

Report of the South East Area Leader

Report to: Inner South Community Committee (Beeston & Holbeck, City & Hunslet, Middleton Park)

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Inner South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to Members' attention, a summary of key work which the Communities Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Background information

2. The Community Committee has a Community Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Community Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Community Committee, Community Champions roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

Main issues

3.0 Updates by theme: Children's Services Community Champion: Cllr Angela Gabriel

3.1 Children & Families Sub Group

- 3.1.1 The Children & Families sub group met on the 26th November. At the meeting the publicity for the Youth Activities Fund 2016/17 was agreed. Actions from the Children & Young People's Activities Workshop on the 9th September 2015 and the Beeston

and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board were presented to the group and it was agreed that an action plan would be formulated and monitored by the group.

3.1.2 Minutes of the meeting are available on request. The next meeting for the group is scheduled for 31st March 2016.

4.0 Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare Community Champion: Cllr Kim Groves

4.1 Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

4.1.1 The Employment and Skills board met on the 19th November 2015. Among matters discussed were

- Welfare and work advice drop in sessions in October
- Aldi Dewsbury Road Advice Sessions
- Latest out of work statistics
- Working together with Ingeus (provider of training and employment services) in Inner South
- Council Tax Support Scheme and work with Community Hubs/One Stop Centres
- Community Led Local development – Call for preparatory proposals

4.1.2 A copy of the action plan and minutes are available on request

4.1.3 Five 2 hour Employment and Welfare Advice Sessions were held across the Inner South wards, with key partners invited to provide information on the day. Dates and venues were:

- 23rd October – Cottingley Community Centre
- 26th October - St Matthews
- 27th October - BITMO GATE
- 28th October - Hunslet Library
- 30th October – St Cross, Middleton

4.1.4 The sessions were set up to target people who are unemployed and are looking for work or training, and those who will be affected by benefit changes. These sessions provided advice and support and gather data on what support is required to get people back into work.

4.1.5 Although well promoted through a variety of methods the take up of the sessions was minimal. There were around 5 people per session.

4.1.6 **ALDI Dewsbury Road Recruitment** - three information sessions were held at different locations across Inner South on the 3rd, 5th and 9th November. The aim of the sessions were to provide potential application on advice on completing the application successfully

- 4.1.7 **Money Buddies update:** The Inner South Community Committee approved **£2,660** to deliver the project across Inner South. The proposal funded 4 Money Buddies for 12 months to be based in Inner South. The Volunteers would be trained, supervised and managed by Ebor Gardens Advice Centre.

To date, Money Buddies are active in the following Centre's in the Inner South:

- Beeston Library commenced 26th October 2015
- St George's, Middleton commenced 14th April 2015
- Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre commenced 16th March 2015.

The number of Money Buddy sessions to date in Inner South is **70**. The Financial Gains identified in a Money Buddy Appointment is **£53772.04** and financial gains as a result of referral to a debt adviser are **£13274.69**. The total financial gains Inner South Leeds have been **£67046.73**, which equates to total gains per session equivalent **£957.81**.

5.0 Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety

Community Champion: Cllr Adam Ogilvie

5.1 Inner South Environmental Sub Group

5.1.1 The Inner South Environmental Sub Group was held on 3rd August 2015. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

5.1.2 The next meeting will take place in December and the agenda will include updates for the Environmental locality team including the Service Level agreement, Parks and Countryside and the Waste Collection Service.

5.3 The Inner South Community Committee funded Operation Flame in all Inner South wards in the run up to bonfire night and the weekend after. This is a multi-agency co-ordinated operation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental issues leading up to and including mischief night and the bonfire period. Various partners worked together in the lead up to this period including Fire Service, PCSOs / PCs, Housing Leeds and the Environmental Locality Team. The aim was for partners to report any material which could be used in un-official bonfires to the Environmental Locality Team for removal, PCSO's directed young people to youth provision and the ASB Team and Police also undertook pro-active visits to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour during this period.

5.4 The Inner South Community Committee has asked 3rd sector partners to consider applying for a small grant to raise awareness about domestic violence and abuse as part of the international 16 days of action to raise awareness about domestic violence and abuse. The initiative will run between 25th November and 10th December 2015.

6.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing

Community Champion: Cllr Paul Truswell

The following is an update of the Health & Wellbeing activities taking place.

6.1 **Winter friends**

Winter Friends Training has been delivered to support organisations and volunteers with identifying vulnerable people and using ten evidence based high impact interventions to reduce excess winter mortality. The interventions support people to signpost to medicines reviews, flu vaccinations and food access projects. Winter Wellbeing Packs will be available for Winter Friends to distribute to vulnerable people and support people to engage with those whom they may have not done so with before. 121 packs have been allocated to the Inner South which have been funded by the central budget held by Public Health.

6.1.1 The training also covers information on the new **Warmth for Wellbeing service** Following an open procurement process, a 3-year contract to deliver the Warmth for Wellbeing Service was awarded to Groundwork Leeds, in partnership with Care & Repair Leeds. They started to deliver the service together from 1st of October 2015.

6.1.2 The service is being funded by Public Health, with significant contributions from South & East CCG and North CCG. The 3-year contract value is £590,000.

6.1.3 The year-round service will provide tailored solutions to needs identified by/for vulnerable people (*as per NICE guidance 2015*) living in cold and/or damp homes; including:

- Advice and assessment which includes advice on heating controls and equipment, issues with condensation and/or damp, keeping warm through behavioural change and self-help;
- 'Energy bill health checks' to save money on energy bills which includes advice on energy tariffs and standing charges, payment methods and supplier comparison with regard to gas and electric, advice on water meters and social water tariffs;
- Supplier issues which includes contacting energy suppliers, switching energy suppliers, meter issues, advice on dealing with energy debt and negotiating re-payment plans;
- Benefits checks, to assess which other home improvements they may be entitled to;
- Energy efficiency improvements such as installation of draught proofing, reflective radiator panels, energy efficient light bulbs, servicing of existing heating, referrals to Better Homes Leeds for larger energy efficiency measures;
- Emergency support such as crisis fund for emergency repairs to existing heating/hot water equipment or systems, temporary heating.

6.1.4 The service is in the process of setting up a Freephone number, website and Facebook page. Existing Green Doctor Service (Groundwork) and Warm Homes Service (Care & Repair) contact details will continue to be used. Referrals are welcomed from frontline workers, carers, householders themselves etc, with a particular focus on private sector households.

6.2 **Frailty**

Training courses for frontline professionals to be able to identify frailty have been delivered by Age UK and commissioned by LSE CCG. The training provided practitioners with advice and tools to use. Once a person has been identified as being frail, a card can be given to that person to take to their GP which advises on steps that can be taken to reduce their risk of falls and ill health. This is recorded on System One (the clinical IT system).

6.3 **Making Space Project LS10/11** – There is continued promotion of the service in the LS10/11 area with weekly visits being made to GP surgeries, Community Centres, Day Centres, Churches, Health Centres, and many local businesses. These visits are to raise awareness of the service and to distribute posters and leaflets to enable referrals to the service.

6.3.1 A meeting has taken place between Making Space, Public Health and South East Communities Team staff to discuss further ways to promote the service and how to simplify the referral process. Making Space are currently working on a new design of leaflet and referral form with the aim of making the process more simple. This leaflet is to be shared with staff in the One Stop Centres to see if it is more effective than the current promotional material.

6.4 **Health Trainer Service** – Work is continuing at both St George's Centre Middleton and Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre. The work at St George's Centre is proving very effective. Outreach and promotion of the service has led to referrals for smoking cessation, mental health, low self-esteem, healthy eating and physical activity. Work at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre has not seen the same demand from outreach work but is proving to be a valuable venue for the service to have as a base. The current Health Trainer believes it is a superb venue for the Health Trainer programme which allows them to promote healthy living messages to the local community and also provides an easily accessible venue for referrals from other Health Trainers and existing clients. The Health Trainer is currently supporting 9 local people at the venue with issues such as healthy eating, disability, homelessness and jobs and skills.

6.5 **First Aid Courses** – A number of courses, funded by Leeds South and East CCG, have been running in the South East area over the past 6 months. The aim is to run a total of 130 fully funded first aid courses and so far 90 courses have been delivered with a further 16 bookings which are confirmed or awaiting confirmation.

7.0 **Updates by theme: Adult Social Care Community Champion: Cllr Patrick Davey**

7.1 Older Persons Working Group

7.1.1 The Inner South Older Persons working group was held on the 6th October 2015. Minutes from the previous meetings are available on request.

7.1.2 The group discussed the £8,000 that had been allocated to Winter Warmth pack. There was a consensus from the sub group that winter warmth packs were not the correct approach for Inner South and the allocated money should be used for ad-hoc

project to support individuals who are at risk of Isolation. It was agreed that this will be done through a grants process.

- Organisations in Inner South have been invited to apply for a grant to support the winter warmth agenda. The criteria of the grants is highlighted below:
- Individual organisations can apply for up to £1000, Organisations applying as a consortium can apply up to £4000
- A Winter Friends training is being delivered by Public Health. Attendance is a pre-requisite for approval for a grant. There are a number of sessions running across the city but The Inner south session to include a specific support and networking sessions focussed on working well together and making best use of this £8,000
- Focus of grants to be reducing social isolation, ensuring resources reach those most in needs, and enhancing local capacity.
- A quarterly Monitoring process will be in put in place.

7.1.3 To date 4 applications have been received

7.1.4 The Winter friends training was held in the Inner South on 21st October. The training covered how to identify vulnerable people and using ten evidence based high impact interventions to reduce excess winter mortality. At the end of the session an informal networking event was held. This provided an opportunity for organisations from Inner South to share ideas and experience to support the Winter warmth agenda. Fourteen participants from Inner South attended the workshop.

8.0 Integrated Locality working

8.1 Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.1.1 The last meeting of the board was held on 16th November 2015 at the Cottingley Community Centre. Discussions focused on the work of the Young Foundation in Cottingley. The Young Foundation are completing a piece of research in 3 areas in Leeds, Cottingley, Harehills and Kirkstall. The aim of the research is to work with the people and organisations of Leeds to gain an understanding of the challenges, values and aspirations and to identify new opportunities to tackle inequality across the city and help to reshape the local social contract. The project is also aiming to bring all parts of Leeds together in a shared vision for the future of the city and in the practical delivery of new ideas and innovations to realise this vision.

8.1.2 There was an open space discussion where attendees were invited to raise issues that are important to them. These issues formed the basis of the workshop part of the meeting. The issues identified were:

- Lack of opportunities for Young People
- Health and well-being in Cottingley

8.1.3 Following on from the Health and well-being workshop, it was agreed that a Health and well-being sub group would be set up in Cottingley. The sub group will aim to

bring together key partners in Cottingley and residents to identify health and well-being priorities for the area. The sub group will be led by Public Health and chaired by Councillor Angela Gabriel.

8.1.4 The minutes of the meeting and outcome from the workshop are available on request

8.2 City and Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.2.1 The last meeting of the board was held on the 22nd September at the Hamara Healthy Living Centre. There was a good attendance from local residents and partners.

8.2.2 An update was provided by officers from Highways Road Safety Team on the introduction on 20mph zones around the City and Hunslet Ward. There was a discussion about how to engage local residents in the schemes and the in designing the publicity.

8.2.3 An update was also provided on the Woodhouse Hill Allotment Project by representatives from the Hunslet Carr Residents Association.

8.2.4 There was a presentation from the South East Localities Team on the Current Environmental offer.

8.2.5 There was an open space discussion where attendees were invited to raise issues that are important to them. These issues formed the basis of the workshop part of the meeting. The issues identified were:

- Social prescribing - local offer
- Anti-social behaviour and criminal activities

8.2.6 A number of priorities emerged at this workshop and will be incorporated into the 2015 improvement plan. The outcomes from the workshop are available on request.

8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.3.1 The last meeting was held on 7th October 2015 at the BITMO Gate. An update was provided from Public Health on current priorities and work in the area. It was agreed that the Middleton Park Well Being Partnership will be re-established with specific health priorities identified. The partnership will work to ensure these priority issues are tackled.

The priorities for the sub group are :

- to establish what health data and profiles are available locally
- training to support people to access the data
- NHS health checks - support people to access these
- Social prescribing
- Smoking - access to services

- Mental health services
- Best zone starts
- Winter well-being and social isolation

Key partners in the area will be invited to this sub group

8.3.2 The minutes of the meeting are available on request.

9.0 Localism

9.1 Town and District Centres 2 Programme (T&DC2)

9.1.2 The Inner South Community Committee received an update to its September meeting. The following is a summary of work since then.

9.1.3 Work around the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre and New Bewerley School continues to progress.

9.1.4 There is no progress to report on the relocation of advertising hoarding previously situated outside the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre.

9.1.5 The Highways brief drafted as a consequence of the road safety study has been presented for comment at the recent City & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board and The Dewsbury Road Town Team.

9.1.6 A scheme for improvements to pedestrian footways and associated works has been agreed with Highways and due for implementation. This work will be timed to take place at the same time as any improvements arising out of the road safety scheme above.

9.1.7 Highways are also proposing modifications to resident car parking around retail and commercial premises this year.

9.1.8 The last meeting of the town team took place in October and discussed arrange of issues including increasing membership, public art scheme, highways, including road safety and short stay parking

9.1.9 A meeting of the Public Art Panel took place in November. An update will be provide at the next Community Committee meeting.

9.1.10 The second set of banners designed by pupils of St Francis of Assisi, New Bewerley and Hunslet Moor Primary Schools are now in place.

9.2 Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum

9.2.1 The last meeting of the Forum took place on 7th November 2015 at 'The Holbeck' (formally known as the Holbeck Working Men's Club)

9.2.2 The Special General Meeting was chaired by Dennis Kitchen. There were some new residents from Holbeck along with volunteers, local police and Ward Councillors.

9.2.3 At the meeting amendments to the constitution were agreed. Dennis informed everyone on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan through the next and important stages of the pre-submission initial draft plan.

9.2.4 Peter Baker presented maps and talked through amendments and modifications after receiving feedback from the Council. A breakdown of the objectives and the plan will be given through a public consultation starting at the Holbeck Christmas Market on Saturday 5 December. This will still give a chance for the public to have their say and help shape the plan further before it is submitted.

9.2.5 Copies of the minutes are available on request.

10.0 Update from the Inner South Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

10.1 The Inner South HAP welcomed an officer from the Communities Team to a recent meeting to help build relationships and understanding between the HAP and the Community Committee. The HAP found this very useful, and look forward to working more closely with the Community Committee in future.

10.1.2 The Inner South HAP meet every 5 weeks, and have a membership of 8 tenants plus 2 co-optees to review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The Community Committee reps are Councillors Adam Ogilvie and Paul Truswell. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects. All bids have to satisfactorily meet one of Leeds City priorities along with on Housing priorities. As well as these priorities they also checked against the panels own funding priorities. These are:

- To support applications that improves the environmental appearance of the area.
- To support applications that increase financial inclusion through employment and training and aids tenants ability to maintain a good rent account through maximising their income
- To support applications which contribute toward enhancements in tenants health and well-being and support increases in life expectancy.
- To support applications that contributes towards community safety and reductions in anti-social behaviour.

10.1.3 The Inner South HAP has supported 24 community and environmental related projects so far this year, and has a number in the pipeline. Some examples of funded projects include:

- A £9,044 contribution to a citywide 'Community Payback' partnership between Housing Services, Localities Teams and West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Services. Paying for a supervisor and group of 8 offenders to carry out a range of environmental jobs, like clearing overgrown areas and ginnels on a referral basis from local staff. A useful additional resource to existing Council services, and one that can be used in particular response to tenant feedback such as on estate walkabouts.
- Funding £3,400 for Ministry of De Fence pilot project. A scheme which uses young unemployed men teaching them skills to increase their employability. They build garden fences in a much needed cul de sac in Middleton. The HAP has paid

for the materials, tenants receive new garden fencing the young men learn new skills. A range of priorities met.

- Provided £11,000 towards the kitchen refurbishment at The Holbeck. An old Working Mens Club which aims to become more a community hub at a time many new tenants are moving into the area due to the PFI work

10.1.4 The panel have an allocation of £140k for use during 2015/16, £77k of which has been committed, and the remaining £63k is forecast to be spent.

10.1.5 The HAP are keen to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

11.0 Neighbourhood Improvement Officer

11.1 Health for All were commissioned to employ 2 Neighbourhood Improvement Officers for the Inner South area. Responsibility of the role is summarised below:

- work on behalf of the Inner South Community Committee priority neighbourhoods, identifying and leading on projects through engagement with local residents, supporting residents in becoming local community leaders and developing and implementing actions in keeping with Community Plans
- Build sustainable communities working alongside partner organisations to deliver positive results for local residents, improving the resilience and sustainability of neighbourhoods and reducing the dependency on public services
- Lead to more people getting involved in their local community by encouraging and supporting people to develop their skills and knowledge to motivate them to take action to improve their communities.

11.2 Health For All gave notice to end the contract for the commissioned work and the employment of the Neighbourhood Improvement Officer in August 2015.

The breakdown of the allocation from Well Being and the subsequent underspend is highlighted in the table below. The underspend monies will be returned to the well being budget.

12.0 Community Centres'

12.1 It was agreed that Ward members would agree free lets of Community Centre's within their wards. To date free let to the value of **£30,943** across the Inner South wards have been agreed. A breakdown of free lets can be found in Appendix 1.

12.2 Old Cockburn Sports Hall

12.2.1 As members will be aware the "Community Centre Review – Proposals to Consult" paper was agreed at Leeds City Council Executive Board on 19th November 2014.

As part of the review Old Cockburn Sport Hall was identified as a centre where the council would look at options for its future use. A consultation took place from 15th December 2014 and ended on Sunday 22nd March 2015.

12.2.2 On 15th June 2015 the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) took a decision to seek interest in an asset transfer approach for this building based on the outcome of consultation.

12.2.3 Following this in October 2015 Expressions of interest were sought by the Council for the Old Cockburn Sports Hall, from interested parties. One expression of interest was received from the Hamara Healthy Living Centre. Further work is now being developed to progress this.

12.3 Middleton Community Centre

12.3.1 In April 2015 the Middleton Community Centre was brought back under LCC management. Individual users were contacted and where appropriate free lets were given to existing users.

12.3.2 £10,000 has been allocated by Middleton Park ward members for activities for young people from the centres and the skate park. Two applications were received and successfully receive the funding. The successful applications were the Breeze Team and The Works Project.

12.3.3. The Breeze Team currently deliver their activities from the Centre on a Tuesday 5pm to 7pm. The Works Project delivers their activities on a Saturday 12pm to 2pm.

12.3.4 There is ongoing work to ensure that there are regular users of the centre.

13.0 Inner South Community Committee Newsletter

13.1 The Communities Team will produce a newsletter highlighting key aspects of activities after each Community Committee meeting/workshop. As such, a copy of the most recent Inner South Community Committee Newsletter is attached (Appendix 2) for information. The Communities Team has circulated the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.

14.0 Recommendations

14.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

Appendix 1

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Dates	Value
Beeston and Holbeck	St Mathews Community Centre	LCC- Private sector housing	29 th September 2015	£80.00
Beeston and Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC- Youth Service	02.04.15 to 31.03.16	£662.50
Beeston and Holbeck	Watsonia Pavillion	Beeston In Bloom	21.11.15	£45
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Holbeck Elderly Aid - various bookings	02.04.15 TO 31.03.16	£572.00 £9975
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Arabic Language class	04.11.15 to 31.08.16	£3300
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Guldasta	04.11.15 to 31.08.16	£704
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Welfare Rights	04.11.15 to 31.08.16	£3960
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Community User Committee	01.09.15 to 01.09.16	£1040
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Holbeck projects group	27.10.15	£35
Beeston and Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Holbeck Tai Chi	13.07.15 to 01.09.16	£300
Beeston And Holbeck	St Matthews Community Centre	Messy Play	16.09.15 to 16.09.16	£1506
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	LCC – Youth Services	07.04.15 to 28.03.16	£3900
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Hamara Healthy living Centre	19 th August to 24 th August	£80
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Lynbar Majorettes	31.07.15 to 31.03.16	£4340
City and Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Hamara Healthy living Centre	29.11.15 to 29.11.16	£780

Middleton Park	Middleton Community Centre	DAZL	1.09.15 to 31.08.15	£540
Middleton Park	Middleton Community Centre	Breeze Team	10.11.15 to 16.02.16	£630
				£30,943