

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 1ST JULY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor M Iqbal in the Chair

Councillors S Ali, E Carlisle, W Dixon,
A Maloney, E Pogson-Golden, A Scopes
and P Wray

1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

3 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

4 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting:
Councillor Paul Wray declared 'Other Registerable Interests' in relation to Agenda Item 11, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report with his involvement, in a voluntary capacity only, with Friends of Cross Flatts Park Committee, Involve Centre and Hunslet Carr Primary School.

For more information, minute 11 refers below.

5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Chesterfield.

6 Minutes - 28th of February 2024

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

7 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

The following submissions were made as part of the Open Forum:

Persistent Begging

A local resident raised concerns regarding persistent begging occurring in and around the area, particularly around the local social club. The issue, along with the increase in the number of homeless people congregating around the social club, had been reported to the Police and some action had been made

to move them on. It was outlined that the issue was increasing within the three Inner South Wards and was affecting communities.

In response the Chair noted the issues seem to stem from the shops nearby the local fire station and that meetings with the Police and Anti Social Behaviour Team had been held to discuss resolutions, as well as the increased presence of sex workers along Tempest Road. Resolutions required a multiagency approach and a sensible use of resources as they were also linked to local trap houses. Councillors received a significant number of emails regarding serious social issues and noted the difficult approach for assisting vulnerable people. A dedicated phone line was to be provided to the local resident that dealt with issues regarding sex workers in the area.

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO)

The organisation had been operating in Middleton Park for 20 years and were celebrating through the Belle Isle Gala scheduled for Saturday the 6th of July 2024. The event was self funded, without having requested funds from the Community Committee for 5 year running, but had received some funding support from Leeds Housing Federation and it was hoped a bigger event could be planned next year and promoted by Local Councillors. A summer activities day was also scheduled for local children and families, with a community run kitchen providing food. A pledge was made for Councillors to support the local events and promote local tenant management as BITMO was well thought of by the tenants it engaged with.

8 Leeds Streets for All

The report of the Chief Officer Highways and Transportation briefed Ward Members on the Leeds Streets for All campaign which was to go live in September 2024.

The Team Leader (Transport Strategy) and Senior Project Officer from City Development, presented the report and outlined the following information:

- The marketing and consultation branch of the Highways Department was scheduled to run a consultation for the Inner South Wards, beginning in September 2024 and running for 6 weeks. The consultation was to be public facing, requesting local people to outline their traffic and highway infrastructure issues in the area to inform travel plans.
- An animation was played for Members to explain the process for the online consultation, allowing residents to drop a pin and leave an explanation where issues were noted. The aim was to increase accessibility of local areas and amenities and create a more diverse range of travel options.
- The service was attending Community Committee meetings across all Wards to better understand local travel infrastructure issues. The consultation allowed residents to have their say on local area plans and then issues were to be prioritised when funding became available. The consultation was to be primarily ran through a dedicated webpage.

- Issues had been divided into 5 categories: vehicles and parking, walking and wheeling, cycling, bus stops and rail stations and street environment. Upon dropping a pin on the website, it then required selection of one of the 5 categories, in addition to a further text box to provide an opportunity for detailed explanation.
- There had recently been significant works to highways and traffic infrastructure within the city centre and better provision was needed to spread out into outer areas and local communities. Detailed plans based on local consultation responses was to capture funding as it came available with well prepared ideas which would reduce delays.
- Funding was secured from central Government and also allocated by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).
- The consultation also covered green spaces and route plans, supported by traffic engineers and the Climate Energy and Green Spaces department.
- Council initiatives, data and strategies were also considered as part of plan development, including, Vision Zero, school travel patterns, public transport routes, key destinations, Connecting Communities and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans.
- As an example, data from the Inner West consultation, ran in November 2023, was noted as, 2,300 website visitors, 610 dropped pins, with vehicles and parking being the highest selected category. Paid social media advertisements were the most effective way of building engagement.
- The Inner South consultation was to begin on the 23rd of September 2024 and was to run for 6 weeks. Although the consultation was focused on the webpage, methods to be accessible were outlined as, information and help at Community Hubs, stakeholders sharing the consultation with wider groups and Leeds Involving People assisting with submissions and information sharing.
- Members were encouraged to share the material with residents and spread the word through schools and surgery sessions.
- Progress monitoring was to be through review of responses and detailed data analysis.

Members discussions included the following points:

- A link to the animation showed to Members at the beginning of the presentation was to be provided so it could be shown to the public as a useful tool for engaging with the consultation.
- When requesting local residents to engage with consultations, clear timeframes needed to be outlined for the process to provide some clarity as to when alterations to highways and relevant infrastructure would occur.
- A similar consultation had been conducted through the same private partner, Commonplace, and frustration with repeat consultations was noted as many accessibility issues had previously been identified yet residents had not seen the required alterations come into fruition. It may thus be difficult for Councillors to promote another run of

consultation. In response it was noted that the previous active travel survey had been through a different service department.

- The pathway for providing solutions was queried as Members were mindful of not raising expectations without clear plans that addressed issues. In response it was noted that implementing plans was dependent on funding, but the consultation was thorough, with the text box tool providing use for large scale analytics. The plans and maintenance were linked to Asset Management and consultation results were to be shared across services and any forthcoming proposals were to match public responses.
- No additional cost of running the consultation through Commonplace was noted as there was a rolling fee as part of the 3 year contract.
- The 6 week consultation period was able to be extended if expenditure could be justified. There was an intention to create a suite of active schemes which would be specific to each local area.
- Accessibility issues were noted, and given the demographic make up of the Inner South area, the translation tool was not fit for purpose. The methods for addressing barriers to access were queried. In response it was outlined that demographic data was to build a picture of received responses and then there was to be an aimed focus to speak to less heard from demographic groups.
- Demographic breakdown should incorporate vast data sets, including super output area and Census data to provide an accurate scope of who the consultation reached, Members also noted they may be best suited to assist with bridging gaps to less heard people.
- Members outlined that the notion of the consultation being dependant on future funding needed to be better communicated in order to allow better scrutiny of prioritisation.
- Data sets should be linked other Council statistics, such as health inequalities. This would allow schemes to be developed under better scrutiny and to allow best practise and to front load the consultation to best inform dynamic plans as funding became available.
- It was suggested that site visits were sometimes needed to follow up consultation responses, as they were often required to understand issues properly.
- Third sector input was required in order to provide fair engagement for people who were not able to access the online consultation. iPads were also available for use at Community Hubs, with technical support offered.
- It was confirmed that prize draws were not being considered as a method of encouraging engagement, this was due to budget constraints.
- Neighbourhood associations were suggested as a good arena for engagement. Using local individuals or organisations as champions to open discussions and feedback to the service was also a method that would not be onerous to the Council.
- Increased effort and investment in communications and engagement was needed to drive efficiency, manage expectations and reduce costs.

RESOLVED – That the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

9 Council Housing Growth

The report of the Head of Council Housing Growth provided the Inner South Community Committee with a service update for Council Housing Growth.

The Head of Council Housing Growth outlined the following information:

- The service was committed to increasing the number of affordable homes across the district working with various housing associations. Housing provision aimed to be built to high standards whilst spending money wisely.
- The housing growth programme was summarised as, a pledge from 2017 aimed to build 1,212 new affordable homes by 2026, which was on track to be fulfilled with 764 delivered and some interesting and ambitious plans ongoing. Issues had been noted with the changing economic and social climate during and after the pandemic.
- The service worked on both on new buildings and acquisition, with the service having priority as the first referral for re-purchasing houses sold under the right to buy scheme. Buying back properties was considered necessary to increase affordable housing stock.
- Affordable housing stock had increased over the last ten years, with 41% of the 764 delivered homes being Council housing.
- Funding and viability were explained, with half of the service's costs being covered by right to buy receipts and the other half via borrowing. There was no additional funding support, and an account was ringfenced from the Council's budget for Council housing each year. The overall costs, as well as associated interest rates, for delivering schemes had increased.
- Affordable rent was determined as being 80% of the market rate, with the average taken against bought back right to buy properties and social rent.
- Housing standards were changing with a no gas approach favoured, which fits with the climate emergency agenda and also improved energy efficiency and reduced costs. Models for improving bio-diversity and electric charging point provision were supported but added pressure to service provision. It was also noted that the service had won awards and received good feedback from tenants.
- Data for Beeston and Holbeck was noted as, holding 2,300 Council homes and with 1,500 people on the waiting list. The Meynell Approach scheme was a notable new development within the Ward.
- Data for Hunslet and Riverside was outlined as, holding 1,700 Council homes and with 1,700 people on the waiting list. Gascoigne House was a notable new development in the Ward, which provided extra care facilities and linked in with Public Health.
- Data for Middleton Park noted there was 4,000 Council homes, with 1,700 people on the waiting list. Throstle Recreation Ground was a notable development coming forward which focused on social values,

including a good output for education and training as well as sustainable travel.

- 230 new builds were expected within the Inner South under a 2026-2031 programme.

Members discussions included the following points:

- In order to meet demand, proposals for medium, gentle density of around 4 to 5 floored social housing were queried against planning policy, to maximise provision. In response it was outlined that provision was led through work with Housing Leeds and there were difficulties in meeting demand. Mid sized apartment blocks were preferred, if the location was suitable, however, planning compliance often complicated plans coming into fruition.
- Mid rise builds were often complicated by locality issues and creative measures to meet needs were sought. Derelict industrial sites were an option but were impacted by issues of land acquisition, accessibility and asset management.
- City Development, Asset Management and the Regeneration services were joined up to develop best practise for increasing affordable housing stock. Sale of land was noted to be at a premium rate and building on Council owned land was easier and more affordable.
- Affordable large homes for large family units were rare, however, needs, and the knock on effects, were understood.
- Housing partners and developers often created mixed estates, with affordable and larger private rented houses for sale. Choices and feasibility needed to be balanced and there was also a push to engage in construction contracts with small and medium sized firms.
- The process for including perceived suitable sites within the site allocation plan was queried. In response, it was noted that a local plan review had predicted space to provide affordable housing for the next seven years and there was a call for sites consultation seeking suggestions for land allocations. It was understood that explaining the site allocation plans to the public was sometimes difficult.
- It was agreed that that options for site allocation would be looked into further and Members were to be provided with further information after the meeting. Suggestions of suitable options for housing from Members were encouraged.
- Repurposing void and empty housing were a priority of the service; however, this was impacted by timescales and costs.
- With the definition of affordable housing being 80% of market rate, alongside increasing costs of low to medium rent areas, it was noted that affordable housing was still often expensive.
- It was confirmed that the 1,212 new homes were to be built across the whole district of Leeds, and was not specific to the Inner South, but large developments had occurred, and more were planned for the area.
- A report regarding the new homes had been presented to the Executive Board in September 2022 and an update was due for submission. This was to cover increases in values and the impacts to the affordability of repurchasing right to buy properties.

- Information regarding the band breakdown for the 1,700 people on the waiting list in Beeston and Holbeck was agreed to be provided back to Ward Members. Further options to reduce waiting lists were to be explored.

RESOLVED – That the report, update, and Members comments, be noted.

10 Housing Adaptations

The report of the Head of Health & Housing provided the Inner South Community Committee with an update on the work of the Health & Housing Service in the Inner South Wards and around the whole city.

The Head of Health & Housing outlined the following information:

- The service promoted independent living through provision of home adaptations and helping people move to more suitable properties.
- The service was comprised of 65 staff members, including surveyors and contractors. The annual budget for providing adaptations was £18 million, which covered a wide range of works, from downstairs showers to extensions.
- The national budget for Disability Fund Grants had increased in recent years and was £623 million for 2023-2024. In order to access funds, an occupational therapist conducted assessments to provide access to funds. It was noted to be a good use of money as adaptations kept families and communities together whilst reducing required A+E visits and residential care reliance.
- A list of common adaptations was provided as, showers, ramps, lifts and access improvements.
- The surveying team was comprised of 21 experienced staff members and were nationally recognised as market leaders. They were responsible for design models, schedules and planning adaptation works. They also procured specialist contractors and there was a buoyant recycling scheme for repurposing kit.
- Rehousing required an occupational therapist assessment, and the process was supported by independent living officers. Medical priorities were divided into band A+, A or B and were determined after an assessment generated a referral from Adults Social Care and then needs assessment of properties were done.
- Case workers and support staff assisted with accessibility and the bidding process and also offered incentives for property swaps or moving people out of homes better suited to people with complex needs. It was considered a sensible money saving option for the Council if a swap could be done instead of new adaptation work.
- Adaptations and rehousing were determined against a 12 step criteria and also statutory duty requirements, with additional support programmes available for different needs. Child asthma and dementia were examples of common needs that required action.
- As a case study example, photos were shown to Members to outline high level protective works of a project which assisted a child with very specific behavioural needs. Although £170,000 had been spent on the

rehousing and adaptation work for this example, the money had been recouped within 7 months across the services that had previously provided intense support and was outlined as a spend to save approach.

Members discussions included the following points:

- The service's influence of development planning policies, in regard to accessibility regulations, was queried. In response it was noted that planning laws were difficult to overcome but work was ongoing to better join up departments and some influence was held at a local planning level.
- The process for a holistic approach, allowing people to access local areas and amenities was complex as the service was considered insular and was only able to assess properties as far as the curtilage and access points. This was a wider discussion with other services, with consideration to the Social Care Act as the budget for adaptations was restricted.
- Planning permission for fences and relevant adaptation work to secure the environment, particularly affecting absconded children, was sometimes complex depending on the level of works required, however, legislation changes allowed more lenience and also it was noted that there was an increase in the number of diagnosed children and the need for this type of work was increasing.
- It was suggested that the service could improve links to tenancy management organisations in order for residents to better understand the process and be able to access the service, whilst potentially making the rehousing process easier.
- It was confirmed that a diagnosis was not required for adaptation work, however, it did require an occupational therapist to conduct a needs assessment. The assessment also covered and outlined personal responsibility for families and carers.
- The complaints process for disagreement with an assessment was explained to have multiple steps. There were referral complaints where there was the ability to question the occupational therapist's decision, and then complaints may be escalated to a review panel which was held every Tuesday; an independent review process, which was private, took place every 3 months where an external body would make a final decision. A further step would be through the Ombudsman.
- Time scale standards were outlined as, the first point of contact being the Contact Centre or Social Care, cases were then triaged and given a priority rating, then a standard Social Care assessment may take around 6 months. It was noted that the private sector can provide a quicker turn around process.
- With demand for adaptations increasing against a decreasing service budget, it was noted that expectations were to be managed and clarity regarding timeframes were provided. Time extensions were also sometimes used to stretch the budget, but the service was still meeting Government targets for time scales.

RESOLVED – That the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

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11 Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25.

The Localities Officer presented the report, outlining the following information:

- The remaining wellbeing budget balance was detailed on page 30 of the report, with table 1 displaying the Ward breakdown as, Beeston & Holbeck £49,589.73, Hunslet & Riverside £46,671.98 and Middleton Park £52,549.10.
- There had been three applications approved by delegated decision since the last Committee meeting which were for Hunslet Youth Group Rent Costs for £1,440 (wellbeing) from Hunslet & Riverside, Belle Isle Kicks for £3,056 (YAF) from Middleton Park and Sussex Green Vegetation Clearance for £1,170 (CIL) from Hunslet & Riverside.
- The YAF position budget position was available in table 2 at page 41 of the report, with the Ward breakdown as Beeston & Holbeck £10,933.39, Hunslet & Riverside £14,848.20 and Middleton Park £20,075.66.
- The Small Grants and Community Skips budget was available on page 42 of the report, contained within table 3 and 4.
- The Capital budget was detailed at page 42 of the report, contained in table 5 with the Ward breakdown as Beeston & Holbeck £4,489.57, Hunslet & Riverside £8,316.05 and Middleton Park £3,475.86. a further injection of approximately £8,000 was anticipated.
- The remaining CIL budget balance was available on page 43 of the report, and detailed at table 6, with the Ward breakdown as Beeston & Holbeck £50,582.71, Hunslet & Riverside £83,633.49 and Middleton Park £3,963.42. A further injection was expected, which the Localities Officer was to follow up and confirm the anticipated figure for Members.

During consideration of the Finance Report, the following was discussed:

- The proposed ringfence for CCTV cameras was deferred in order to gather further information related to the camera resolution and WYP statistics to measure their effectiveness and scrutinise their worth. It was agreed by Members that if the CCTV cameras met their suitability specifications, they were content to approve by delegated decision.
- The ringfence of £5,000 to the Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood was declined as Members requested more information regarding future project proposals.
- With the recommendation to review and agree the Community Committee's Minimum conditions, the following amendment was proposed and agreed. – That if Members are notified of an application and given a timescale to respond, if Members do not respond in this timescale to take their decision the application was declined. However, if a majority in the ward (2 Members) support the application then this will be approved as the majority supported the proposal.

- Half of the requested £6,750 was agreed for the Hunslet Corinthians Juniors project. There was a request to review the organisation's operations and their sustainability plans.
- The funding for the Summer Activity Days application was amended as £1,500 and a breakdown of costs was requested.
- The funding for the Summer Bands in Cross Flatts Park application was agreed, however, a sustainability plan was requested.
- The requested funding for the three Out of Schools Programme applications (one for each Ward), increased from £3,195 to £3,465 and was agreed. To assess value for money and the number and diversity of the children the programme engaged with, a breakdown of cost and an engagement report was requested.
- The funding for the Middleton Park Activity Days 2024 was agreed. A follow up regarding the dates of the events was requested to seek clarity as to whether the event will clash with the Breeze Festival.
- The SID installation – Moor Road LS10 application was declined as Members noted that the average speed for this stretch of road was 28mph and alternative methods such as Police enforcement may be more effective. Repurposing SIDs from locations where issues were less frequent was also suggested.
- The funding for the Involve Community Centre notice board was agreed. It was noted that the cost of these models of signage had increased but the quality of materials had improved. The procurement of the materials was queried, and it was suggested that Leeds Wood Recycling may be a good organisation to contact in the future.

RESOLVED –

a. That the Minimum Conditions be reviewed and agreed, subject to Member's amendment (paragraph 15)

a) Consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken, **However should no response be received from the majority of Members contacted, then this matter will be deemed as non approved by delegated decision and referred to the next Committee meeting.**

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). However, if a formal objection is received from a Member as part of the consultation process, then that application will be brought before the committee for determination; and

c) Details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.

b. That the details regarding the administration of small grants, be noted (paragraph 18)

c. That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position, be noted (Table 1)

d. That the Wellbeing/CIL ringfence proposals for consideration and approval, be noted (paragraph 20)

e. That funding proposals as detailed in the report for consideration, be determined as follows:

The following ringfences were agreed:

£900 to support **Community Engagement Activities**. Allocation by ward is proposed as follows: **(Beeston & Holbeck: £300, Hunslet & Riverside: £300, Middleton Park: £300)**

£10,000 (CIL) for **Hunslet & Riverside Improvements**

£3,000 (£1,000 per ward) for the **Inner South Youth Summit**

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Inner South Colostomy Shelves	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside & Middleton Park	£360 – Beeston & Holbeck: £90 (Capital), Hunslet & Riverside: £180 (CIL), Middleton Park £90 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Hunslet Carr Backstop Netting	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,500	Agreed
Friends of Middleton Park Summer programme	Middleton Park	£2,530	Agreed
Hunslet Corinthians Juniors	Middleton Park	£3,375 of requested £6,750	Part Agreed
Litter Picking Kits Grants - The Big Clean Up Campaign	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,000	Agreed
Hunslet Square – Play Markings	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,300	Agreed
Kidz Klub Residentials and 3 day Play	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,436	Agreed

Out sessions			
Kidz Klub Residential and enriching trips out application	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,436	Agreed
Hunslet Club Eco Gym	Hunslet & Riverside	£20,000	Agreed
Summer Activity Days	Middleton Park	£1,500 of requested £1,935	Part agreed
Upgrading Clubhouse Facilities	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£2,000	Agreed
Summer Bands in Cross Flatts Park	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£2,971 (£1,485.50 per ward)	Agreed
Premier League KICKS	Beeston & Holbeck	£5,000	Agreed
Hunslet & Riverside Out of Schools programme	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,195	Agreed
Middleton Park Out of Schools programme	Middleton Park	£3,195	Agreed
Beeston & Holbeck Out of Schools programme	Beeston & Holbeck	£3,195	Agreed
Cardinal Square Playing Field Activity Day	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,700	Agreed
Hunslet Moor Activity Day 2024	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,700	Agreed

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Hunslet Church Street playing fields	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,700	Agreed
Middleton Park Activity Days 2024	Middleton Park	£3,400	Agreed
SID installation – Moor Road LS10	Hunslet & Riverside	£5,000	Declined
Community Well-being and Connecting communities Day Trip	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£2,310 (Beeston & Holbeck: £693 and Hunslet & Riverside: £1,617)	Agreed
Involve Community Centre notice board	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,650	Agreed

f. That the Wellbeing/YAF/CIL proposals for consideration and approval, be noted (paragraph 29)

g. That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision, be noted (paragraph 52)

h. That the monitoring information of its funded projects, be noted (paragraph 54)

i. That the details of the Youth Activities Fund position, be noted (Table 2)

j. That the details of the Small Grants Budget, be noted (Table 3)

k. That the details of the Community Skips Budget, be noted (Table 4)

l. That the details of the Capital Budget, be noted (Table 5)

m. That the details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget, be noted (Table 6)

12 Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to an update of the work in which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The Localities Officer introduced the report, and the following points were highlighted:

- An update from West Yorkshire Police (WYP) was available from page 46 – 54 of the report.
- A CCTV update was detailed at pages 54 and 55 of the report, with a listing of incidents recorded.

- An update from Public Health was available from pages 55 – 62 of the report.
- A community engagement update for each Ward was detailed on pages 62 and 63 of the report.
- An update from the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator was available at pages 63 and 64 of the report.
- Appendix 1 contained the social media update and noted the recent most popular or engaged with post was for Let's Move South Leeds. Attempts were being made to boost posts and the profile.

In response to questions from Members, the following points were discussed:

- It was raised that encouraging organisations that engage with the Community Committee may assist with promoting the social media profile. Actions for doing so were suggested as organising a mailing list for shareholders and to include a section on the funding bid application form on sharing posts from the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

13 Community Committee Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the Community Committee Youth Summit and the Youth Activity Fund (YAF) Consultation. The report also sought agreement that consultation with young people, conducted via the Youth Summit and Youth Activity Fund survey, will inform the Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2024/25 financial year

The Localities Officer Presented the report, noting the following:

- The report requested Members to note the Youth Summit update and the YAF Consultation results which had closed in March 2024.
- An infographic was appended which detailed that sports, mixed activity fun days and cooking had been the top three results for preferred activities, determined by the YAF consultation.

RESOLVED –

- a. That the reflections from the last 12 months, be noted (paragraphs 14 – 21).
- b. That the details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey, be noted (paragraphs 35 - 37).
- c. That the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2024/25.
- d. That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2024/25.

14 Community Committee Appointments 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor asked Members to note the appointment of Councillor M Iqbal as Chair of the Inner South Community Committee for the

2024/25 Municipal year and also invited nominations to appointments for Outside Bodies, Local Care Partnerships and Cluster Partnerships. Nominations were also sought for the Corporate Parenting Board and for the themed Community Committee Champion roles.

The Governance Services Officer presented the report, noting, the 2024/25 schedule was available at point 6 at page 82.

The following was discussed:

- The appointment for the Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care Champion was left vacant whilst more information regarding the required duties was sought. It was noted this position was likely to be filled at the next meeting.
- The appointment for the Employment, Skill & Welfare Champion was vacant for the previous municipal year and was also not appointed to during this cycle. The duties and also capacity of the service to hold regular meetings were unclear and the role was also under review as part of the wider Community Committee review.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the appointment of Councillor Mohammad Iqbal as Chair of the Inner South Community Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year be noted.
- b) That the following appointments be made for the 2024/25 Municipal Year:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of Places	Current Appointee(s)
<u>Outside Bodies –</u>		
Belle Isle Senior Action	1	Cllr E Pogson-Golden
Middleton Elderly Aid	1	Cllr E Pogson-Golden
Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO)	2	Cllr W Dixon Cllr E Pogson-Golden
<u>Clusters –</u>		
Children's Services Cluster (Beeston and Cottingley and Middleton)	1	Cllr S Ali
Children's Services Cluster ((JESS) Joint Extended Schools and Services)	3	Cllr E Pogson-Golden Cllr A Scopes Cllr E Carlisle

<u>LCPs -</u>		
Middleton / Beeston Local Care Partnership	1	Cllr R Chesterfield
Armley Local Care Partnership (Bramley Wortley & Middleton seat)	1	Cllr W Dixon
<u>Champions –</u>		
Environment & Community Safety	1	Cllr M Iqbal
Children’s Services	1	Cllr S Ali
Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care	1	Vacancy
Employment, Skills & Welfare	1	Vacancy
Corporate Parenting Board	1	Cllr S Ali

15 Any Other Business

The following matters were discussed:

Housing Voids and Repairs

As Housing Voids and Repairs had been identified as a forthcoming item for consideration by the Committee, the following main issues were outlined to be of particular interest;

- A breakdown for each area or definition of void housing.
- Timescales for changing the status of or filling occupation for void houses.
- The waiting list for repairs to void housing.
- The categories for non-void housing.
- How the Inner South compared with other Wards in the city district.

16 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday, the 4th of September 2024, 1:30pm, be noted.