



# Inner South Community Committee

Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

**Meeting to be held in Hamara Healthy Living Centre, Tempest Rd, Leeds LS11 6RD**

Wednesday, 1st March, 2023 at 2.00 pm

**Councillors:**


G Almass - Beeston and Holbeck;  
A Maloney - Beeston and Holbeck;  
A Scopes - Beeston and Holbeck;

E Carlisle - Hunslet and Riverside;  
M Iqbal - Hunslet and Riverside;  
P Wray - Hunslet and Riverside;

S Burke - Middleton Park;  
W Dixon - Middleton Park;  
P Truswell - Middleton Park;

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Beeston & Holbeck - Holbeck Engine Shed; Millennium Gardens  
Hunslet & Riverside - Thwaite Mills canal side; Bridgewater Place  
Middleton Park – Middleton Railway; South Leeds Academy*

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| 1       |                          |               | <p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded). (*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>  |         |
| 2       |                          |               | <p><b>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:</p> |         |
| 3       |                          |               | <p><b>LATE ITEMS</b></p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration (The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>   |         |

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| 4       |                          |               | <p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b></p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>   |         |
| 5       |                          |               | <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>   |         |
| 6       |                          |               | <p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</p>  | 7 - 12  |
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| 8       |                          |               | <p><b>WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE AND LOCAL REFUSE PERFORMANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>To receive the report of the Chief Officer, Environmental Services which provides the Inner South Community Committee with an update on the development of the revised Leeds Waste Strategy and Recycling Plan, an update on current local refuse performance and an opportunity for Members to feedback on the existing issues/challenges faced in how kerbside collections are delivered and enable a discussion on local solutions.</p>  | 13 - 22 |

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| 9       |                          |               | <p><b>INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - UPDATE REPORT</b></p> <p>To consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships providing an overall update on the work that the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities to request further information on a particular issue.</p> | 23 - 50 |
| 10      |                          |               | <p><b>INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - FINANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>To consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which provides an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy budget for 2022/23.</p>  | 51 - 72 |
| 11      |                          |               | <p><b>DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023/2024</b></p> <p>To receive the report of report of the City Solicitor which requests Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2023/2024 municipal year.</p>   | 73 - 76 |

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|         |                          |               | <p><b>THIRD PARTY RECORDING</b></p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title.</li> <li>b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete.</li> </ul> |         |

## INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Iqbal in the Chair

Councillors G Almass, S Burke, E Carlisle,  
W Dixon, A Maloney, A Scopes, P Truswell  
and P Wray

**27 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

**28 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There was no exempt information.

**29 Late Items**

There were no formal late items noted but there was supplementary information submitted in relation to item 8 - Inner South Community Committee Finance Report.

**30 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Carlisle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for Agenda Item 8, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, as their spouse 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.

**31 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received for the meeting.

**32 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 be approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment to minute 20 – Councillor Burke be appointed to the Middleton and Beeston LCP and the Beeston Cottingley and Middleton Partnership.

**33 Open Forum**

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Local residents in attendance reported issues with refuse collection in the Cottingley area as residents were told that waste contained within bin bags that were not in a physical bin would not be collected or removed, which was

noted to be an ongoing problem during and since the pandemic. Most residents can't access bins as they live in high rise flats and the number of bins provided are limited leading to them being blamed for mess and additional fly tipping and would like to come to agreement with the refuse collection department; Members were informed that resident had attempted to make contact with the department but had not received a response. It was also reported that refuse is often discarded out windows from the flats which poses danger and both issues had led to unhygienic conditions and attraction of vermin.

Members proposed to contact relevant officers and the Executive Member for Environment and Housing regarding attending a future Inner South Community Committee meeting to present their case and seek resolution to the bin collection issues. The waste being thrown from windows was noted to be a criminal offence and should be reported to the police.

### 34 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.

The Localities Officer introduced the report and outlined an amendment to the Hunslet & Riverside remaining CIL balance figure as £92,671.50 contained in table 6. A grant allocation of £1,500 with an additional £1,000 to be ringfenced and also £1,000 to pay for replacement defibrillator parts for Hunslet & Riverside were proposed and agreed, with the funding being taken from the wellbeing budget.

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

| Project Title                                | Ward                                      | Amount    | Decision |
|--|---|-----------|----------|
| Rise & Shine Youth Provision (Wellbeing/YAF) | Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside | £9,120    | Approved |
| Kick Start Bowling                           | Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside | £3,600    | Approved |
| ParkPlay at Brickfield Park                  | Hunslet & Riverside                       | £3,750    | Approved |
| Trentham Street Bin Replacement (CIL)        | Hunslet & Riverside                       | £450      | Approved |
| Leasowe Close                                | Hunslet &                                 | £4,368.35 | Approved |



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| Planters (CIL)   | Riverside   |           |          |
| Moor Close Perimeter Fencing (CIL)                       | Hunslet & Riverside                                       | £2,948.85 | Approved |
| Woodhouse Hill Road/Leasowe Avenue Fencing/barrier (CIL) | Hunslet & Riverside                                       | £3,693.85 | Approved |
| Leeds Dynamite Dance                                     | Middleton Park  | £6,163.60 | Approved |
| Switch off and Park at The Ark – Drop in sessions        | Middleton Park  | £3,116    | Approved |
| Slung Low's Warehouse Space for Youth Groups             | Beeston & Holbeck   | £5,000    | Approved |
| South Leeds Life CIC                                     | Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park | £3,654    | Approved |
| Skelton Grange Nature Connection – Inner South           | Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park | £2,690    | Deferred |
| Santa's Christmas Grotto                                 | Hunslet & Riverside                                       | £1,566    | Approved |

The following was discussed:

- Although approved at the meeting, it was queried whether the cost for the Woodhouse Hill Road/Leasowe Avenue Fencing project could be reduced, a funding split with the Housing Advisory Panel will be sought.
- The Skelton Grange Nature Connection project was deferred to seek alternative commissioning arrangements as current proposals incurred a lot of work and high costs. A consultative meeting with all members was proposed to manage outcomes and expectations.
- South Leeds Life monthly newspaper was endorsed as an excellent community asset and platform however some concern regarding political neutrality was raised in relation to a recent article. The leader of the organisation was in attendance and apologised and outlined it was not intentional. They also outlined contingency plans for future issues of the paper.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- 1.) That the wellbeing applications be determined as set out above
- 2.) To note;

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Wednesday, 1st March, 2023

- a.) the content of the report, as per the update provided by the Localities Officer during the meeting regarding the figures for Hunslet & Riverside CIL budget
- b.) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c.) Wellbeing ring fenced budgets for consideration and approval (paragraph 20 onwards)
- d.) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 35)
- e.) Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 45 onwards)
- f.) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- g.) Details of the proposed Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- h.) Details of the proposed Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- i.) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- j.) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

### **35 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 Community Committee discussions included:

- Councillor Almass, the community champion for Children & Families provided an update on recent work. Thanks to everyone who had attended the Youth Summit was extended, where over 120 school children from all three wards learnt about democracy. Child Friendly Leeds, Youth Services, the RAF, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds 2023 were notable organisations that attended and the summit. Lunch was provided at the University where information on further education was provided. Later in the day a number of the children met with His Majesty King Charles III who was also visiting Leeds on the same day.
- Councillor Iqbal, the community champion for Environment & Community Safety held a safety sub-group meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Updates were provided from Anti-Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Police, Forestry, Waste Management, Parks & Countryside, Selective Licensing and The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team on any issues in the area and any workstreams.
- Councillor Burke, the community champion for Health and Wellbeing provided an update on recent work. Council and community involvement in the ongoing Vitamin D campaign was encouraged with proposed distribution of samples and information available for relevant public meetings. A project was also noted to be underway in which wellbeing bags will be provided to those in need with a focus on products which improve the mental and physical health of people.
- The figures for recent crime statistics in the area from the Police, which were contained in the report, were noted as 2 months out of date and it would be helpful if they could be closer to the committee meeting day for an improved overview of the current situation.
- A suggestion was made regarding the information submitted by Public Health in the report, it would be helpful to breakdown vaccine figures

into categories of flu, Covid-19 and pneumonia and if the figures could be more specific to the Inner South area.

- Members advocated for information regarding front line services provision to be more accessible to vulnerable people; their health may be at greater risk with the increased pressures from the cold weather and the cost of living crisis.
- In addition to the Friends of Earth data on air quality, relevant council data will be a useful comparison, however, irregardless of differences in data members were of the opinion action to improve air quality in Inner South Leeds should be prioritised.

**RESOLVED** – That the content of the report, along with members comments be noted.

### **36 LUFC Kicks Presentation**

The report of the Head of Localities provided the Inner South Community Committee with an update on LUFC Kicks and to gather input and support from elected members and residents. Michael Kinsey attended the meeting to give the Committee a presentation to raise awareness of the foundation regarding provision of activities and facilities within the community.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- The Premier Leagues Kicks programme engaged local communities through the power of sport and was now operational seven days a week across Leeds.
- Provision in Inner South Leeds included drop-in football sessions at Holbeck Community Centre, work alongside the Youth Service and other community work.
- There was a focus on Health, Participation and Education.
- Activities provided during the school holidays which included the provision of meals.
- Other foundation work included Women's and Girls football, Walking Football, Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing.

The following was discussed:

- Social action projects are essential for the personal development of young people in relation to project planning, communication skills and raising funds for local communities. This programme will assist with keeping youth out of trouble with incentives and benefits such as meeting Leeds United players and attending matches.
- With Leeds United being promoted to the Premier League, more funding will be available through the Football Association. Leeds United is an iconic brand and should be utilised for positive engagement and participation with the community and other local charities.
- The incentive for potential free tickets to attend a match is a reward for connecting with the foundation and making progress.

- Males are often less likely to access medical services if experiencing bad mental health, the organisation may be much more familiar and comfortable to them which may enable positive conversations.
- Collective work between the organisation, ward councillors and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partnerships, who know their community best will create sound, collaborative working partnerships where information for those who could benefit most from the programme is accessible. Collaborative work was noted to be essential as often larger organisations may dominate smaller ones which would be a loss for the community.
- In response to a question from a member it was confirmed outreach to those in less seen deprivation, focused primarily in city centre areas, will be conducted through suitable venues and pathways such as schools.
- The programme will increase younger people's opportunity for making friends and networks and could be partnered with smaller, local football clubs.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report and presentation, along with members commented be noted.

**37 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - To note the date and time of the next meeting as 1 March 2023 at 2pm



**Report of: Chief Officer, Environmental Services**

**Report to: Inner South Community Committee**

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Chief Officer (Environmental Services), Communities, Housing &  
Environment Directorate**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**To note**

**Title: Waste Strategy Update and Local Refuse Performance Report**

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## **Purpose of report**

1. To provide the Inner South Community Committee with an update on the development of the revised Leeds Waste Strategy and Recycling Plan including:
  - a. implication of requirements set out in the Environment Act (2021);
  - b. update on DEFRA's proposals for a national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging (including glass) and Deposit Return Scheme (DRS);
  - c. baseline work undertaken in Leeds to understand the current household waste composition, in particular recycling material and glass that is being put in the black bin;
  - d. development of a Leeds carbon impact model covering waste collection, disposal and recycling services provided by Leeds City Council;
  - e. what that means for kerbside collection in Leeds in the short, medium and long term
2. To provide an update on current local refuse performance and an opportunity for Members to feedback on the existing issues/challenges faced in how kerbside collections are delivered and enable a discussion on local solutions.

## **Main issues**

### **3. Implication of the requirements set out in the Environment Act (2021);**

In 2018 DEFRA launched consultation on its draft Resource and Waste Strategy for England that focussed on 3 main stated objectives to:

- preserve our stock of material resources by minimising waste, promoting resource efficiency and moving towards a circular economy
- minimise the damage caused to our natural environment by reducing and managing waste safely and carefully
- deal with waste crime

In terms of refuse/household waste, the focus of the strategy was the introduction of a greater “consistency of household collections” and therefore the roles and responsibilities of both “producers” and “collectors” of the materials presented as waste.

An initial, outline response to consultation was published by DEFRA and the government went ahead with the introduction of the Environment Act which received Royal Assent in 2021.

The more detailed Government response to the consultation, including the important detail on a number of key issues relating to how new requirements on councils will be implemented and supported, was delayed due to Covid and is now expected in early 2023. DEFRA have recently indicated that they expect to be communicating a “commencement date” for the new requirements of around April 2025 (i.e. for 2025/26).

What the Environment Act does set out is that Councils will be legally required to collect separately at the kerbside these main waste materials:

- a) glass;
- b) metal;
- c) plastic;
- d) paper and card;
- e) food waste;
- f) garden waste.

Currently (and until the commencement date for the relevant sections of the Environment Act 2021) neither food or glass have a legal requirement to be collected separately from households – they are in effect classified as general household waste and can therefore be collected in the residual/black bin. There is currently no requirement to offer a free collection of garden waste (indeed the majority of councils charge for this service where it is offered).

In Leeds we currently collect glass through an extensive network of several hundred bottle/bring banks – achieving the collection for recycling of around 13-15,000 tonnes a year of glass. The vast majority of which (approx. 90%) gets directly recycled into new bottles and jars at the facility operated by URM in Knottingley.

In terms of food, we do not currently collect this separately at the kerbside; instead we allow this to be put in the black bins and the contents are taken to the Recycling and Energy Recovery (RERF) facility where they are incinerated and the resultant energy either converted into electricity or piped through a district heating network to homes and businesses. No food from households goes to landfill in Leeds.

It is worth reiterating that 99.5% of all household waste collected across Leeds in the black, green and brown bins and at the 8 household waste sites is already either recycled, composted, or sent to energy recovery facilities where even the ash is

“recycled” in road/constructions aggregates. Only 0.5% of all household waste in Leeds goes to landfill.

Leeds is the largest collector of garden waste from households in the UK. Over 215,000 households receive this discretionary fortnightly service, about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the city. The majority of councils charge for this additional service; Leeds does not.

The reasons the results of the consultation are so critical to how councils will decide/plan how to meet these new requirements include; the need for clarity about how DEFRA will allow councils to vary their collection models according to local needs and infrastructure, how any new burdens/requirements will be funded (which remains a key commitment from Government) and what the timescales will be for each requirement.

For example, the 2021 Act allows for councils to agree variations to how they collect these waste streams according to a revised “technically or economically practical” test. For example this may allow recyclable household waste in two or more recyclable waste streams to be collected together. This will be crucial to Leeds in all three of the main new requirements:

- **Glass** – will DEFRA consider the way Leeds collects through a bring back system sufficient and actually a better way than requiring all households to be offered a new bin?
- **Food** – what restrictions and funding arrangements will DEFRA apply to options to co-mingle food collection with garden waste, and what exceptions will be allowed for streets/buildings where presenting food waste separately at the kerbside and with the requirement of another bin will cause other issues?
- **Garden** – garden waste collection becomes mandatory and so will DEFRA remove the ability for Councils to charge for these collections, and if so will councils instead be funded to deliver this service?

#### 4. **Update on DEFRA’s proposals for a national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging (including glass) and a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS);**

##### ***(a) Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme (EPR)***

The national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme will require producers to pay the full net costs of managing and recycling the packaging waste they produce. The overall aim is to improve circular economy by reducing unnecessary and difficult to recycle packaging and increasing recycling. The headline objectives/features are:

- producers pay the full net costs of collecting and processing/sorting the packaging waste they produce;
- incentivises the reduction of "excessive" packaging;
- packaging recyclability increased and therefore more packaging gets recycled;
- increased quality of material for recycling (and when considered alongside “consistency of collections” requirements);
- less packaging is littered.

DEFRA consultation indicated that EPR regulations will apply to all UK organisations that handle and supply packaging to consumers and to businesses. The suggestion is this will apply to any individual business, subsidiary or group with an annual turnover of

£1 million or more which carries out any “packaging activities” and is responsible for more 25 tonnes of packaging in a calendar year.

The indications from DEFRA are they remain keen to introduce the EPR scheme as soon as they are able to.

To do this they will first need to have a transparent and workable process in place with the companies that produce the packaging to monitor what they produce and what income that would generate through modulated fees. They then need a process in place by which they pay councils for the collection and processing of that waste, for recycling as much as is possible. The original proposals covered both household waste and waste collected in litter/street bins, though recent indications are that EPR will focus on household waste only to start with.

Consultation on the implementation of EPR with producers and councils/collectors is ongoing. Implementation was originally planned for 2023 and that was pushed back to 2024 last year.

Leeds City Council is working closely with DEFRA to offer help and advice on how waste and financial data is currently gathered to assist with the development of a national model and approach.

#### **(b) Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)**

In January, DEFRA described the proposed Deposit Return Scheme for “recycling plastic bottles and drink cans” as:

“Through small cash deposits placed on single-use drinks containers, people will likely be incentivised to recycle their drinks bottles and cans, reducing litter and plastic pollution. The scheme would include special machines, known as reverse vending machines, and designated sites where people can return their bottles and receive their cash back. In most cases it would be the retailers who sell drinks covered by the scheme who would host a return point. The new scheme, covering England, Wales and Northern Ireland, is set to be introduced in 2025, following extensive work with industry to prepare for the necessary changes – including setting up infrastructure and amending labelling. It aims to ensure 85% fewer drinks containers are discarded as litter after three years of its launch.”

In England the scheme will be limited to plastic bottles and drink cans of probably between 50ml and 3 litres (to be confirmed), with a likely initial deposit value of around 20p (to be confirmed); but has moved away from including glass (which will be included in the scheme for Scotland and Wales). In England the requirement in the Environment Act (2021) for the separate collection of glass at the kerbside through the Consistent Collections/EPR scheme will be the main way the glass waste stream will be managed.

DEFRA is currently consulting on the implementation plans for the scheme, with the intention of launching it in 2025.

#### **5. Baseline work undertaken in Leeds to understand the current household waste composition, in particular recycling material and glass that is being put in the black bin;**

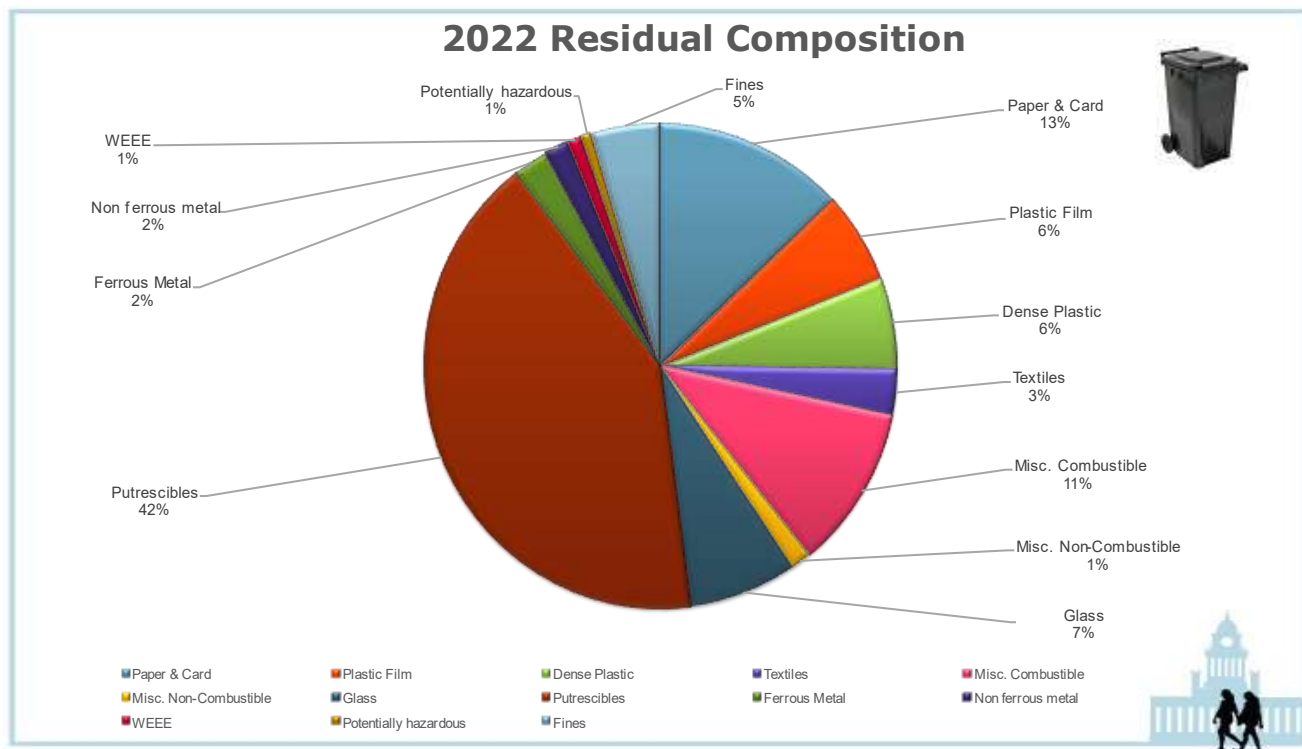
Whatever the final details are of how and when new collection requirements set out in the Environment Act (2021) and the proposed Deposit Return Scheme are to commence,



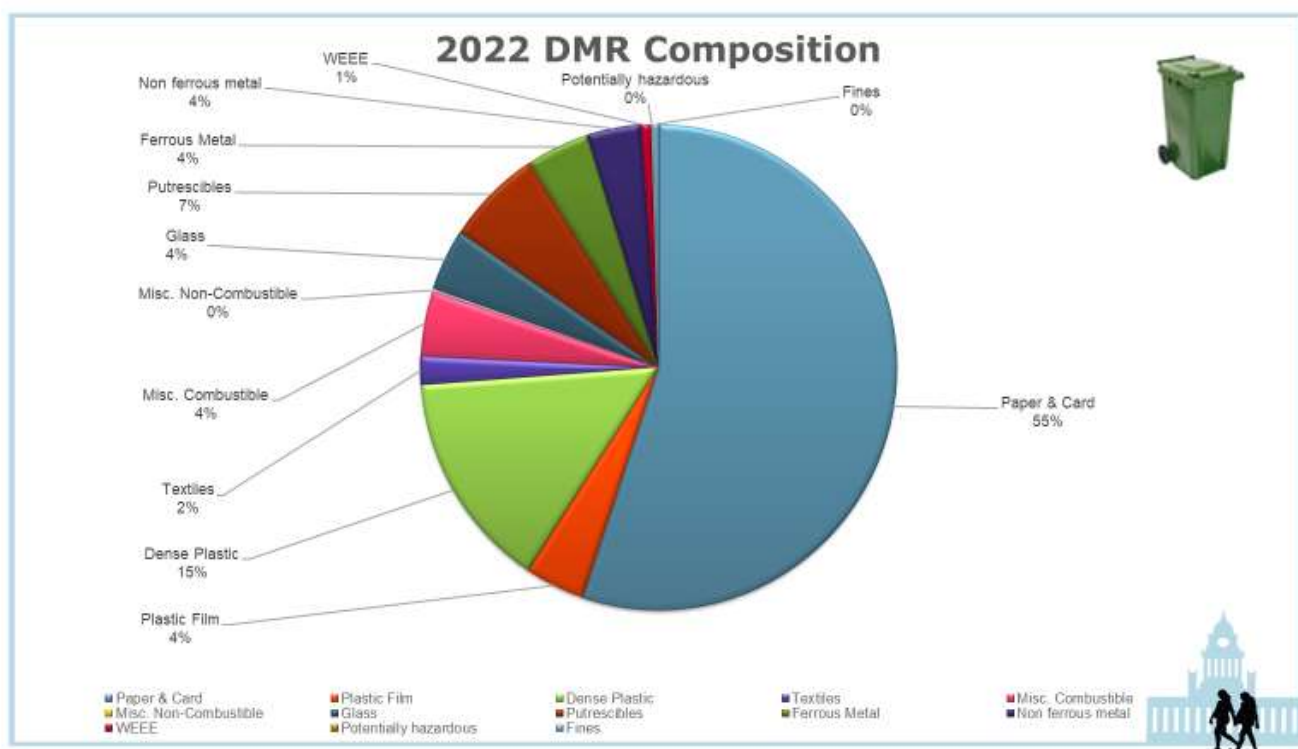
we need to understand what household waste Leeds residents currently produce and which bin they put it in. Irrespective of future requirements to do with glass and food, if nothing else we need to get more stuff in the green bin that people are still wrongly putting in the black bin.

In 2022, we commissioned an independent consultant to do a statistically sound analysis of waste being presented in Leeds black and green bins. The results were (based on an analysis by weight, not volume):

### BLACK BIN ANALYSIS



### GREEN BIN ANALYSIS



The analysis shows that about 14% of what currently goes in the black bin could be instead put in the green bin and recycled in Leeds. This is equivalent to about a 9% increase in the city's overall recycling rate.

Other notable headlines are: 67k tonnes of food is put in Leeds black bins each year and 14k tonnes of glass is put in the (mainly) black and green bins (which is about the same as put in the bottle banks).

A further breakdown and explanation of the various waste categories shown in the pie charts can be provided on request (please email [john.woolmer@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:john.woolmer@leeds.gov.uk)).

Although most of the detail is still awaited from DEFRA, we now know enough to make some assumptions about how future requirements to collect waste differently will affect various waste streams and therefore existing and future collection models and contracts. Leeds City Council is therefore currently in the process of producing a detailed waste flow model through an independent, expert consultant. This will help inform future household kerbside collection options and procurement.

When most of the food and glass is taken out of the residual waste stream (the black bin), together with getting more existing stuff out the black bin into the green bin, added to the implementation of the national Deposit Return Scheme (which will remove most of the plastic bottles and drink cans from household bins), there will be significantly less waste in black bins in the future. The waste flow model will allow us to predict what future frequencies of collections will be required.

This bin composition analysis will be repeated annually in Leeds; to help inform campaigns to recycle more in the green bin, to understand the effect from changes to how each waste stream is managed (including DRS) and what the implications are for maintaining an efficient and effective refuse service across Leeds.

## **6. Development of a Leeds carbon impact model covering waste collection, disposal and recycling services provided by Leeds City Council;**

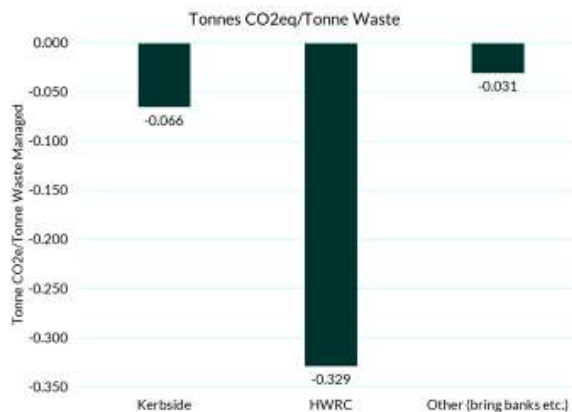
We commissioned Eunomia, a national environmental consultant used by Government and other councils, to develop a Leeds model for our Environmental Services; allowing us to assess the carbon impact of all our operations and the effect that changes to how/what we collect and recycle waste would have. We want to use this to help inform decisions in the future, rather than just to focus on weight-based recycling rates. It is important to also make the point here that any future changes to service provision in Leeds needs to consider the practicalities in streets/locations already struggling to cope with the number of bins and of course affordability.

What it told us for the current position is that across the whole service we have a net reduction (benefit) in CO2 to contribute towards the city's zero carbon ambitions of about 31,000 tonnes a year. Broken down as follows:

## Draft Baseline by Service (2019/20)

Carbon Baseline by Service Line for Residual Waste Treatment and Recycling Carbon Benefits, Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per Tonne of Waste Managed

|  | Kerbside | HWRC    | Other (bring banks, street cleansing etc.) | Total          |
|--|----------|---------|--|----------------|
| Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e                     | -15,717  | -14,560 | -980                                       | <b>-31,258</b> |
| Tonnes of waste managed                      | 239,246  | 44,296  | 31,815                                     | <b>315,358</b> |
| Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e/tonne waste managed | -0.07    | -0.33   | -0.03                                      | <b>-0.099</b>  |



\*Subject to minor adjustments due to an improvements of the accuracy of the model as work progresses



It should be noted that the carbon benefit figure attributed to HWRCs does not take into account travel to the sites (usually by cars). We are working with Eunomia on having something in the model that calculates that (which brings with it many complexities relating to issues such as would that car journey have been made anyway to do something else too and what assumptions are made about EVs), but their advice is that the effect will be relatively small anyway.

It is also worth noting the net carbon benefit calculated for kerbside collections includes the energy recovery at the RERF based on current offsetting rates for proportion of fossil fuels that feed the national grid – as this proportion reduces over time, so will the carbon benefit calculation for the RERF.

### 7. What that means for kerbside collection in Leeds in the short, medium and long term.

- along with all councils we eagerly await further info from DEFRA, particularly around funding – detail is important, not just to councils but to the producers and the contractors providing much of the infrastructure nationally to process and recycle;
- perhaps a focus on glass first in Leeds, with a trial area(s) – to better understand the pros and cons of offering a household collection service; in particular how much extra glass gets collected above the 50% already being achieved through bottle banks and any effect on contamination rates of the glass taken for recycling;
- publish a revised Leeds Waste Strategy and consult on options to improve reuse and recycling for households, with greater consideration to the carbon impact and what the longer term waste flow modelling is predicting for residual waste (black bins);
- likely some form of separate food collection will be required – the challenge in Leeds is the different housing stock (eg terraced housing, high rise), communities and practicalities presented by additional bins. Some councils already collect food with their garden waste – should we do the same given 215,000 households already have a brown bin (more than any city in the UK), but what is the environmental benefit as opposed to anaerobic digestion of food and we are advised that DEFRA will insist we

collect it weekly as per the Environment Act so routes would need redesigning. We may look at a co-mingled trial to understand the pros and cons better and to get customer feedback.

- we can collect more recycling with our existing green bins and bottle banks regardless of future requirements; what more can be done to encourage more use?;
- what role does the Community Committee want to play in improving recycling and re-use locally using the infrastructure already in place – and what data would help?

**8. To provide an update on current local service performance and an opportunity for Members to feedback on the existing issues/challenges faced in how kerbside collections are delivered and enable a discussion on local solutions.**

The table below provides the recorded missed collection rates for all 33 wards across the city for the calendar years 2021 and 2022. The table is presented with the ward with the largest missed collection rate at the top.

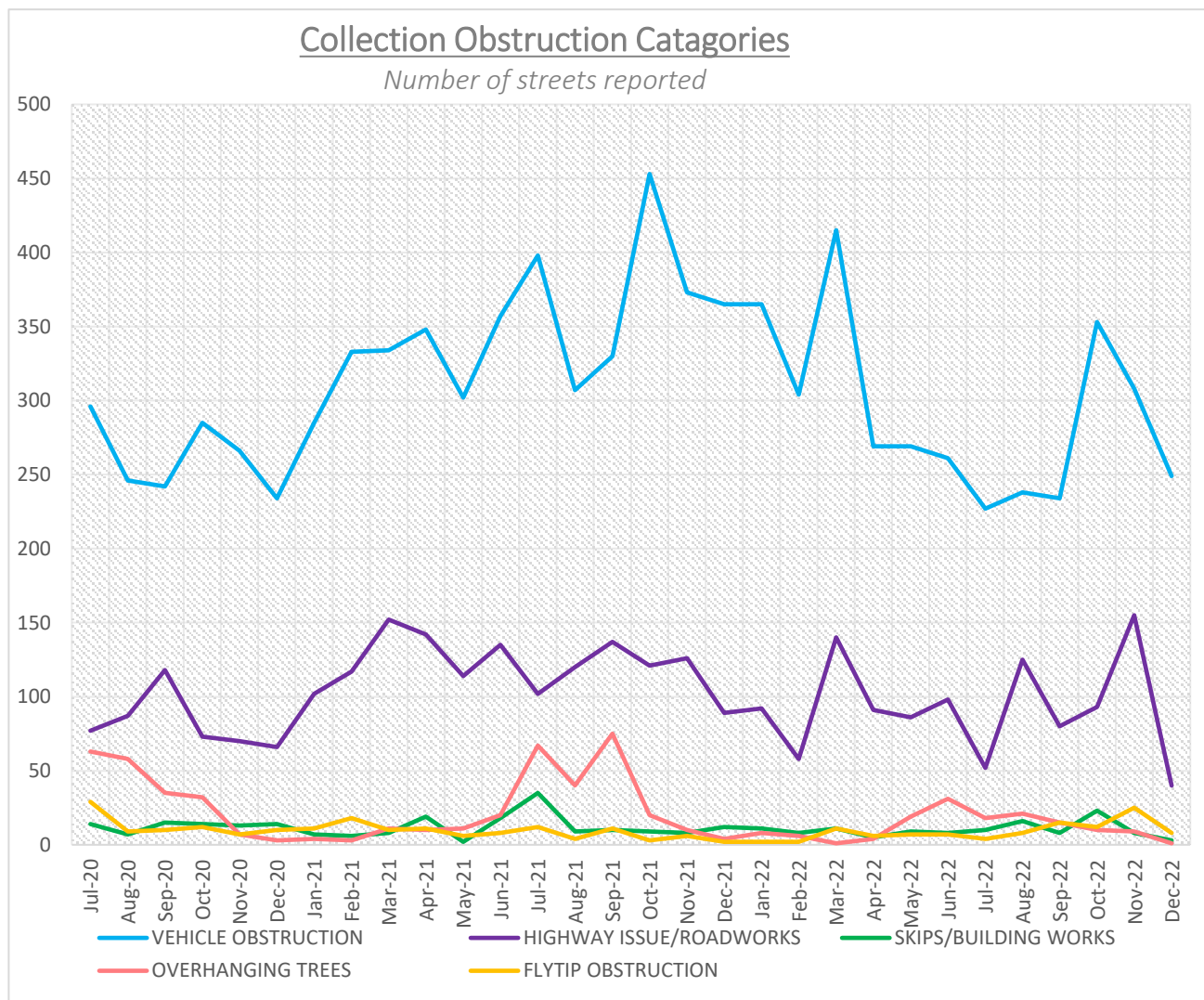
The three Inner South wards are identified. There are about 2.65 million bins emptied each year across the 3 wards in the Inner South area (equivalent to 50,000 bins emptied every week across Inner South). The figures show a 99.94% successful collection rate for the Inner South area in 2022.

| Customer Service Requests for Missed Bins during calendar years 2021 and 2022 |                       |  |                   |                   |   |   |
|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
|   | Ward                  | Estimated number of scheduled collections (full year)* | 2021 Total Missed | 2022 Total Missed | 2021 as a percentage of estimated total number of scheduled collections | 2022 as a percentage of estimated total number of scheduled collections |
| 1   |                       | 722,774  | 1,449             | 1,656             | 0.20%   | 0.23%   |
| 2   |                       | 696,774  | 998               | 1,376             | 0.14%   | 0.20%   |
| 3   |                       | 729,729  | 2,221             | 1,355             | 0.31%   | 0.19%   |
| 4   |                       | 826,651  | 1,111             | 1,523             | 0.13%   | 0.18%   |
| 5   |                       | 686,660  | 1,382             | 1,186             | 0.20%   | 0.17%   |
| 6   |                       | 739,096  | 1,298             | 1,265             | 0.18%   | 0.17%   |
| 7   |                       | 650,748  | 1,160             | 1,092             | 0.18%   | 0.17%   |
| 8   |                       | 717,581  | 1,193             | 1,163             | 0.17%   | 0.16%   |
| 9   |                       | 767,579  | 2,142             | 1,243             | 0.28%   | 0.16%   |
| 10  |                       | 794,040  | 1,364             | 1,268             | 0.17%   | 0.16%   |
| 11  |                       | 818,942  | 1,457             | 1,302             | 0.18%   | 0.16%   |
| 12  |                       | 688,064  | 1,069             | 1,056             | 0.16%   | 0.16%   |
| 13  |                       | 655,272  | 819               | 975               | 0.13%   | 0.15%   |
| 14  |                       | 686,628  | 978               | 982               | 0.14%   | 0.14%   |
| 15  |                       | 748,976  | 1,006             | 998               | 0.14%   | 0.13%   |
| 16  |                       | 556,940  | 1,112             | 736               | 0.20%   | 0.13%   |
| 17  |                       | 832,234  | 1,051             | 981               | 0.13%   | 0.12%   |
| 18  |                       | 678,529  | 830               | 667               | 0.12%   | 0.10%   |
| 19  |                       | 860,399  | 1,666             | 840               | 0.20%   | 0.10%   |
| 20  |                       | 696,085  | 504               | 656               | 0.07%   | 0.10%   |
| 21  | Middleton Park        | 850,974  | 1,170             | 789               | 0.14%   | 0.09%   |
| 22  |                       | 695,682  | 540               | 639               | 0.08%   | 0.09%   |
| 23  |                       | 673,667  | 931               | 595               | 0.14%   | 0.09%   |
| 24  |                       | 684,827  | 998               | 599               | 0.15%   | 0.09%   |
| 25  |                       | 710,320  | 655               | 578               | 0.09%   | 0.08%   |
| 26  |                       | 682,052  | 1,273             | 523               | 0.19%   | 0.08%   |
| 27  |                       | 752,603  | 1,204             | 544               | 0.16%   | 0.07%   |
| 28  |                       | 627,211  | 710               | 431               | 0.11%   | 0.07%   |
| 29  |                       | 986,128  | 727               | 585               | 0.07%   | 0.06%   |
| 30  |                       | 629,051  | 493               | 333               | 0.08%   | 0.05%   |
| 31  | Beeston and Holbeck   | 935,643  | 667               | 457               | 0.07%   | 0.05%   |
| 32  |                       | 1,319,175  | 570               | 521               | 0.04%   | 0.04%   |
| 33  | Hunslet and Riverside | 948,181  | 342               | 342               | 0.04%   | 0.04%   |
|   | <b>Total</b>          | <b>25,049,206</b>                                      | <b>35,119</b>     | <b>29,256</b>     | <b>0.14%</b>  | <b>0.12%</b>  |

\* Estimate as at Dec 2021

The main reasons for bins not being emptied on their scheduled day of collection relate to difficulties in safely accessing streets due to obstructions either on the street itself or at the entry/exit junctions to a street. As the chart below shows, the majority of this is due to parked vehicles blocking safe access.

The chart also shows how the number of missed collections due to obstructions rose during the Covid-19 pandemic as we saw more people working from home, but has started to reduce in 2022.

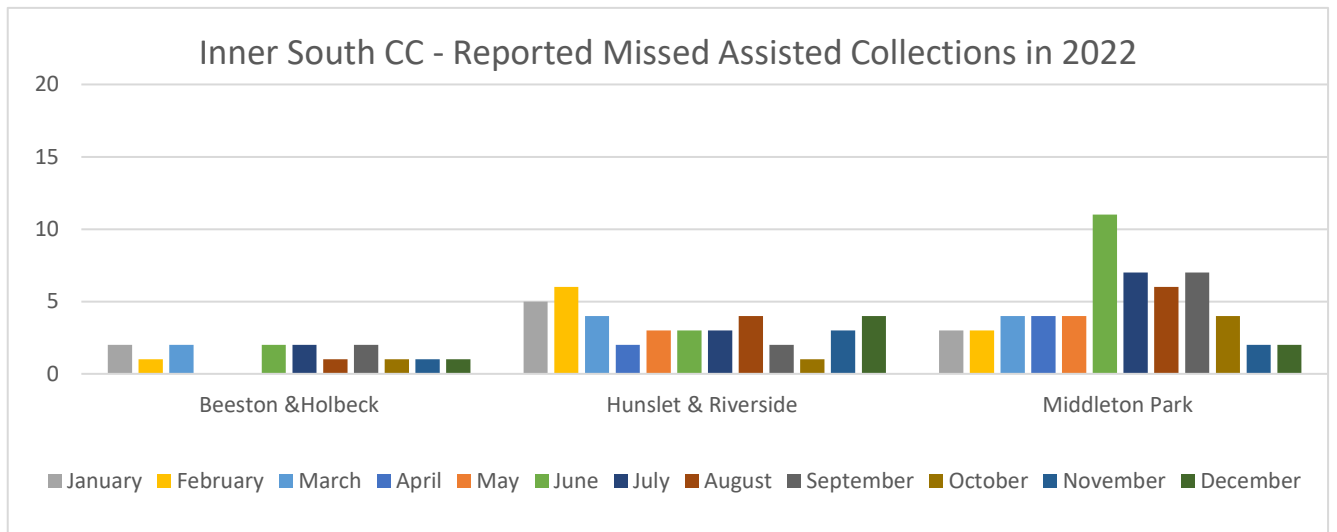
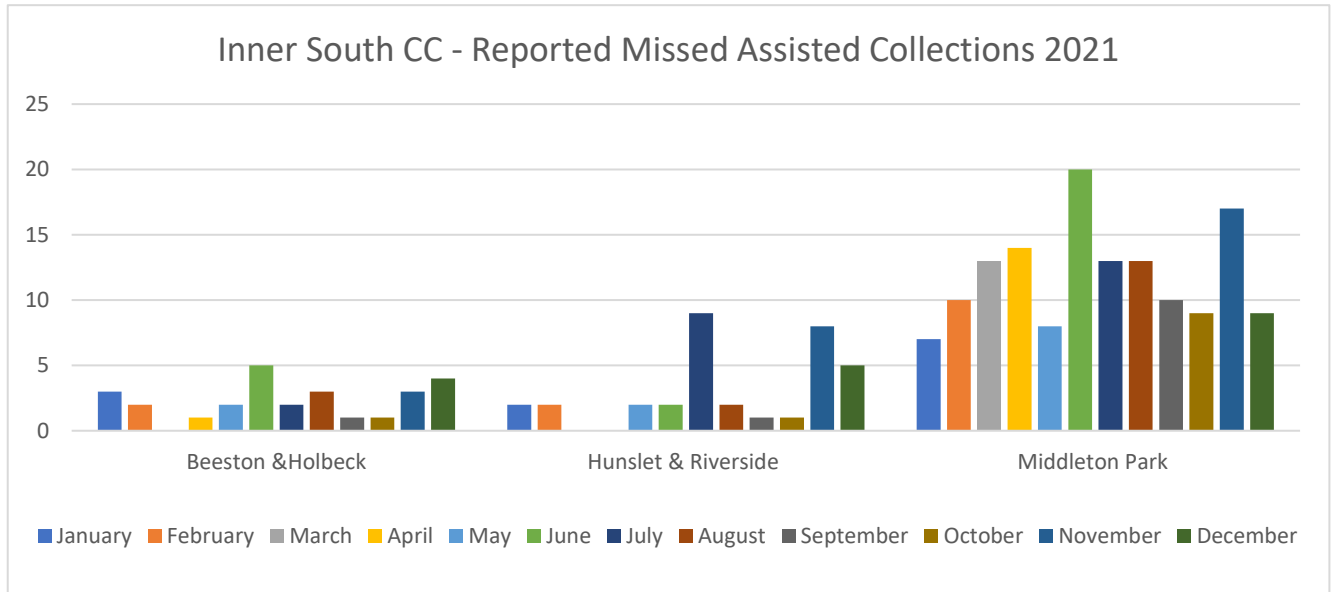


The council offers a free assisted bin collection service for households where there is no-one in that household physically able to take out and bring back in the bins. Across the city there are over 5,800 households who receive this service each week, equating to about 320,000 assisted collections a year for black, green and brown bins.

In the Inner South area this is split by ward as follows:

- Beeson & Holbeck 161 households/8,552 assisted collections per year
- Hunslet & Riverside 129 households/8,130 assisted collections per year
- Middleton 372 households/19,334 assisted collections per year

The following two tables provide a monthly analysis by Inner South wards of the number of reported missed assisted collections during the 2021 and 2022 calendar years. The figures show that in 2022 there was a 99.5% successful collection rate.



## Recommendations

- The Inner South Community Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to offer feedback from a local perspective on the likely implications from the Environment Act (2021); including the main issues created by how household waste is currently managed/collected and what role the Committee could play to encourage residents to recycle and reuse more through the existing infrastructure provided.



**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

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

**Report author:** Robbie Hawley – Localities Officer

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**To Note**

## **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**

#### **Children and Families - Champion: Cllr G Almass**

3. The next Children & Families sub-group will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. A verbal update will be provided by Cllr Almass.

#### **Environment and Community Safety Champion: Cllr Iqbal (Environment & Community Safety)**

4. An Environment & Community Safety sub-group will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. An update will be provided at the next Inner South Community Committee.

## Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Burke

5. A Health and Wellbeing sub-group took place on 24<sup>th</sup> February. A verbal update will be provided by Cllr Burke.

### Update from Key Services

#### Police Update

##### Youth Diversion

6. Work continues and is showing positive results in terms of youth diversion through the Hunslet Rugby Club, Leeds United (Premier League Kicks Campaign) and the Belle Isle Music Studio. We are now starting to work with young people who are at risk of involvement with criminality. Some funding streams have been secured to support this work.

##### Elland Road – Match days

7. Inspector Perry has spoken with the Public Order Commanders around the ASB after games and efforts are being made to support the egress of fans away from the area post-match to mitigate ASB.

##### Other issues

8. Middleton race/hate relates predominantly to one resident who suffers from severe mental health issues. They are being appropriately supported by police, and we have precluded the reports made. We have escalated the need for mental health care with the appropriate services. There is no wider race/hate issue here.
9. There have been some noteworthy incidents, including a stabbing in Middleton and an attempted kidnap in Holbeck. Both incidents received prompt and effective responses, with arrests made and significant investigations underway. We have been monitoring for community impact and taking measures where necessary.
10. Dewsbury Road features repeatedly in crime/ASB issues and I have started work with LASBT and others to explore the Clear/Hold/Build methodology to target the multiple issues in that small area, such as trap houses, ASB, drinking and vagrancy.

##### Crime Statistics

November                      December      January

Beeston and Holbeck:                      E05011386A

|                                 |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|
| <b>Burglary</b>                 | 10 | 11 | 9  |
| <b>Robbery</b>                  | 7  | 3  | 0  |
| <b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b> | 13 | 13 | 11 |
| <b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>   | 4  | 3  | 6  |



|                      |        |        |          |
|----------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| <b>Hate crime</b>    | 6      | 10     | 1        |
| <b>Hate incident</b> | 3 Race | 1 Race | 1 Sexual |

Hunslet and Riverside: E05011399A

|                                 |                        |    |                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| <b>Burglary</b>                 | 16                     | 12 | 14                 |
| <b>Robbery</b>                  | 4                      | 5  | 4                  |
| <b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b> | 12                     | 13 | 23                 |
| <b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>   | 7                      | 4  | 6                  |
| <b>Hate crime</b>               | 6                      | 11 | 3                  |
| <b>Hate incident</b>            | 1 Disability<br>3 Race | 0  | 1 Race<br>1 Sexual |

Middleton and Belle Isle: E05011404

|                                 |              |              |                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <b>Burglary</b>                 | 10           | 12           | 12                     |
| <b>Robbery</b>                  | 1            | 1            | 3                      |
| <b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b> | 9            | 8            | 5                      |
| <b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>   | 4            | 3            | 4                      |
| <b>Hate crime</b>               | 8            | 13           | 16                     |
| <b>Hate incident</b>            | 2 Disability | 1 Disability | 9 Disability<br>3 Race |

Majority of incidents from one address Manor Farm Way  
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**ASB**

Beeston and Holbeck:

**ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| LOWFIELDS AVE   | 1 |
| PARKWOOD CR     | 1 |
| DEWSBURY RD     | 1 |
| NEW PRINCESS ST | 1 |
| TOWN ST         | 1 |
| ST MATTHEWS ST  | 1 |

PHILIPPA WAY

**ALCOHOL**

BEESTON RD 1  
DEWSBURY RD 2  
ELLAND RD 1

**FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING**

COTTINGLEY DR 1  
PRESTON PDE 1  
CROSS FLATS PARK  
PARKFIELD AVE 1  
RING RD 1  
ST LUKES GRE 1  
INGRAM RD 1

**NEIGHBOUR RELATED**

RING RD 1  
WESLEY ST 1  
COTTINGLEY FOLD 1  
CROW NEST DR 1  
BARTON TER 1

**NUISANCE CAR/VAN**

UNITED BUSINESS PK 1  
BENYON PARK WAY 1  
GELDERD RD 1  
LOWFIELDS RD 1

**NUISANCE  
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

MALVERN RD 1  
THIRLMERE GDNS 1  
HEATHCROFT DR 2  
PARKFIELD RD 1  
WAINCLIFFE PL 1  
HEATHCROFT DR 1  
INGRAM RD 1  
MALVERN RD 1  
DEWSBURY RD 1

**YOUTH RELATED**

HEATHCROFT VALE 1  
HEATHCROFT DR 1  
GELDERD RD 1

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| BEESTON PARK PLACE |   |
| COMMUNITY CENTRE   | 1 |
| DEWSBURY RD        | 1 |
| TOWN ST            | 1 |
| DULVERTON GR       | 1 |
| COTTINGLEY RD      | 1 |
| CROSS FLATTS AVE   | 1 |
| RING RD            | 1 |
| CROSS FLATTS GR    | 1 |
| TOP MOOR SIDE      | 1 |
| CROSS FLATTS CR    | 1 |

Hunslet and Riverside:

**ADULT NUISANCE - NON  
ALCOHOL RELATED**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| LODGE LN             | 1 |
| GREENMOUNT ST        | 4 |
| DEWSBURY RD          | 1 |
| MAUD AVE             | 1 |
| GARNET RD            | 1 |
| SUSSEX GRE           | 1 |
| TEMPEST RD           | 1 |
| TUNSTALL RD          | 1 |
| GARNET TER           | 1 |
| CITY SOUTH RETAIL PK | 1 |
| FULHAM ST            | 1 |
| COLWYN RD            | 1 |

**FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| DEWSBURY RD   | 3 |
| ARTHINGTON VW | 1 |
| ST PETERS CT  | 1 |
| TRENTHAM TER  | 1 |
| ARTHINGTON VW | 1 |
| WESTBOURNE MT | 1 |
| DISRAELI TER  | 1 |
| NORTHCOTE CR  | 1 |
| NATIONAL RD   | 1 |
| NORTHCOTE DR  | 1 |
| LODGE LN      |   |
| PEPPER RD     | 1 |
| WOODVIEW RD   | 1 |

**LITTERING/DRUGS  
PARAPHERNALIA**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| WAKEFIELD RD    | 1 |
| HUNSLET HALL RD | 1 |
| NATIONAL RD     | 1 |

**NEIGHBOUR RELATED**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| ATKINSON ST  | 1 |
| FLAXTON CL   | 1 |
| AIRE QUAY    | 1 |
| OLD MILL LN  | 1 |
| TRENTHAM ST  |   |
| LONGROYD PL  | 1 |
| CRESCENT GRA | 1 |

**NUISANCE CAR/VAN**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| MIDDLETON RD | 1 |
|--------------|---|

**NUISANCE  
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| CITY SOUTH RETAIL PK  | 1 |
| BISMARCK ST           | 1 |
| MIDDLETON CR          | 1 |
| THE PENNY HILL CENTRE | 1 |
| SANDON PL             | 1 |
| TULIP ST              | 1 |
| TUNSTALL RD           | 1 |
| COUPLAND RD           | 1 |

**YOUTH RELATED**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| TULIP ST                | 1 |
| WATERSIDE INDUSTRIAL PK | 1 |
| DEWSBURY RD             | 4 |
| TUNSTALL RD             | 4 |
| BURTON RD               | 1 |
| STRATFORD AVE           | 1 |
| DISRAELI GDNS           | 1 |
| CHURCH ST               | 1 |
| ARTHINGTON AVE          | 1 |
| DEWSBURY RD             | 1 |
| BROMPTON ROW            | 1 |

Middleton and Belle Isle:

**ADULT NUISANCE - NON  
ALCOHOL RELATED**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| SISSONS TER   | 1 |
| THROSTLE RD   | 1 |
| THROSTLE ST   | 1 |
| BELLE ISLE RD | 1 |

**FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| BROOM PL       | 1 |
| RING RD        | 1 |
| EAST GRANGE RS | 1 |
| HOLME WELL RD  | 1 |
| BODMIN RD      | 3 |
| MIDDLETON GR   | 2 |
| RING RD        | 1 |
| EAST GRANGE RD | 1 |

**NEIGHBOUR RELATED**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| EAST GRANGE RD | 2 |
| PARNABY RD     | 1 |
| RING RD        | 1 |

**NUISANCE CAR/VAN**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| OLD RUN VW         | 1 |
| BODMIN RD          | 1 |
| TOWN ST            | 1 |
| MIDDLETON PARK AVE | 1 |
| SISSONS TER        | 1 |
| EATON MWS          |   |

**NUISANCE  
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| TOWN ST         | 1 |
| HELSTON WK      | 1 |
| BELLE ISLE RD   | 1 |
| OLD RUN VW      | 1 |
| ACRE MT         | 1 |
| BOULEVARD RS    | 1 |
| WINROSE GR      | 1 |
| MIDDLETON GR    | 1 |
| SHARP LN        |   |
| HOLME WELL RD   | 3 |
| WEST GRANGE GRE | 1 |
| SHELLDRAKE DR   | 1 |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| RAYLANDS WAY | 1 |
| NEWHALL GR   | 1 |

#### **YOUTH RELATED**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| BELLE ISLE RD      | 1 |
| HIGHLANDS GR       | 1 |
| OAK DR             | 1 |
| LINGWELL APPR      | 1 |
| KIELDER DR         | 1 |
| SHELLDRAKE DR      | 1 |
| CRANMORE CR        | 1 |
| WINDMILL RD        | 1 |
| SHARP LN           | 1 |
| MIDDLETON PARK AVE | 1 |
| THORPE GDNS        | 1 |
| RING RD            | 1 |
| KIELDER DR         | 1 |
| MIDDLETON GR       | 1 |
| TOWN ST            | 2 |
| BODMIN CR          | 1 |

#### **Leeds 2023**

11. The LEEDS 2023 year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” event held at Headingley Stadium on 7 January, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced (<https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on>) with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year.
  
12. The signature event MY LEEDS 2023, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood host for each ward. The Neighbourhood Hosts are participating in a paid training scheme during which they will:
  - Develop their skills in community engagement, event management and producing
  - Design and deliver a community grants scheme
  - Collaborate with their community and co-create activity in each ward across the summer
  - Acts as a community ambassador, creating opportunities for people in their ward to engage with LEEDS 2023.
  
13. Neighbourhood Hosts are currently working six hours per week, which includes their time spent in training and this reduces to three hours from September. The Neighbourhood Host scheme has been designed to increase the capacity for hyper-local community engagement in each of the wards, and to create opportunities for people across the city to participate in activity as part of the Year of Culture. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward / a

nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighbourhood Hosts and their community by:

- Sharing with the Neighbourhood Host their knowledge of the ward and experience engaging with communities
- Sharing possible opportunities for engagement with ward members
- Making introductions, where appropriate, to members of the community who could further support activity.

14. The Neighbourhood Hosts and anchor organisations for the wards in this Community Committee area are:

- Beeston and Holbeck – Amitoj Kaur supported by Slung Low
- Hunslet and Riverside – Karen Peters supported by Hamara
- Middleton Park – Alison Hughes-Waters supported by Health for All

15. The community grants scheme was launched in early February. Designed collaboratively by the Neighbourhood Hosts, the community grants scheme will support participation in one of the 33 My Leeds activities being produced across the summer.

16. Residents are invited to apply for a community grant via the LEEDS 2023 website. All grant proposals will be considered by a panel of Neighbourhood Hosts and funds allocated accordingly. The grants are open to anyone over 18 with a UK bank account, and LEEDS 2023 are hoping to receive a high number of applications from a diverse range of people and organisations. Elected Members' support in sharing the opportunity across their wards would be greatly appreciated.

17. Across season one, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging communities and schools to take part in Waking the Artist, a city-wide exhibition of art by people of Leeds. Community groups are invited to take part by making art and creating a display in their local library, community space or window. Communities can lead their own art-making workshops or are able to book a free facilitator or resource pack to support their engagement. Display labels and more information is available at:

<https://leeds2023.co.uk/take-part/waking-the-artist>

### Opportunities for schools

18. Every child and young person of school age in Leeds is getting the chance to take part in the Year of Culture. LEEDS 2023's creative learning programme features free activities for learners in all key stages, including classroom resources, facilitated workshops, participatory activities, and opportunities for learning outside the classroom. With links to the curriculum, the programme supports teaching across a variety of subject areas and helps learners develop their creativity. Learning

resources for schools can be found on the LEEDS 2023 website  
<https://leeds2023.co.uk/creative-learning>

19. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in Leeds Artists Show. Spring term will see over 2,300 pupils across 40 schools take part in facilitated workshops, including an interschool slam poetry competition, Commonwealth theatre, and Leeds Young Film. The following schools have either participated in an activity or are already booked onto an activity in the Spring term:

- Cockburn School, Authors Abroad
- Ingram Road Primary, Leeds Artist Show and Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Hunslet Moor Primary, Off the Curriculum
- Ruth Gorse Academy, Authors Abroad
- Cockburn John Charles, Leeds Young Film and Authors Abroad
- Cockburn Laurence Calvert, Leeds Young Film and Authors Abroad
- Middleton Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Springwell Leeds Academy, Leeds Cultural Heritage

20. In addition, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging and enabling schools to take part in The Wild Escape in partnership with Leeds Museums & Galleries, which will see children across the city engage with museum collections, learn about conservation and create their own art.

#### Other events and projects taking place in Inner South area

21. A LEEDS 2023 signature project – the Yinka Shonibare sculpture is planned for later in the year and will be installed in Meadow Lane Green Space in Hunslet and Riverside ward.

### **Employment & Skills**

#### Universal Credit

22. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Inner South Community Committee area is 7,375. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (65%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 178 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.

23. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner South Community Committee area and by ward.



| Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs |              |             |              |              |                |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | March 2020   |             | June 2020    |              | September 2022 |              | October 2022 |              |
|   | Number       | Rate*       | Number       | Rate*        | Number         | Rate*        | Number       | Rate*        |
| Leeds   | 23,631       | 4.5%        | 42,636       | 8.2%         | 42,762         | 8.4%         | 43,819       | 8.2%         |
| <b>Inner South</b>                                      | <b>4,023</b> | <b>7.0%</b> | <b>6,638</b> | <b>11.6%</b> | <b>7,197</b>   | <b>12.6%</b> | <b>7,375</b> | <b>12.9%</b> |
| Beeston & Holbeck                                       | 1,295        | 7.2%        | 2,133        | 11.9%        | 2,285          | 12.7%        | 2,314        | 12.9%        |
| Hunslet & Riverside                                     | 1,311        | 6.1%        | 2,217        | 10.3%        | 2,444          | 11.4%        | 2,518        | 11.8%        |
| Middleton Park  | 1,417        | 7.9%        | 2,288        | 12.8%        | 2,468          | 13.8%        | 2,543        | 14.2%        |

\*Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

## Employment and Skills Services

24. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner South Community Committee area and by ward.

|                     | Accessing Services      |                         | Into Work               |                         | Improved Skills         |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                     | 2021/22<br>(Apr – Sept) | 2022/23<br>(Apr – Sept) | 2021/22<br>(Apr – Sept) | 2022/23<br>(Apr – Sept) | 2021/22<br>(Apr – Sept) | 2022/23<br>(Apr – Sept) |
| <b>Inner South</b>  | <b>1,234</b>            | <b>1,574</b>            | <b>268</b>              | <b>311</b>              | <b>252</b>              | <b>322</b>              |
| Beeston & Holbeck   | 383                     | 521                     | 83                      | 90                      | 86                      | 110                     |
| Hunslet & Riverside | 505                     | 719                     | 97                      | 141                     | 120                     | 139                     |
| Middleton Park      | 346                     | 334                     | 88                      | 80                      | 46                      | 73                      |

25. Between April – September 2022 Employment & Skills supported:

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 1,574 of whom were residents from the Inner South
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 311 of whom were residents from the Inner South. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 322 of whom were from the Inner South

26. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops, which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.

27. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include Dewsbury Road, City Centre, Hunslet and St Georges Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile bus is now running Monday-Friday a schedule stop includes Holbeck Community Centre.

28. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>

29. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
30. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
31. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
32. Between September – December 2022, in the Inner South, 27 courses were delivered at 8 venues. 300 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.
33. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Inner South, 36 courses are also planned for online delivery, city-wide. In the Inner South, 48 courses, including ESOL, English, Maths and IT, are planned at 10 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.
34. A Celebration of Learning Festival is planned for 16th February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years including personal achievements and home-schooling.
35. Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability, work readiness, health and wellbeing programme which aims to help people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment.
36. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
37. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers focuses on narrowing inequalities taking the strengths and limitations of the Lincoln Green Employability Project, expanded to a one system approach across the sector adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice models in the system. The programme aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in Leeds to improve access to long term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education, and training in the sector.
38. Since September 2022, 169 people have attended the assessment sessions. 41 have achieved a qualification, and 35 people have been supported into work. 38 people are

being supported to improve functional skills to achieve the required level to move into employment within the sector.

39. Between April – December 2022 Employment and Skills supported:

- 287 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
- and attended careers events and parent's evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 7,674 young people, 367 parents and carers and 282 teachers.

### Delivered Events

40. Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022 (LDCF22) took place on 12th – 16th September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information, and guidance, approximately 100 people attended. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1,269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15th September 2022 with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, approximately 1,700 people attended.

41. Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) a weeklong festival of activities took place 14th – 18th November 2022 with a Creative Skills Showcase event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17th November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.

### Planned Events

42. Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF) took place on Monday 6th February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week, 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and includes a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event.

43. Jobsfairs are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:

- City Centre, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on Wednesday 25th January 2023
- Armley, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ on Friday 3rd February 2023
- Dewsbury Road, 190 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 6PF on Thursday 9th February 2023
- Compton Centre, Harehills Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 7BG on Thursday 16th February 2023

44. Reducing Re-Offending in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority an event is scheduled for Spring 2023 to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun and aims to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction event (w/c 23rd January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.
45. Community Engagement Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire, which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills.
46. SEND Next Choices, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds.

## **Public Health**

### Health and Wellbeing update

47. National HIV Testing Week starts Monday 6 February, and there's no better time to get tested and know your status. HIV testing is free, quick and easy, you can even test at home. Remember, anyone diagnosed with HIV in the UK can access free treatment and support. For more info on where to test or to order a FREE HIV test kit see: [www.startswithme.org.uk](http://www.startswithme.org.uk)

### Winter pressures

48. There are significant pressures locally and nationally across the system, with recent figures showing one in every eight hospital beds being used by someone with either Covid or flu.
49. Almost two thirds of those eligible for a Covid booster in West Yorkshire have had the jab since the rollout started last autumn. However, that means there are still over 400,000 people at increased risk from the virus who have yet to get protected.

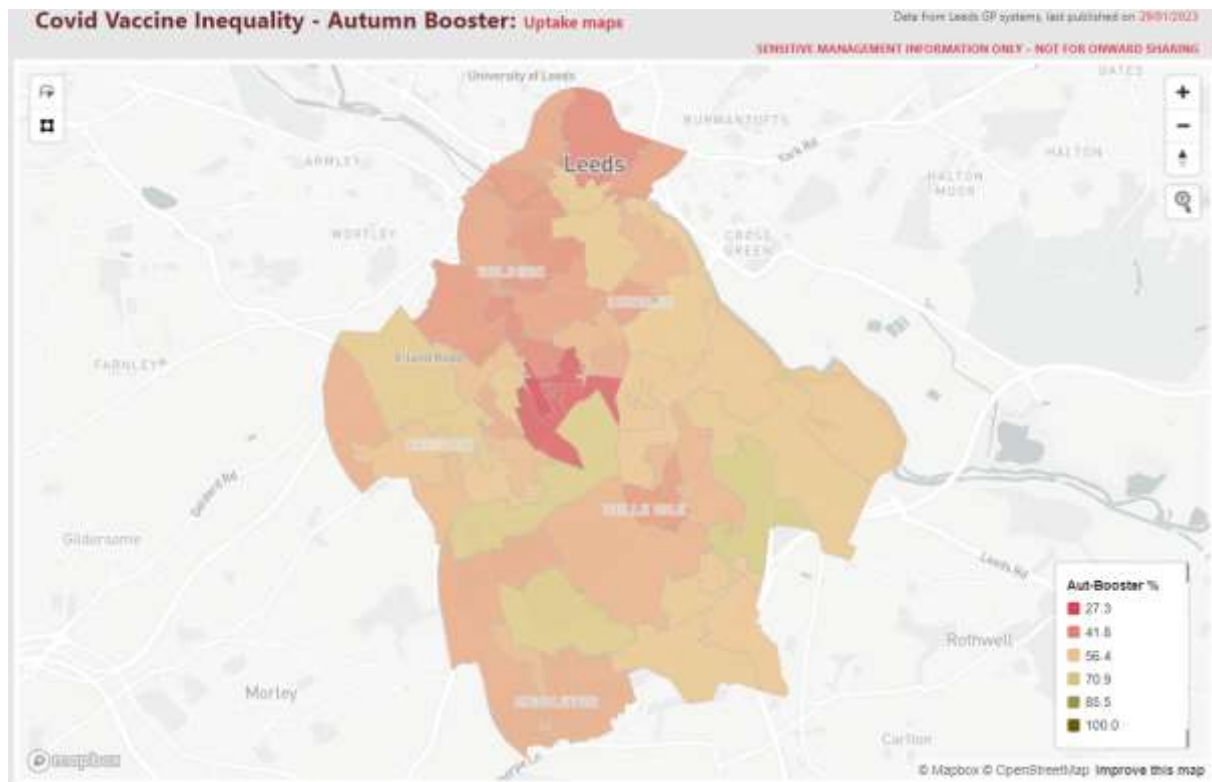
50. People can book an appointment online here or by calling 119, or find details of their nearest walk-in clinic here.
51. A winter wellbeing comms toolkit is available with copy and assets for bulletins and social media. You can access the toolkit in the Weather and Health campaign 2022 folder at: <https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/news-and-blog/news/get-jabbed-plea-top-doctor>.
52. The winter wellbeing webpage gives information about staying safe and well. This can be accessed at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/winter-wellbeing>
53. The cost of living webpage has information about the support that is available. This can be accessed at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living>

### Flu and Covid

54. Key messages continue to focus on safe behaviours:
- Get boosted with Covid and flu vaccines
  - Stay at home and avoid close contact with others if you're not feeling well
  - Wash your hands regularly
  - Let fresh air in if you're meeting indoors
55. Vaccinations against flu and Covid are available to all front-line staff.
56. General information on the flu vaccine is available as follows:
- Information on eligibility can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>
  - A list of pharmacies offering the flu vaccination is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacy-nhs-flu-vaccine-service/>

### Covid Data

57. There is very limited area specific covid infection data since mass testing ended last April, the data is available at Leeds level now and is updated once a month. The data is available here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey, UK Statistical bulletins - Office for National Statistics](#)
58. The autumn booster vaccine uptake data is available by practice, PCN and ward [here](#):
59. Below is a map showing the 3 wards that make up the Inner South area. The map shows uptake data for the Covid Autumn booster:



### Finding joy in January

60. A great way to find joy in January, or any month of the year, is to get your body moving. Whether it's by [playing in the park](#), [dancing with your friends](#) or finding your way to wellbeing through [mindful movement](#), there are so many ways to enjoy the feel-good hormones that come with being active.
61. If you're looking for inspiration, check out the films in the links above, produced by Leeds TV in partnership with Leeds City Council Public Health teams.

### Dying Matters Community Grants

62. Dying Matters Leeds aims to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life.
63. Organisations are invited to apply for a Dying Matters Leeds Community Grant to deliver an event or activity in their local community during Dying Matters Week which takes place from 1 to 7 May. The deadline for submitting applications is 5.00pm on 24 February. Applicants will be notified of the decision by 17 March. You can find out more at: <http://lbforum.org.uk/news-and-events/dying-matters-leeds-community-grant-now-open/>

### Cost of Living

#### Household Support Fund Leeds – Cost of Living Grants

64. Forum Central launches grants to support individuals in hardship over winter.

65. Grants of up to £1,000 and £5,000 are being administered by Forum Central, and distributed to organisations who support Communities of Interest including cultural diversity, people with mental health difficulties (including Young People), learning disabilities, physical and sensory impairment and older people.
66. There is no deadline – applications will be assessed weekly until all funds allocated. All grants must be spent by March 2023 and there is still funding available.
67. The Household Support Fund (HSF) is a Central Government fund, provided to Local Authorities to support individual households with access to food and fuel over the winter period. A priority of this fund will be to support people with food and fuel costs. For example, fuel meter top-up cards and payments or the provision of energy efficient equipment.
68. Alongside Leeds Community Anchor Network and Leeds Food Aid Network, Forum Central will be distributing a proportion of this funding to third sector partners to enable this support to reach those most vulnerable. In order to work quickly, a rolling grant programme will be available. Further information about the fund can be found at <https://forumcentral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Grant-information-to-potential-applicants-.pdf>

#### The Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Grant Fund

69. The Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Grant is distributing £1 million across the UK and have funds available to support 1,000 children across West Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Dales, Harrogate and York.
70. In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now this new grant fund aims to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental wellbeing of children who are struggling. This includes food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider applications for anything that helps meet children's most basic needs.
71. Grants are £50 per child, and they aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.
72. More information and applications can be found at: <https://planetradio.co.uk/pulse1/charity/>

#### Cost of Living Research

73. Mentally Healthy Leeds is looking to talk to people about how the cost of living crisis is affecting them, in particular people on low incomes. This research is designed to capture the real impact this crisis is having on vulnerable people and inform future service provision. As a small thank you participants can enter a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher.

74. As well as online (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CR2HRPZ>) and paper questionnaires we are keen to come along to groups and events to talk about this with people in person.

75. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a group or event to reach out to then please email [quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk](mailto:quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk). The deadline is 3rd March.

### Training and Development

76. A Webinar on the impact of Covid-19 on mental health will take place on 21 February, 10.30am to 12.00pm.

77. The impacts of the Covid pandemic have been felt by all of us in different ways and to differing degrees, with many people still being affected now. The effects of lockdowns, fear and anxiety, isolation, and the removal of traditional networks of support, along with other factors, has had long term detrimental effects on the mental health of people in Leeds – with the most vulnerable in our society often being the most greatly impacted.

78. The long-term effects on mental health are continuing to be felt, with an expectation that some of the impacts may take several years to be realised.

79. The webinar will cover:

- The impact of Covid on the mental health of different groups in Leeds
- insight into Covid data around mental health as a result of the pandemic and the impact in Leeds as a city
- what we are doing now
- useful resources to support mental health in Leeds

80. You can find out more and book a place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-mental-health-tickets-478196176637>

### Inner South

#### Better Together

81. The Better Together partners provide a community development approach to improving health and wellbeing across the inner south, with particular emphasis on areas of high deprivation. A mixture of groups are delivered which include arts and crafts, exercise, cook and eat, parent and tots groups, peer groups and more.

82. Beeston and Holbeck ward have 17 groups running currently running in venues such as Beeston Village Community Centre, St. Marys church, Ingram Gardens and St Matthews church. Attendance figures average at 20 people per group.



83. The Hunslet and Riverside ward have 15 groups running currently with an average of 16 people attending. Last quarter, the groups had a wide range of variety from ESOL, digital skills to menopause.

84. Middleton Park ward have 17 groups currently running in venues such as Middleton Family Centre, South Leeds Youth Hub, St Georges Centre and Cranmore and Raylands Community Centre. Across the groups, there is an average attendance of 15 people per session.

### Your Space

85. Delivers a preventative public mental health project across the inner south and east of Leeds. Using an ABCD approach with co-production as a strong element, the Your Space team deliver groups in the community which simultaneously interest people while creating a safe environment to talk about mental health. Average group attendance is 7 per group.

86. Beeston and Holbeck ward currently have 5 groups running at Jamyangs, and St. Matthews. Activities range from home cooking groups, women's wellbeing and Toasie Tuesdays.

87. Hunslet & Riverside ward have a Chess group running out of Dewbury Road Hub

88. Middleton Park ward have a womens' book club and an art and crafts group, these are held in Cranmore and Raylands Community Centre and St George's community hub.

89. A mental health and wellbeing social prescribing model for children has been commissioned by the Integrated Care Board and is currently mobilising. The lead delivery organisation is Barca, with Health for All as a partner. Depending on the age and needs of the presenting young person, the service will have a role in signposting to existing groups for young people and identifying gaps in services, or may offer one to one support for a limited time.

### Beeston and Holbeck

#### Fuel Poverty

90. A proactive targeted approach to reaching out to people most likely to be at risk of harm caused by living in cold conditions is ongoing. This initiative contacts people directly from GP patient lists and offers an introduction to 'Care and Repair'.

91. A referral into Leeds Care and Repair Fuel Poverty scheme is made if patients have discussed this as a concern and they fit their eligibility criteria. (Annual income of less than £30k and saving less than £16k).

92. Care and Repair would conduct a home assessment and offer a holistic package of care which will include existing care and repair services; energy advice and equipment (such as radiator panels, and draft proofing) in addition to the distribution of required home energy appliances, known to reduce home energy consumption (for example air-fryers and slow cookers).
93. In addition, there is an offer of financial support via the Green Doctor for meter top-ups. There is also an opportunity for further referral into food pantry's/food banks/MH services local and city-wide support services.

### Hunslet & Riverside

#### Increasing appropriate community pharmacist use

94. When a patient with minor illness symptoms contacts their GP practice requesting an appointment the care navigator or receptionist will ask them a series of questions using a standard appropriate symptom checklist. If their symptoms are appropriate, the GP practice can refer them for a same-day consultation with a community pharmacist. With the patient's consent, the practice team can send an electronic referral message to the pharmacy the patient has chosen, to support safe follow up and audit.
95. Following the referral, the pharmacist will contact the patient the same day by phone and either carry out the consultation by telephone, or arrange for the patient to attend the pharmacy, if appropriate. Some patients may be offered a video consultation by the pharmacist.
96. The pharmacist will take the patient's clinical history and ask about symptoms and any current medication. Following the consultation, the pharmacist will offer clinical advice and may sell the patient an over the counter product if appropriate and they agree.
97. Pharmacists are trained to recognise 'red flag' symptoms suggestive of more serious illness and after initial triage, where symptoms do suggest something more serious, the pharmacist will help the patient to arrange an urgent GP appointment using the practice's dedicated professional number or escalate to an urgent care setting such as the emergency department, if needed.
98. The pharmacist will make a record of the outcome of the consultation and send it to the patient's GP via secure digital message.

### Middleton Park ward

#### LEAP

99. Integrated Care System, Health Inequalities Bid. Funding for an exercise on prescription programme. Leeds Encouraging Activity in People (LEAP) is in the final

stages of mobilisation. Partners in this project include; Public Health, Active Leeds, Middleton PCN, Armley PCN and Groundworks.

100. This project will initially target people diagnosed with hypertension and COPD and offer an activity intervention. Support of a clinically trained exercise facilitator will be provided who will assess the persons needs and motivation towards exercise, before referring them into a suitable activity. One such activity could be the creation of BITMO's community garden in Belle Isle.

#### Domestic Violence task and finish group

101. The group continues to meet and are working up aim and objectives. The overarching aims are:
- Prevention
  - Raising community and professional awareness of services and referral pathways
  - Supporting those experiencing domestic violence and abuse
  - Support for people who are abusive in relationships.

#### Green Spaces

102. Public health, with the help of BITMO and housing colleagues have conducted a consultation on people's use of the green spaces, specifically in Belle Isle, but including Middleton Park.
103. Young peoples' views were missing from the consultation. This is being addressed in partnership with colleagues directly in contact with young people and is currently ongoing.
104. Using the insight collected during the first consultation, partners viewed the various green spaces highlighted by the community as potential improvement areas. This project links in with the LEAP project by using funding to set up a light gardening activity for those newly engaging with activity and movement.

#### Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck Ward

105. In January 2023, localities staff, ward members and partners hand delivered over 700 copies of the Holbeck community safety newsletter to houses and venues around Holbeck.
106. The 4th edition of the Holbeck newsletter has been compiled and printed to share good news stories with the people of Holbeck. Localities staff, ward members and partners met to hand deliver copies on 17th February.
107. The Underpass on Top Moor Side in Holbeck which provides access for Holbeck residents on to Holbeck Moor has received a street art makeover. The street art installation depicts Holbeck landmarks and iconic red brick houses as well as

welcoming people to Holbeck in multiple languages. The project was completed by Leeds Street Gallery and funded by the Inner South Community Committee.

## **Community Engagement – Hunslet & Riverside**

### **Brickfield Park's Tree Planting Day**

108. The next phase of the developments at Brickfield Park continued on Saturday 14th January, creating an edible orchard on Brickfield Park in Beeston Hill. A total of 21 fruit trees were planted by volunteers from the community, Council officers and Councillors. This has been part of a positive coproduction work between the Council, residents, and partners.

### **Residents Led Forums - Greenmounts and Area TARA**

109. The new 'Greenmounts and Area' Tenants and Residents Association is up and running with elected officers in place. Councillors and officers are working with the new group to identify and address environmental issues in the area.

### **Beeston Hill Residents Meeting**

110. Beeston Hill Residents Association was launched on Monday, 21st November at Building Blocks Centre, and a follow up meeting held on Monday 30th January at Hamara Centre. Residents present at both meetings are keen and enthusiastic to set up a community association that will be led by residents and will enable the community to develop ideas for the area, hold regular forums, and have better ongoing dialogue with the Council, Police, and other organisations.

## **Community Engagement – Middleton Park Ward**

### **Green Spaces**

#### **West Wood**

111. CEL will remove rubbish from this site and then phase 1 of the work programmes will commence in April.

#### **New Forest**

112. Groundwork are currently developing plans for this site and a further update will be received in March.

## **Community Engagement: Social Media**

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

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

115. 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**

116. 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:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

117. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

119. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

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



## Inner South Community Committee Facebook Page

Appendix 1

### Highlights

16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Inner South Community Committee Facebook Page

The Facebook page for the Inner South Community Committee has continued to provide support, information, and access to multiple services. With regular updates, the number of followers and interactions has been reflected in the interaction of the local community. Since 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page has gained **13 new followers** since the last update, making a total of **1,365 followers** in total.

This means that this is the **second** most popular Community Committee page.

There are two things to note in general:

- 'reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'engagement' is the number of reactions, comments or shares

Engagement tends to be a better way of gauging if people are interested and have read the posts because they wouldn't have interacted with it otherwise. For example, a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read it, the engagement is 0 and it hasn't been an effective way for the Community Committee to communicate.

However, all posts can be read without any further interaction.

The **most popular post** since the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was the posting regarding *Inclusive Children's Youth Groups*. This post has:

- Reached a total of 2,828 people
- Received 43 likes, comments and shares

The following (below) are screenshots of the three most popular posts since the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Alongside it is the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

## 1st Place – Endorphins – Inclusive Children’s Youth Groups

2,828 people had this post delivered, with 145 post clicks with 43 likes, comments and shares.



**LEEDS**

# Inclusive Children's and Youth Groups

Safe and supportive inclusive sessions for SEND children and young people to have fun, make friends and flourish.

**Our Leeds sessions include -**

- The Vinery Centre -**  
20 Vinery Terrace, Leeds LS9 9LW  
SATURDAY TERM TIME  
10AM - 3PM (8 - 18 YEARS)  
First session free then £15 per session.
- South Leeds Hub -**  
Middleton Rd, Belle Isle, Leeds LS10 3JA  
SATURDAYS TERM TIME  
10AM - 3PM (8 - 18 YEARS)  
First session free then £15 per session.  
WE ALSO OFFER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROVISION
- Geeks Sessions -**  
First Floor, 5, Armley Court, Armley,  
Leeds LS12 2LB  
SATURDAY 9:30-11:30  
(8 - 18 YEARS)  
First session free then £10 per session.

**1:4 staff ratio sessions**

**We provide our group members with:**

- A wide range of fun, engaging activities and games for all abilities
- A chance to make new friends, socialise and build confidence
- Fully qualified and DBS checked group leaders

**Booking Information**  
PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL -  
T: 0330 1332642 E: [bookings@endorphins.uk](mailto:bookings@endorphins.uk)  
[endorphins.uk](http://endorphins.uk)

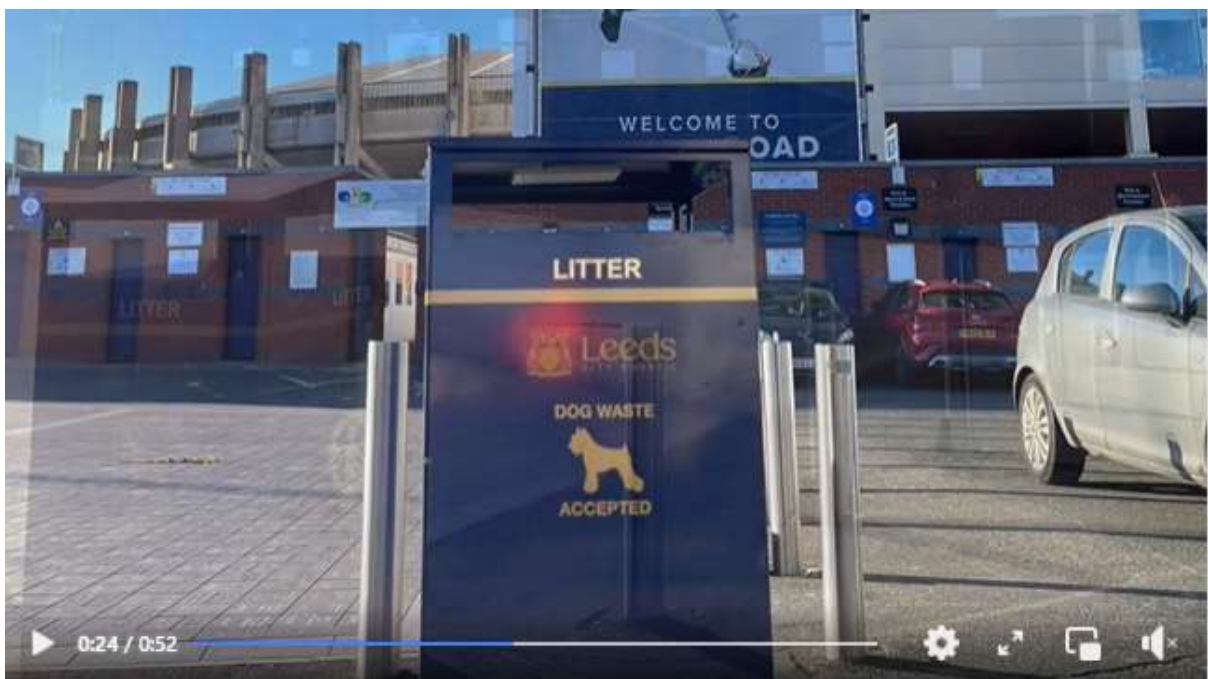
**Endorphins**  
**Leeds**  
CITY COUNCIL



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Leeds United – New large capacity litter bins around Elland Road**

1,288 people had this post delivered, with 79 post clicks with 22 likes, comments and shares.

**2nd most popular post**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Leeds City Council – Recruitment Event**

**855** people had this post delivered to them and it had **40** post clicks, with 12 reactions, comments and shares.

**3<sup>rd</sup> most popular post**

**Leeds City Council Recruitment Event**  
**Dewsbury Road Hub and Library**

**Meet the employer  
Get support  
Find work**

Do you want to work for one of the biggest employers in Leeds?  
Leeds City Council are on the hunt for new staff in several different departments.

**Vacancies and apprenticeships include:**  
Admin, Hospitality, Cleaning, Driving, Childcare, Schools and Education,  
Civil Enforcement, Fostering, Adult and children's Care Work, Gardening  
& many more

**THURSDAY 9TH  
FEBRUARY 2023  
11am - 3pm**

Dewsbury Road Community Hub  
190 Dewsbury Rd,  
Leeds LS11 6PF

**Book your free place now**  
[www.bit.ly/LCCrecruitDR](http://www.bit.ly/LCCrecruitDR)



**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

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

**Report author:** Robbie Hawley 07891278182

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 For decision

## **Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

### **Main issues**

2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.

5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
8. In the Inner South this means that the money will be administered by the Inner South Community Committee.
9. Following consultation, the Communities Team will work with members of the community committee, to develop a plan to spend CIL funding on local infrastructure projects. This will be on a case by case basis.
10. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, sex, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
11. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
12. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.

13. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.
14. The Community Committee has approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when such conditions have been satisfied:
- a) Consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken.
  - b) A delegated decision must have support from a majority of the community committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a community committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors); and
  - c) Details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.
15. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

### **Wellbeing Budget Position 2022/23**

16. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2022/23 was **£172,930**. This works out at **£57,643** per ward.
17. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£191,420.75** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2021/22. **£117,681.25** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2021/22 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2022/23 is therefore **£246,669.50**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
18. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.
19. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£86,388.67** The ward split is as follows: **Beeston & Holbeck (£26,031.11)**, **Hunslet & Riverside (£23,913.81)** and **Middleton Park (£36,443.75)**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2022/23**

|   | £                 |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>INCOME: 2022/23</b>                                  | <b>172,930.00</b> |
| <b>Balance brought forward from previous year</b>       | <b>191,420.75</b> |
| <b>Less projects brought forward from previous year</b> | <b>117,681.25</b> |
| <b>TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2022/23</b>                         | <b>246,669.50</b> |

|  |                   | B&H               | H&R               | MP                |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>New allocation per ward (£57,643) + underspends</b> | <b>£</b>          | <b>78,311.56</b>  | <b>78,867.24</b>  | <b>89,490.69</b>  |
| Small Grants   | £7,500            | £3,000            | £2,500            | £2,000            |
| Community Skips  | £4,000            | £2,000            | £1,500            | £500              |
| Community Engagement                                   | £3,500            | £1,500            | £1,000            | £1,000            |
| Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood                         | £5,000            | £5,000            |                   |                   |
| Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood                    | £5,500            |                   | £5,500            |                   |
| Beeston & Holbeck Christmas lights & trees             | £12,104.52        | £12,104.52        |                   |                   |
| Belle Isle & Middleton Christmas lights                | £10,502           |                   |                   | £10,502           |
| Hunslet & Riverside Christmas lights                   | £1,240            |                   | £1,240            |                   |
| CCTV Cameras   | £6,000            | £4,000            | £2,000            |                   |
| Inner South Youth Summit                               | £3,500            | £1,166.66         | £1,166.67         | £1,166.67         |
| Health & Wellbeing (carried over from last year)       | £517.69           | £172.56           | £172.57           | £172.56           |
| Belle Isle & Middleton Love Where You Live             | £4,000            |                   |                   | £4,000            |
| <b>Total spend: Area wide ring fenced projects</b>     | <b>£63,364.21</b> | <b>£28,943.74</b> | <b>£15,079.23</b> | <b>£19,341.22</b> |

| Ward Projects (22/23)  | Total      | Ward Split |            |        |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------|
|  |            | B&H        | H&R        | MP     |
| Ensuring children living in Middleton are supported to thrive & have fun | £2,327     |            |            | £2,327 |
| Educational Academy – Hamara Supplementary School                        | £10,793.50 |            | £10,793.50 |        |
| Hunslet Youth Group Rent Costs   | £1,440     |            | £1,440     |        |
| Beeston Festival   | £6,000     | £3,000     | £3,000     |        |

|   |           |           |         |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Money Buddies                                     | £8,792    |           |         | £8,792    |
| Belle Isle Kicks Project                          | £3,580    |           |         | £3,580    |
| Community Edible Estate                           | £3,500    |           | £3,500  |           |
| Friends of Middleton Park Summer Programme        | £3,000    |           |         | £3,000    |
| Cottingley Fencing Scheme                         | £5,431.50 | £5,431.50 |         |           |
| Hunslet Gala 2022                                 | £3,630    |           | £3,630  |           |
| Healthy Holidays                                  | £4,160    |           |         | £4,160    |
| Leeds Watch Temp Cameras                          | £2,088    |           |         | £2,088    |
| Operation Mineral Inner South                     | £2,715    | £905      | £905    | £905      |
| Festive Lights at Hunslet Carr                    | £3,964    |           | £3,964  |           |
| Great Get Together Cross Flatts Park              | £1,000    | £500      | £500    |           |
| Additional Christmas lights at Hunslet TARA       | £2,700    |           | £2,700  |           |
| St Luke's Charity Shop WC                         | £2,500    |           | £2,500  |           |
| Commemorative bench                               | £1,837    |           | £1,837  |           |
| 3 Grit Bins for Hunslet Carr                      | £531.66   |           | £531.66 |           |
| Firework display                                  | £1,000    |           | £1,000  |           |
| Rise & Shine Youth provision                      | £6,714.77 | £6,714.77 |         |           |
| Kick Start Bowling                                | £3,600    | £1,800    | £1,800  |           |
| ParkPlay at Brickfield Park                       | £3,750    |           | £3,750  |           |
| Leeds Dynamite Dance                              | £6,163.60 |           |         | £6,163.60 |
| Switch off and Park at The Ark - Drop in sessions | £3,116    |           |         | £3,116    |
| Slung Low's Warehouse Space for Youth Groups      | £5,000    | £5,000    |         |           |
| South Leeds Life                                  | £3,654    | £1,218    | £1,218  | £1,218    |
| Santa's Grotto                                    | £1,566    |           | £1,566  |           |

|  |                    |                   |                   |                   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Christmas Party                                | £200               |                   | £200              |                   |
| Clayton Road Grit Bin                          | £177.22            |                   | £177.22           |                   |
| <b>Ward Projects (Totals)</b>                  | <b>£104,931.25</b> | <b>£24,569.27</b> | <b>£45,012.38</b> | <b>£35,349.60</b> |
| <b>Total spend (Area wide + ward projects)</b> | <b>£167,777.77</b> | <b>£53,340.45</b> | <b>£59,919.05</b> | <b>£54,518.27</b> |
| <b>Underspends</b>                             | <b>£6,906.30</b>   | <b>£1,036</b>     | <b>£4,941.62</b>  | <b>£928.68</b>    |
| <b>Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)</b>      | <b>£86,388.67</b>  | <b>£26,031.11</b> | <b>£23,913.81</b> | <b>£36,443.75</b> |

## Wellbeing Budget Ring-fences

20. Members are asked to consider the proposed ringfences set out below.

21. A small grant allocation was fenced at £2,500 for Hunslet & Riverside. An additional £1,000 is being proposed.

22. A small grant allocation was fenced at £3,000 for Beeston & Holbeck. An additional £1,000 is being proposed.

## Wellbeing/Youth Activity Fund and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund proposals for consideration and approval

The following projects are presented for Members' consideration:

23. **Project Title:** Beeston Youth Theatre

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Brave Words CIC

**Total Project Cost:** £10,359

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £5,503

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** The grant will fund 3 terms of Beeston Youth Theatre at Beeston Village Community Centre - 36 x drama sessions for up to 60 children and young people of all ages per week. They will run from April 2023 – March 2024, with a focus on developing acting skills, bringing the community together, building confidence, social skills, making friends and having fun while being creative.

Workshops are a mixture of fun drama games, physical and vocal warmups, skills development, and devising.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities and Best City for Children and Young People

24. **Project Title:** Hunslet Foundation Junior Rugby Project

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Hunslet Rugby Foundation



**Total Project Cost:** £6,750

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £6,750 (Beeston & Holbeck £1,350 and Hunslet & Riverside £5,400)

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** The grant will be used to work with children in five local primary schools and support young people between the ages of 7-11. The project aims to provide opportunities for young people to access sports and recreational activities and to increase the number of young people attending the Beeston Broncos Rugby League Club, which in turn will support our final aim of increasing the activity levels of the children participating.

The sessions will bring together children from different schools and will be held at Beeston Bronco's training ground three times a week and run for 1 hour. There will be 2 coaches delivering the sessions to up to 25 children and will be attended by our partners at Kicking for Grassroots, who will lead exercises and support children to develop techniques and an understanding of rugby.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People

25. **Project Title:** Champions Soccer Saturday

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Champions Community Sport & Health CIC

**Total Project Cost:** £3,606

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £3,606

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** Champions Soccer Saturday offers free turn up and play football and multi-sport sessions to the children/young people in the South Leeds Community. We work with families that live in some of the most deprived areas of Leeds and don't have the disposable income to join the more traditional clubs. This funding is needed to cover coaching fees.

The sessions are every Saturday morning on Hunslet Moor 10am – 1pm. Breakfast and lunch is also provided.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People

26. **Project Title:** SEND Activity Day

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Leeds City Council – Voice Influence & Change Team

**Total Project Cost:** £5,000

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £1,000 (Beeston & Holbeck £390, Hunslet & Riverside £170 and Middleton Park £440)

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** This grant would fund A one-day event hosted during the school day (10am till 2pm) at John Charles Centre for Sport.

The event will feature a range of activities / sports that students are able to try in a safe environment. All students (secondary age, 11 to 25 years old) that attend would receive a sheet that shows all the activities on offer. They will be able to highlight on the sheet if they enjoyed the activity or not and then share this with their parent / carers. As well as this, students will receive a Leeds Local Offer canvas bag that will include flyers about all the activities they have taken part in to share with their parents and carers.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities, Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

**27. Project Title:** Sandon Mount/Woodhouse Hill Road

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Leeds City Council – Housing Leeds

**Total Project Cost:** £2,957.60

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Capital Budget 2022/23:** £2,219.20

**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** To install 24 metres of knee rail fencing and a bollard to deter quad bikes/cars cutting across a greenspace on Woodhouse Hill Road leading through to Sandon Mount.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities

**28. Project Title:** Summer programme – Oddsocks Theatre Performance

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Friends of Middleton Park

**Total Project Cost:** £10,379

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £3,609

**Wards Covered:** Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** The Friends of Middleton Park hold a programme of events in Middleton Park throughout the year, with most of them being from May to September. They are suitable for all and are free of charge.

The Wellbeing Grant would fund one of the most popular events, the annual Oddsocks theatre production. This year the company will be performing a new version of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities, Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

**29. Project Title:** New Activity equipment 2023

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Leeds City Council – South Leeds Hub

**Total Project Cost:** £20,150

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Capital Budget 2022/23:** £5,654

**Wards Covered:** Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** South Leeds Youth Hub is a space for young people in south Leeds to take part in affordable activities outside school hours.

It is our desire that the Youth Hub forms part of the fabric of the local area, involving all members of the community. We currently have a range of community groups using the building and the 3G pitch and are looking to expand this offer out to more people which will increase the usage of the facilities on offer and build community cohesion.

The grant would be used to purchase 4x 5 a side football nets, which would increase the potential for multiple users to make use of the pitch during daylight hours for groups from the Middleton Park area.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities, Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

30. **Project Title:** Tech Made Easy

**Name of Group or Organisation:** South of the River

**Total Project Cost:** £11,352

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £3,261

**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** This project is to establish a Digital Support facility at the Crooked Clock Hub for the older people living in the ward.

Experience has shown there is a need for this, as there are many older people with either a smartphone, or tablet or both, but do not know how to set them up, re-configure when they go wrong or use all the features. This project will deal with the common issues which are prevalent across the city.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities, Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

31. **Project Title:** Kidz Klub residential

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Kidz Klub Leeds

**Total Project Cost:** £5,740.32

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing/YAF Budget 2022/23:** £5,740.32 (£1,913.44 per ward)

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** The grant will be used to cover the cost to take 20 children living across Beeston, Holbeck and Middleton wards to Marrick Priory Outdoor Education and Residential Centre in North Yorkshire during the Spring / Summer term.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

32. **Project Title:** Breeze in the Park

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Leeds City Council - Breeze

**Total Project Cost:** £16,950

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing/YAF Budget 2022/23:** £11,400 (Beeston & Holbeck £1,900, Hunslet & Riverside £1,900 and Middleton Park £7,600)

**Project Summary:** The grant will be used to deliver Breeze in the Park events in the Inner South area during the summer holidays. The suitable locations identified for these are Middleton Park, Cross Flatts Park and Belle Isle Playing Fields.

The events would take place during the summer holiday period and form part of the Breeze summer programme. The event would create a safe environment of fun, free activities for young people, based in parks/open spaces that are easily accessible to communities living locally.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

33. **Project Title:** Tulip Street Signage and Seats

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Leeds City Council – Commissioned project

**Total Project Cost:** £10,078

**Amount proposed from CIL Budget 2022/23:** £10,078

**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** This project is to install 2 welcome signs, 2 bespoke history panels and 2 seats on Tulip Street:

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Communities

34. **Project Title:** Cranmore & Raylands Community Centre

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Health for All

**Total Project Cost:** £8,000

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £8,000

**Wards Covered:** Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** Cranmore and Raylands Community Centre in Belle Isle is currently under threat of closure from the beginning of May 2023 due to a three year National Lottery grant ceasing at end of April 2023. A short term project of four months from May to August 2023 would ensure that the Centre is able to remain open for community use while we secure ongoing funding for a further three years.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

35. **Project Title:** Cottingley Community Centre

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Health for All

**Total Project Cost:** £16,000

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £12,000

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck

**Project Summary:** Cottingley Community Centre is currently under threat of closure due to the current owners, representatives of three local churches, Methodist,

Anglican, United Reformed being unable to sustain the centre financially and operationally.

This Project seeks to retain the staffing for the centre to remain open until more substantial funding is secured e.g. preparing and submitting a three year Reaching Communities proposal from the National Lottery.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

36. **Project Title:** DAZL Inner South: Culture in my community

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Dance Action Zone Leeds

**Total Project Cost:** £10,552.64

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing/YAF Budget 2022/23:** £3,932.64 (£1,966.32 per ward)

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** We want to provide a weekly creative dance program that includes activities in school holidays including art/culture to encourage healthy lifestyles. This program includes wider opportunities like city-wide showcases 2023 Christmas Showcase, and community events locally.

In 2022-23 the DAZL Inner South Leeds groups particularly Middleton Park Ward, Beeston and Holbeck Ward and Cottingley who took part in 2 major performance events, showcasing their work and also took part in small local events have been embraced by the community in person and digitally.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

37. **Project Title:** Learn, Share, Love Food Project

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Inner South Youth Service

**Total Project Cost:** £9,758

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing/YAF Budget 2022/23:** £7,790 (£3,840 Wellbeing & YAF £3,950)

**Wards Covered:** Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** To provide an educational cooking project, young people will be given the opportunity to make a simple healthy meal within the centre and be able to take the food/meal home to share with their family. Youth Workers will also engage young people in some sessions where they will prepare the food in the centre and be given the ingredients to cook the meal at home.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Business, Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

38. **Project Title:** Hamara Gym Capital Project  
**Name of Group or Organisation:** Hamara Healthy Living Centre  
**Total Project Cost:** £330,426  
**Amount proposed from CIL Budget 2022/23:** £105,426  
**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** This project is to make to gym more accessible for users with learning disabilities and older people, as the current lift doesn't meet the current standards and needs to be replaced. The lift will give access to all 3 floors of the building.

The other work on site includes new changing facilities, toilets, and unisex shower facilities.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Health & Wellbeing

39. **Project Title:** Compost Collective Leeds  
**Name of Group or Organisation:** FoodWise Leeds (Zest Leeds)  
**Total Project Cost:** £9,000  
**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £9,000 (£4,500 Hunslet & Riverside and £4,500 Middleton Park)  
**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** The project will establish two composting schemes in the Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park ward. The project will create a composting site in each ward and enable communities to reduce their household food waste and support their local growing/green spaces.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Business and Best City for Communities

40. **Project Title:** Alternative Art Youth Provision Project  
**Name of Group or Organisation:** The Hunslet Club  
**Total Project Cost:** £15,288  
**Amount proposed from Wellbeing/YAF Budget 2022/23:** £8,500  
**Wards Covered:** Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** The project will facilitate the provision of an alternative art project for young members of the youth club aged from 8 to 17 years.

Over 3000 members have been consulted with, and a need for an art project such as this is one has been identified. The sessions will take place during our evening youth clubs which operate between 4.30 and 9pm Mon-Fri and 11.30am-6pm on Sunday.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

41. **Project Title:** Let's Move: South Leeds Event

**Name of Group or Organisation:** Active Leeds

**Total Project Cost:** £750

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £750 (Beeston & Holbeck £375 and Hunslet & Riverside £375)

**Wards Covered:** Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside

**Project Summary:** The project will be aimed at representatives from a number of local providers to come together in a festival of fun, movement and community by sharing their sport/activity or group by providing a taster activity, a demonstration, mini challenge or a stall.

It will take place at Cross Flatts Park on 13th May with a timetable of activities between 9am – 1pm, culminating with a community picnic.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Children & Young People and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

42. **Project Title:** Belle Isle Slow Cookers/Air Fryers Health Promotion

**Name of Group or Organisation:** BITMO

**Total Project Cost:** £4,500

**Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2022/23:** £4,500

**Wards Covered:** Middleton Park

**Project Summary:** This funding is to cover the costs of a 6-month pilot project in Belle Isle which will include gifting 100 households a slow cooker or air fryer with an ingredient's starter pack, as well as support in using the equipment throughout the duration of the project.

The aim of the project is to support residents with the rising cost of living, as slow cookers and air fryers overall use less energy than ovens, and they will also support residents to make healthy meals, by better utilising food and reducing food waste. Alongside every slow cooker/ fryer there will be an ingredients starter pack to enable households to use the slow cooker as soon as they receive it.

**Community Committee Priorities:** Best City for Business and Best City for Communities and Best City for Health & Wellbeing

### **Delegated Decisions (DDN)**

43. Since the last Community Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:

- a) Retirement Life Christmas Party, Leeds City Council - £200, Hunslet & Riverside (Wellbeing)
- b) Clayton Road Grit bin, Leeds City Council - £177.22, Hunslet & Riverside (Wellbeing)

- c) Westbury Place North Improvements, Leeds City Council - £11,679, Hunslet & Riverside (CIL)

### **Declined Projects**

44. Since the last Community Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, no projects have been declined:

### **Monitoring Information**

45. As part of their funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.
46. Detailed below are some of the project updates that the Communities Team has received since the last meeting of the Community Committee in November 2022:

### **Informal Play Project – Jack Lane (Hunslet & Riverside)**

47. Informal play equipment such as a goal module and mini trim trail has been installed on Jack Lane
48. The equipment was installed by Parks & Countryside and has made the area more attractive for the community.



### **South Leeds Life CIC (Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park)**

49. Two editions of South Leeds Life were funded by the Inner South Community Committee (January & February), with 6,000 copies printed each month
50. 19 local people contributed to the January edition, and 16 in February, either as reporters or writing from their own organisation. The newspapers were distributed to 200 pick up points in the Inner South area, ranging from care homes and community centres, to nurseries and chip shops.



51. The January edition led on the issue of bin collections in Cottingley, an issue raised by residents at the November meeting of the Inner South Community Committee. Articles also highlighted the Council's budget consultation, Warm Spaces and a number of grassroots community groups.
52. The February edition led on male suicide, with articles approaching the subject from various angles. It also covered Beeston primary School's Ofsted report, the history of the Ambulance service in Leeds and reported on the Real Hope Café, run by refugees in Beeston, among other stories.



### Youth Activities Fund Position 2022/23

53. The Youth Activity Fund is allocated based on population data at ward level for young people aged between 8-17 years of age. The community committee YAF allocations have stayed the same as the previous year.
54. The total Inner South YAF budget approved for 2022/23 was **£54,640**. The ward balances which are below, are based on the number of 8-17 year olds per ward.
55. The total available for spend in the Inner South Community Committee 2022/23, including carry forward from previous year, is **£106,639.85**.
56. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£51,892.23** has been allocated to YAF projects in 2022/23, as listed in **Table 2**.
57. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£25,266.62** in the Youth Activity Fund.
58. The balances for wards are as follows: **Beeston & Holbeck: (£0), Hunslet & Riverside: (£5,690.96) and Middleton Park: (£19,575.66)**.

**TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2022/23**

|  | Total YAF Allocation 2022/23 (£54,640) | Ward Split        |                     |                |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|  |  | 8-17 Population   |                     |                |
|  |  | 3,152.00          | 3,123.00            | 4,320.00       |
|  |  | Beeston & Holbeck | Hunslet & Riverside | Middleton Park |
| Carried forward from previous year   | <b>£51,999.85</b>                      | £19,528.93        | £14,967.26          | £17,503.66     |
| Total available (including brought forward balance) for schemes in 2022/23 | <b>£106,639.85</b>                     | £35,783.93        | £31,072.26          | £39,783.66     |
| Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year                | <b>£29,481</b>                         | £15,870           | £10,824             | £2,787         |
| Total available budget for this year (2022/23)                             | <b>£77,158.85</b>                      | £19,913.93        | £20,248.26          | £36,996.66     |
|  |  |                   |                     |                |
| Projects 2022/23   | Amount requested from YAF              | B&H               | H&R                 | MP             |
| Mini Breeze  | £10,950                                | £3,650            | £3,650              | £3,650         |
| Beeston Community Youth Theatre  | £6,038                                 | £6,038            |                     |                |
| Champions Soccer Saturday  | £3,600                                 | £2,290            | £950                | £360           |
| DAZL   | £5,630                                 | £2,815            |                     | £2,815         |
| Skating Galore at Holbeck Moor!  | £1,023                                 | £920.70           | £102.30             |                |
| Hunslet Moor Activity Day 2022   | £1,650                                 |                   | £1,650              |                |
| Middleton Park Activity Days   | £3,300                                 |                   |                     | £3,300         |
| Beeston & Holbeck Out of Schools   | £3,400                                 | £3,400            |                     |                |
| Hunslet & Riverside Holiday Project  | £5,925                                 |                   | £5,925              |                |

|  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Middleton Park Out of School Activities</b> | £5,925            |                   | £5,925            |                   |
| <b>Cardinal Square Activity Day</b>            | £675              | £675              |                   |                   |
| <b>Summer Start – Kids Activity Week</b>       | £1,371            |                   |                   | £1,371            |
| <b>Rise &amp; Shine Youth Provision</b>        | £2,405.23         | £125.23           | £2,280            |                   |
| <b>Total Spend (Area wide / ward projects)</b> | <b>£51,892.23</b> | <b>£19,913.93</b> | <b>£14,557.30</b> | <b>£17,421</b>    |
| <b>Underspends</b>                             | <b>£0</b>         | <b>£0</b>         | <b>£0</b>         | <b>£0</b>         |
| <b>Remaining balance per ward</b>              | <b>£25,266.62</b> | <b>£0</b>         | <b>£5,690.96</b>  | <b>£19,575.66</b> |

### Declined YAF Projects

59. Since the last Community Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, no projects have been declined.

### Small Grants Budget 2022/23

60. The Inner South Community Committee approved a small grants budget of **£7,500**. There is currently a remaining balance of **£1,134.32** detailed in **Table 3**.

**TABLE 3: Small Grants 2022/23**

| Starting totals 2022/23                             | £         | Beeston & Holbeck | Hunslet & Riverside | Middleton Park |
|---|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|   | £6,500.00 | £3,000.00         | £1,500.00           | £2,000.00      |
| Hunslet Tech Support Point                          | £482      |                   | £482                |                |
| PHAB  | £331.15   | £165.57           | £165.57             |                |
| Looking To The Future: Emily                        | £150      | £50               | £50                 | £50            |
| Bollywood with Health and Wellbeing                 | £500      |                   | £500                |                |
| Middleton Market                                    | £500      |                   |                     | £500           |
| Skelton Grange Environment                          | £500      | £166.66           | £166.67             | £166.67        |
| Christmas concert at The Holbeck Working Men's Club | £300      | £300              |                     |                |
| Warm Spaces   | £420      | £420              |                     |                |
| Cinderella Pantomime                                | £433.32   | £166.66           | £166.66             | £100           |
| Holbeck Remembrance Service 2022                    | £500      | £500              |                     |                |
| Beeston Christmas Light Switch On                   | £500      | £500              |                     |                |
| Warm Space – St Luke's Holbeck                      | £500      | £250              | £250                |                |
| KHL   | £372      |                   | £372                |                |
| Community Meal                                      | £500      |                   | £500                |                |

|   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Moorville Close Grit Bin                  | £177.22          |                  | £177.22          |                  |
| <b>Total allocations against projects</b> | <b>£6,365.69</b> | <b>£2,718.89</b> | <b>£2,830.12</b> | <b>£816.67</b>   |
| <b>Balance remaining per ward</b>         | <b>£1,134.32</b> | <b>£281.11</b>   | <b>- £330.12</b> | <b>£1,183.33</b> |

### Community Skips Budget 2022/23

61. The Inner South Community Committee approved a Community Skips Budget of **£4,000**. There is currently a remaining balance of **£1,834.73** detailed in **Table 4**.

**TABLE 4: Community Skips Budget 2022/23**

| Location of skip           | Total Amount<br>£4,000 | Beeston &<br>Holbeck<br>£2,000 | Hunslet &<br>Riverside<br>£1,500 | Middleton Park<br>£500 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Holbeck Gala               | £298.52                | £298.52                        |                                  |                        |
| Beeston in Bloom           | £298.52                | £298.52                        |                                  |                        |
| Old Lane Allotments        | £161.90                | £161.90                        |                                  |                        |
| Middleton Community Garden | £389.42                |                                |                                  | £389.42                |
| Rowland Road WMC           | £298.52                |                                | £298.52                          |                        |
| Parkside Beeston Allotment | £161.90                | £161.90                        |                                  |                        |
| Cottingley TRAC            | £166.03                | £166.03                        |                                  |                        |
| Friends of Hunslet Moor    | £195.23                |                                | £195.23                          |                        |
| KMWA                       | £195.23                |                                | £195.23                          |                        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>£1,809.18</b>       | <b>£1,086.87</b>               | <b>£688.98</b>                   | <b>£389.42</b>         |
| <b>Remaining balance</b>   | <b>£1,834.73</b>       | <b>£913.13</b>                 | <b>£811.02</b>                   | <b>£110.58</b>         |

### Capital Budget 2022/23

62. The Inner South Community Committee has a Capital budget of **£40,240.62** available to spend.

63. Members are asked to note the Capital allocation broken down by ward – **Beeston & Holbeck: £10,393.24, Hunslet & Riverside: £3,900.93 and Middleton Park: £20,696.52**

**TABLE 5: Capital Budget 2022/23**

|                              | Total     | Ward split             |                          |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                              |           | Beeston and<br>Holbeck | Hunslet and<br>Riverside | Middleton<br>Park |
| Remaining Balance March 2022 | 27,334.69 | 11,743.91              | 0.60                     | 15,590.18         |
| Injection 1                  | £9,700    | £3,233.33              | £3,233.33                | £3,233.33         |
| Injection 2                  | £2000     | £666                   | £667                     | £667              |

|                           |               |               |           |            |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| POS Berm at Beeston Rd    | £5,250        | £5,250        |           |            |
| <b>Total Spend:</b>       | <b>£5,250</b> | <b>£5,250</b> | <b>£0</b> | <b>£0</b>  |
| <b>Remaining Balance:</b> | £34,990.69    | £10,393.24    | £3,900.93 | £20,696.52 |

### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2022/23

64. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is **£114,343.43** currently available to spend. The breakdown is as follows: **Beeston & Holbeck (£27,420.72)**, **Hunslet & Riverside (£69,531.45)** and **Middleton Park (£16,991.26)**

**TABLE 6: CIL Budget 2022/23**

|   | £                  | Ward Split        |                     |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|   |                    | Beeston & Holbeck | Hunslet & Riverside | Middleton Park    |
| <b>Remaining Balance March 2022</b>           | <b>£124,804.70</b> | <b>£18,371.92</b> | <b>£89,441.53</b>   | <b>£16,991.26</b> |
| <b>Injection 1</b>                            | <b>£120,617.67</b> | <b>£10,248.80</b> | <b>£110,368.87</b>  | <b>£0.00</b>      |
| <b>Balance 2022-2023</b>                      | <b>£245,422.37</b> | <b>£28,620.72</b> | <b>£199,810.40</b>  | <b>£16,991.26</b> |
| The Cockburn Centre                           | £15,000            |                   | £15,000.00          |                   |
| KMWA Green Initiative                         | £15,000            |                   | £15,000.00          |                   |
| Hydro Citizens                                | £3,500             |                   | £3,500              |                   |
| Pepper Road Park Benches                      | £5,472             |                   | £5,472              |                   |
| Beggars Hill Landmark Lectern                 | £1,200             | £1,200            |                     |                   |
| Pepper Road Thermoplastic Playground Markings | £3,000             |                   | £3,000              |                   |
| Leasowe Recreational Barrier                  | £3,000             |                   | £3,000              |                   |
| Hunslet Fitness Project                       | £45,477.74         |                   | £45,477.74          |                   |
| Informal Play Project - Jack Lane             | £16,289.16         |                   | £16,289.16          |                   |
| Trentham Street Replacement Bin               | £450               |                   | £450                |                   |
| Woodhouse Hill Rd Fence & Barrier             | £3,363.85          |                   | £3,363.85           |                   |
| Moor Close fencing                            | £2,948.85          |                   | £2,948.85           |                   |
| Leasowe Close Improvements                    | £4,368.35          |                   | £4,368.35           |                   |
| Westbury Place North Improvements             | £11,679            |                   | £11,679             |                   |
| <b>Totals:</b>                                | <b>£131,078.95</b> | <b>£1,200</b>     | <b>£129,878.95</b>  | <b>£0</b>         |

|                           |                    |                   |                   |                   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Remaining Balance:</b> | <b>£114,343.43</b> | <b>£27,420.72</b> | <b>£69,531.45</b> | <b>£16,991.26</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

65. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

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

66. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

67. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding 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**

68. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Conclusion**

71. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

### **Recommendations**

72. Members are asked to note:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Wellbeing ring fenced budgets for consideration and approval (paragraph 20 onwards)
- c. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 23 onwards)
- d. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 43)
- e. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 45 onwards)
- f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- g. Details of the proposed Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- h. Details of the proposed Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- i. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- j. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

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## Report of the City Solicitor

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

Report author: Toby Russell, Governance Officer, 0113 3786980

Date: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

For decision

## Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2023/2024

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### Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

### Main issues

### Meeting Schedule

2. The Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee.
3. This report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2023/24, in line with previous practice. The proposed schedule has been compiled with a view to ensuring an even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year.
4. The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Localities team. As referenced earlier, this report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2023/24, in line with previous practice.

5. The proposed meeting schedule for 2023/24 is as follows:

- Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 2pm
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2pm
- Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2pm
- Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2pm

## **Meeting Days, Times and Venues**

6. Currently, the Committee meets on a Wednesday at 2pm and the proposed dates (above) reflect this pattern.

7. Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people i.e. members of the public, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal working hours. Therefore, the Committee may wish to give consideration to meeting start times which would maximise the accessibility of the meetings for the community.

## **Options**

8. Members are asked to consider whether they are agreeable with the proposed meeting schedule (above).

## **Corporate considerations**

### **10a. Consultation and engagement**

The submission of this report to the Community Committee forms part of the consultation process as it seeks the views of Elected Members with respect to the Community Committee meeting schedule.

In compiling the proposed schedule of meeting dates and times, the current Community Committee Chair and colleagues within the Localities team have been consulted.

### **10b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

In considering the matters detailed, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that the Community Committee meeting arrangements are accessible to all groups within the community.

### **10c. Legal implications, access to information and call in**

In line with Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to decisions taken by Community Committees.

## **Conclusion**

11. The Procedure Rules require that each Community Committee will agree its schedule of meetings and that there shall be at least 4 business meetings per municipal year. With this, Members are asked to agree the arrangements for 2023/24.

## **Recommendations**

12. Members are requested to consider the options detailed within the report and to consider and agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2023/24 municipal year (as detailed above).

## **Background information**

- Not applicable

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