared with the young people.

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

### Environment and Community Safety Sub Group

11. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met on the 10th December 2019 at the Jamyang Buddhist Centre in Holbeck.

12. At the meeting, a presentation from Parks and Countryside on the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2020 – 2030, was heard. The aims of the strategy are:

- To identify a clear and simple vision for the public parks and green spaces in Leeds.
- To identify clear priorities for the next 10 years so that Leeds City Council can target limited resources effectively.
- To identify key objectives for delivery over the next 10 years

Feedback from the sub group covered: the best things about parks, any issues and how to address these and what positive changes you would like to see over the next 10 years.

The full strategy and consultation can be found at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-feedback/parks-and-countryside-consultations>

13. Arranged via the sub group, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020, several successful community action days took place at Holbeck Moor, Middleton Park, Hunslet Park, Cottingley Cemetery and Cross Flatts Park. Members of the community, ward members, the police and local partners all joined together to help clean up these local green spaces.

These events were all promoted on the Inner South Community Facebook page and received lots of interest from members of the public.

14. The next meeting of the sub group will now be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30am at Dewsbury Road Community Hub. At the request of the chair, moving forward **all** councillors will be invited to this sub group and have the opportunity to attend.

## **Employment and Skills Update: Inner South**

### Locality Based NHS Employability Programme

15. The Locality Based NHS Employability Programme that connects residents from the Priority Neighbourhoods (PN) to jobs in the local anchor hospital, St James's Hospital,

delivered in partnership with the employer LTHT and Learning Partnership, has just started its third programme in January. The only promotion that was undertaken was a partnership approach with door to door leaflet drops within four of the Priority Neighbourhoods. Two information sessions were delivered, Church of Nazarene, Beeston on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January and Shakespeare Primary, Lincoln Green on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. 90 people attended these sessions, 43% were from Inner South Community Committee area, Beeston and Holbeck (23) and Hunslet and Riverside (16), of which 51% (21) were from the Priority Neighbourhoods. There were 36 places on the NHS Employability Programme, 16 (44%) are from the Inner South Community Committee area, of which 8 from the Priority Neighbourhoods.

16. Over 250 people expressed an interest from across the City in attending these events but there were only 90 places. Due to high demand an additional information session was delivered on the 11<sup>th</sup> February at Ebor Gardens with a capacity of 80, offering support with direct applications to NHS vacancies with support through Jobshops and the Employment Hub Advisors. 63 people attended this session.

17. In total the number of people that attended these 3 events for the Locality Based NHS Employability Programme from the Inner South were:

- Beeston & Holbeck - 25 people attended, of which 15 from the Priority Neighbourhood
- Hunslet & Riverside, 27 people attended, of which 13 from the Priority Neighbourhood
- Middleton Park, 4 people attended

Even though there are limited places available on the NHS Employability Programme, everybody who attended these events were offered 1:1 support dependant on their needs and circumstances, to help them to meet their goals.

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

#### Best Start

18. 'Giving every child the best start in life', is one of the Leeds City Council's strategic aims; place-based specific work in the form of Best Start Zone is one of the focused responses to that aim. A seminar styled workshop was held at John Charles Leisure Centre on the 21<sup>st</sup> January. 47 attendees came from across the NHS, voluntary and Council sectors and included key stakeholders in both decision making positions and intelligence and experience of working directly with families across the inner south.

Presentations relating to the Public Health 'Best Start' strategy and the Early Help Hubs placed the Best Start Zone work within a framework. Evidence of the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) highlighted the consequences of trauma such as witness to domestic violence and poverty. Following the presentations, attendees contributed to group discussions, designed to elicit intelligence that

identified the common health issues faced by families and how to address some of them, which will be used to form an action plan for the area.

### Inner South Health and Wellbeing Partnership

19. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January the first meeting of the Inner South Health and Wellbeing Partnership took place at St Georges Community Hub in Middleton. The event focused on Mental Health at the request of workers in the area and also based on information gained through Health Needs Assessment consultations in the Inner South priority neighbourhoods.

The aim of the morning was to showcase some of the main services available across the area and inform attendees what these services offer and how to refer in. Presentations were given by Live Well Leeds and Your Space to highlight what they do and also Mentally Healthy Leeds, who delivered a training element focusing on awareness raising.

The event was planned as a starting point to further work throughout the year focusing on Mental Health. The Locality Public Health team are now looking at the feedback from the event and planning a follow up workshop aimed at developing an action plan for the area.

### Health Needs Assessment

20. The Public Health Localities Team are currently carrying out two Health Needs Assessments in Inner South Leeds. The focus of the Health Needs Assessments are the two priority neighbourhoods in Beeston Hill and Holbeck. The team have been out to speak to community members and workers in both areas and are now beginning to compile these results to produce two reports highlighting what people feel are the main issues affecting them and what solutions they would like to see to improve their overall health and wellbeing. Once the reports are completed they will be shared as widely as possible to help plan work in these areas.

### Leeds Let's Get Active

21. Current funding for Leeds Let's Get Active was due to run until the end of March 2020. The Public Health Localities team have worked alongside Active Leeds to ensure funding has been put in place to support the project for a further six months, taking it until the end of September 2020. Within this time further evaluation of the project will be carried out with a view to securing future funding to keep the free community offer available across all Inner areas of Leeds.

### Get Set Leeds – Making Leeds a More Active City ([getsetleeds.co.uk](http://getsetleeds.co.uk))

22. As part of the Best Council Plan, Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Healthy Weight Declaration we are committed to co-producing a physical activity ambition with the city. The development of a new Physical Activity Ambition will set a long term agenda for change. It is founded on the basis that a more physically active city will help to deliver many of the city's outcomes and priorities as well as reflecting both the NHS 10 Year Plan and Prevention Green paper.

In September 2018, the Physical Activity Ambition Project team was established to improve collaboration and connectedness across the city and begin a more in-depth dialogue with people that live and work in the city around physical activity. Step one of this process involved getting the conversation about physical activity started which took a two-strand approach:

1. Development of an online microsite with survey for completion.
2. Focus group conversations with people across the city.

### **City Wide Conversations**

23. A total of 2,437 individuals from Leeds completed the Get Set Leeds microsite personal survey. A total of 381 individuals responded from a workplace perspective (i.e. as an employee or employer in Leeds). A total of 1,810 individuals participated in the focus groups with 1,701 unique responses. Focus groups were asked to respond to two questions: 1) what gets in the way of being physically active and 2) how to make Leeds more active.

### **Our next Steps?**

24. Get Set Leeds academic partner, Leeds Beckett University, are currently analysing the data set. The first draft of the results are expected by the end of February. This initial evaluation will include a breakdown of what people said by postcode area as well as comparing inactive vs. active responses. The full evaluation and report to include more detailed comparisons by demographics such as ethnicity, age, sex as well as the analysis of responses from the workplace survey will follow in the next two months. We will report back to all Community committees early in the summer the findings and recommendations from this analysis.
25. In addition, we have been successful in securing, from Sport England, £475,000 for **Get Set Leeds – Local**, which will enable us to build on our initial conversations and further engage with community partners and residents from some of most deprived neighbourhoods around embedding physical activity into everyday life.

In the meantime visit our website: [getsetleeds.co.uk](http://getsetleeds.co.uk) to find out what is happening or contact one of the team by emailing [getset@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:getset@leeds.gov.uk)

### Winter Wellbeing

#### **Winter Friends: Workforce**

26. In supporting the delivery of the public health winter plan and contributing towards reducing the number of excess winter deaths, 'Winter Friends' was developed by Public Health as a branding and a tool to engage the workforce (Leeds City Council (LCC) and broader) in the nine high-impact, evidence based interventions to support the most vulnerable residents during Winter. Winter Friends provides the workforce with key messages around cold weather and links to the variety of services in Leeds able to support those who are most vulnerable due to the

drop in temperature. Winter Friends also provides resources and leaflets to support with positive conversations around services and support available.

Anyone working with or supporting people in Leeds can become a winter friend by watching the animation and collecting free resources from the Public Health Resource Centre at Technorth. The animation can be circulated and used at team meetings.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZaWlinQD8A>

### **Winter Friends: Public Facing Campaign – 2020**

27. A public facing *winter friend's* campaign has been launched supporting people who are most at risk of poor health during winter to take positive actions to reduce their risk. This will be achieved by encouraging people to sign up to be a winter friend – they will then be supported to do informal volunteering, share key messages and refer and signpost to relevant services. Anyone can become a winter friend – once signed up, winter friends will receive a pack full of advice and inspiration.

People can find out more and sign up by visiting [www.winterfriends.org](http://www.winterfriends.org)  
Follow @AgeFriendlyLDS for updates

### **Stay Well this Winter Grants**

28. Public Health have once again worked with Leeds Community Foundation to administer grants to organisations offering additional support to communities over the winter period. There were 25 grants approved and these went to a number of organisations across the city. Visits are to be carried out between February and March to evaluate the projects and feedback will be included in the next report.

### **Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) Progress Report**

29. The wards within Leeds Inner South included within this project are Middleton Park and Beeston & Holbeck.

#### **Middleton Park**

Middleton Park ward is set to receive a total of 4 CPAD units through this Public Health funded city-wide project. At this current stage there are 3 confirmed locations, with 1 location pending permission. The 3 confirmed locations are as follows, along with installation dates scheduled by Civic Enterprise:

1. St George's One Stop Centre – 10.02.20 08:00
2. Belle Isle Working Men's Club – 11.02.20 08:00
3. Greedy Monkeys Café (Belle Isle) – 13.02.20 08:00

For each of these venues, Guardians have been appointed at each location to monitor the condition of the device. The 4<sup>th</sup> location, currently pending confirmation is Middleton Health Centre. The building is occupied by Community Health Partnership, owned by a private landlord where permission is being chased.

#### **Beeston & Holbeck**

Beeston & Holbeck is set to receive a total of 4 CPAD units through this project. At this current stage there are 3 agreed locations, with 1 pending a decision. The 3 confirmed locations are as follows:

1. Cottingley Community Centre
2. Holbeck Together (99 Domestic Street) – pending approval from landlord
3. Beeston Library – Installation to be scheduled in with the Library refurbishment beginning in March

These 3 locations have had provisional Guardians appointed. The 4<sup>th</sup> location will be either St Andrews Church Community Centre, or Cardinal Court Care Home, pending decision to be confirmed by councillors. Installation dates will be set soon following the decision of the fourth venue.

## **Community Engagement: Forums**

### Holbeck residents meeting

30. The Holbeck Residents Meeting agenda met on 15 October 2020, with over 50 local residents attending the meeting.

There were open discussions on a number of issues, including the Independent Review of the Managed Approach, Angus Kinnear from Leeds United and the temporary use of Garforth House on Domestic St which were well received by all attendees. (NB there hasn't been another meeting since Oct).

### Beeston Hill Residents Forum

31. The next meeting of the Beeston Hill Residents Forum will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, 6:30pm at Hamara Healthy Living Centre and an update presented at a future Community Committee.

### Hunslet Green & Whitfields Residents Forum

32. The first Hunslet Green & Whitfield residents meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with around 20 residents attending. Updates were received from officers from Cleaner Neighbourhood Team, The Hunslet Community Hub, chair of the neighbouring Hunslet Tenants and Residents Association and local ward councillors. Residents raised a number of issues including leaf clearance, litter, overgrown bushes, lack of litterbins, remedial tree works to remove trip hazards caused by tree root growth and difficulty contacting the council and noise nuisance.

Officers and local councillors addressed issues raised and signposted to relevant services. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 6:30pm at Hunslet Community Hub & Library and an update presented at a future Community Committee.

### Hunslet Moor Residents Forum

33. The next meeting of the Hunslet Residents Forum will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at Dewsbury Road Community Hub and an update presented at a future Community Committee.



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

34. The Westwoods Working Group is charged with making improvements across the estate, including tackling the issue of untidy grass embankments which are too steep to mow safely through different approaches and also addressing the small pockets of untidy / overgrown land which are inaccessible for a variety of reasons.

Discussions with Parks & Countryside and Housing are now underway to prioritise their top 5 locations so they can be appraised and costed. Both of these initiatives will improve the visual impact of the estate.

35. The action plan also includes sections on education and sustainability, where we're working on helping Westwood Primary School establish an Eco-Club, plus den/bird box making sessions for the younger residents, as getting people interested in the environment at a young age can help combat environmental issues later in life.

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

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

### **Community Engagement: Events**

37. Please see paragraph 5 – Inner South Youth Summit.

### **Priority Neighbourhoods and Target Wards**

#### Beeston and Holbeck ward

##### **Holbeck Core Group**

38. The last Core Group was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and updates were received on the several topics.

39. **Private Sector Housing on Selective Licencing for Beeston Hill.** The ward boundary overlaps the area south of the M621 and we heard about the benefits to tenants in terms of increased living and safety standards, the cost to the landlords and the increased staffing required to administer the scheme.

40. **Sport England bid by Active Leeds.** Active Leeds were successful in securing £449,690 across the 4 locality focus areas, so Holbeck is anticipated to receive approximately a quarter of this to develop the sports and healthy lifestyles offer in the neighbourhood.

41. **Local Health Needs Assessment**, being undertaken by Public Health. **(Also see paragraph 20)**. At a local level this report will feed into the priority neighbourhood core groups and help focus the action plans on the health aspect of the improvement plan. The findings of the report will also shape the subsequent work of the inner south

public health officers. The report will also be used to help shape the city-wide health strategies.

42. **Streets for People project.** The £1 million Streets for People project by Highways is due to improve the Recreations area of the priority neighbourhood. Three drop-in community engagement events have recently taken place and comments received at those will be taken into account to develop the scheme further, before a formal consultation process begins

43. **Community Lead Local Development.** The group were updated about the number and quality of applications and how well the Local Action Group were performing.

### Middleton Park

#### **Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)**

44. The reinvigorated Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board on 15th October 2019, moved the group to have more action based outcomes. At the latest meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February we heard from the South Leeds Youth Hub and their improved offer to the local community.

The meeting also allowed partner agencies to have a group discussion highlighting what they thought the needs of the ward were, and what their organisational needs are. As we anticipated, there was quite a bit of cross over, so tackling issues in the NIB arena should have some good results for many partners.

45. Issues highlighted included anti-social behaviour, actions to combat quadbikes, capacity to improve the offer at St George's Hub, making the most of GamCare, social prescribing, getting more residents involved in estate walkabouts and new Youth Service mobile units coming to the area from April. This is an exciting time for the ward, with NIB members keen to tackle the issues that are important to local people.

### Hunslet & Riverside

#### **Beeston Hill Core Group**

46. The next Beeston Hill Core Group will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

47. The first part of the meeting will be facilitated by colleagues from Active Leeds. Active Leeds have been successful in securing funding from Sport England for 4 of the priority neighbourhoods, Beeston Hill is one of the neighbourhoods. **(Also see paragraph 40)**. The core group meeting will provide an opportunity for us all to come together and look at how this funding can make the best impact in the area and how we ensure that all the communities we work with can access these opportunities.

48. There will also be some time for updates on work that has been progressing in the area and any updates colleagues may want to share.

### **Green Space and Public Realm Improvements**

49. Following extensive consultation with key stakeholders in Hunslet. The Communities Team worked with partners to launch concept designs for the paved forecourt between the newly refurbished Hunslet Hub and Penny Hill shops on 21st October 2019. The concept designs invited people's views on turning the forecourt into an innovative town square for Hunslet. The ideas were positively received by local residents and businesses.

50. As part of a continuing programme of green space improvements, local councillors of the Hunslet & Riverside ward have secured some funding towards improving the local green space around the Balmorals, Rochefords, Midlands, Lupton, Belinda of the Hunslet area. The planned work includes: - tree planting, provision of seats, litterbins, repair works to some of the paths and thermoplastic playground markings.

51. Before works are undertaken, the Communities Team, in partnership with the Tenant Involvement Officer, carried out consultation in the area to give residents the opportunity to provide any comments regarding the proposed works. The improvements were welcomed by local residents.

### **Local Centres Programme**

#### **52. Hunslet & Riverside**

Dewsbury Road – Improvements are ongoing for Dewsbury Road, with new bins recently placed and site visits having been completed to finalise a few more which will be funded through TDC2 (Town & District Centres fund.) Also through TDC2 a pram shelter has been agreed for the Community Hub and gateway features will be placed on the roadside near the Hub and paved area near Trentham Street.

The sculptures are progressing for two locations on the street and the Dewsbury Road Town Team will be discussing additional improvements to the street at its meeting later this month.

Hunslet Community Hub – Below ground testing has been completed to see whether the tramlines in front of Hunslet Library can be used as a feature in the spectacular Hunslet Square project currently being developed. The project will also include a large community mural, seating out and activities areas and a new square for community events.

#### **53. Middleton Park:**

New signage is being installed to promote the Urban Bike Park and Leisure Centre and Middleton Town Team is investigating developing the social identity of Middleton, so it increasing becomes a go-to place for Leeds and beyond.

#### 54. Beeston & Holbeck:

Holbeck - Through the Council's Local Centres Programme, funding was approved for shop front improvements and better CCTV coverage of the main street in Holbeck. Initial discussions were held with local business interested in the scheme in the area. The Communities Team are currently working with the regeneration service and local ward members on a number of potential options for the area that would enhance the district centre within the budget allocated from the programme.

### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

56. 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**

57. 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**

58. 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**

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

#### **Risk Management**

60. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

**63. 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.