

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor in the Chair

Councillors G Almass, S Burke, E Carlisle,
W Dixon, M Iqbal, A Scopes and P Wray

15 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

16 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

17 Late Items

There were no late items but there was a supplementary document distributed in regard to Item 9 – Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan

18 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Carlisle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for Agenda Item 11, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, as his wife is employed by St Luke's Cares. The organisation had applied for Wellbeing funds. Councillor Carlisle left the meeting before the discussion of this application and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Truswell and Cllr Maloney

20 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Minute 10 Cllr Burke appointed as Health & Wellbeing Champion
- Minute 13 Cllr Burke appointed as Beeston, Cottingley & Middleton Cluster partnership

21 Open Forum

On this occasion, no matters were raised by members of the public

22 Inner South Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated members on the work in which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The following points were discussed:

- Councillor Almass, the community champion for Children & Families provided an update on recent work. Since the last meeting of the Inner South Community Committee there has been two subgroup meetings. A Youth

Summit has been arranged on the 8th of November at the Civic Hall which will engage young people with the council & democracy.

- Councillor Iqbal, the community champion for Environment & Community Safety will be conducting a subgroup meeting in due course and had nothing to report during the meeting.
- Councillor Burke, the community champion for Health and Wellbeing provided an update on recent work. A subgroup meeting had been held but no one was in attendance, involvement from the community and local councillors would be needed. The Vitamin D campaign was ongoing and was noted to have been effective and important for the community.

Inspector Perry from West Yorkshire Police updated members on recent crime prevention initiatives within the Inner South of Leeds. Key areas were as follows:

- Difficulties the Police faced in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) related to motorbikes and how there was a balance in reducing ASB for residents while also recognising the danger posed to members of the public and the rider. It is common for the riders to wear balaclavas and be difficult to identify. West Yorkshire Police were currently reviewing their tactical policies for motorbike related crimes. Recently the police had recovered nineteen stolen motorbikes in the area.
- Community involvement is needed to tackle issues of ASB related to unauthorised traveller encampments. Evidence is needed to support claims of ASB, and a shared communication strategy is important.
- Trap houses are prevalent within the Inner South of Leeds. A 'cuckooing' forum has been set up which covers multiple districts and help from private landlords would speed up the process for tackling trap house related ASB.
- The day of action initiative had been effective in reducing the number of weapons there are on the streets. Positive results were shared on police force social media accounts and reached 150,000 local people.

The Community Committee discussions included:

- Members were mindful of the trend for crime to increase during the winter and anticipated preparations for this.
- Burglary is worrying for citizens and reassurance for them should be maximised, this can be implemented through crime prevention advice and targeting burglary prosecutions.
- Positive police work needs to be publicised to decrease the bad perception of the police and community engagement events were essential.

Cllr Burke passed on her thanks and appreciation for Sergeant Lunn for his Police work in the local community.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report

23 Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan

The report of the Director of Public Health presented the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed which has been informed by The State of Ageing in Leeds report. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board chaired by Cllr Jenkins. The role of the Board is to set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included, and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities is headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gives practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group
- Public Health are working with partners to support older people in Leeds to be as resilient as possible this winter. It was recognised that the cost-of-living crisis together with the impact that the cold weather can have on older people will require an approach to ensure proactive and preventative support is provided to those most at risk this winter. It was noted there are a range of services to support older people during cold weather including:
 - Information and Advice Service run through Age UK Leeds who can offer information and advice on a range of issues such as:
 - Money Matters
 - State Benefits
 - Housing Rights
 - Home Plus Leeds – whose aim is to enable and maintain independent living through improving health at home.
 - Lunch Clubs – Public Health fund the annual Lunch Club Grants offering a financial contribution to support voluntary groups to provide hot nutritious meals and social activities for older people in a communal environment for 40 weeks per year.

- Participation in the Vitamin D Campaign
- Sign up to receive Cold Weather Alerts
- 'Stay Well this Winter' Grants

The Community Committee discussions included:

- The council has a strategic problem with hospitality towards the elderly which could be improved through consultation with highways and planning. Benches increase accessibility to amenities for older people.
- The work conducted by Age Friendly Leeds can overlap with disability services, especially in relation to accessibility around the city and a duty of care.
- Information regarding warm spaces project can be accessed through the council website or if an individual does not have digital access to go to a community hub.

RESOLVED - To:

- a.) Note the content of the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy
- b.) Consider what work is currently underway to support age friendly, winter planning and the cost-of-living crisis in the local area and how to build on these further.
- c.) To link work with Age Friendly Leeds to disability support to create a cross-generation approach to accessibility around the city.

24 Highways - Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Executive Manager, Highways provided the Inner South Community Committee with an update on the Highways Annual Improvement Consultation.

The presentation which was appended to the submitted report was shown at the meeting and the Community Committee were invited to make comments.

The Community Committee were informed of the following points:

- The consultation on next years' programme closed on 2nd September. Lists of the proposed works had been provided to Councillors and Parish Councils at the start of July requesting comments.
- Members were provided with an explanation of the Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice.
- Explanation of how the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy aligns with the corporate vision and contributes to the vision for Leeds.
- Members noted that the service is currently undertaking more preventative work which is surface dressing. It was noted that the life of a road is generally ten years.
- The service is continually reviewing all streets, and these are added to a sheet with a colour code to show what stage of repair the road is in. All roads are inspected by an engineer and a scoring system is used and checked over a three-year cycle. The service wish to get to the position that only 10% of roads are in poor condition.
- Each year all Members receive lists of roads requiring work and the priority given to them. Members are requested to make comments. Members were advised that all emails are noted and responded to.

The Community Committee discussions included:

- As part on the three-year cycle, local amenities should be taken into account when prioritising road works.
- Connectivity between other services will allow a better allocation of resources when it comes to improving and maintaining the Leeds road network. Examples of this were clean neighbourhoods could assist with sweep ups after road surfacing, housing Leeds often have poor quality carparks due to them not being officially part of the road network, better cross department communication or adoption of these roads into highways jurisdiction may improve this.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and presentation.

Cllr Ed Carlisle left the meeting at 16:19 during consideration of this item.

25 Inner South Community Committee Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) for 2022/23.

Projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Hunslet Grit Bins	Hunslet & Riverside	£531.66	Agreed
Pepper Road Park Benches (CIL)	Hunslet & Riverside	£5,472	Agreed
Beggars Hill landmark lectern (CIL)	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,200	Agreed
Middleton Rugby Engagement Project – 2022	Middleton Park	£6,209	Rejected
Commemorative Bench	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,837	Agreed
Rise & Shine Youth Provision	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£9,560	Deferred

Members were informed of the following points:

- Since the last Community Committee on 29th June 2022, several projects were approved by DDN as set out in paragraph 26 of the submitted report.
- An outline of Wellbeing Revenue and Projects 2022/23 as set out in Table 1 of the submitted report. The remaining amount for the Wellbeing Fund for this municipal year was noted.
- Since the last Community Committee meeting 0 project applications have been declined.
- An outline of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) 2022/23 as set out in Table 2 of the submitted report. The remaining amount for YAF for this municipal year was noted.
- The Committee has allocated £2,463.15 through Small Grants. There is a remaining balance of £4,036.68
- The Committee has allocated £1,770.68 through Skips. There is a remaining balance of £2,229.32
- An outline of the CIL budget as set out in Table 6 of the submitted report. The remaining amount of CIL for this municipal year was noted.

The following was discussed:

- A detailed consideration of the YAF budget will be considered at the next meeting, taking the next municipal years funding into account.
- Comments were received regarding the Mini Breeze festival held in Beeston from members of the public and it was noted that the festival finished earlier than scheduled and customers were unsatisfied. As the Mini Breeze festival had received money from the YAF budget there will be an enquiry.
- The request for funding from St Luke's Care home was deferred as it was felt there was a reliance on old figures for future provision and more information was needed on the school contribution.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Consider and approve projects as set out above
- b) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c) Note details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2)
- d) Note details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- e) Note details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- f) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- g) Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note the date and time of the next meeting as 30 Nov 2022 at 2pm