

## **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 Update Report**

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## **Purpose of report**

1. To bring to Members' attention, a summary of 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 last met on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016. At the meeting the applications for the Youth Activities Fund 2016/17 were discussed. The Youth Service provided feedback on behalf of young people on the individual applications received, with recommendations to fund or not to fund projects. A

number of projects has now been approved and these are listed on the Delegated Budgets Report.

3.1.2 Minutes of the meeting are available on request. The meeting scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was cancelled due to the high number of apologies and has been re-arranged to be held in June.

### 3.2 Voice and Influence of Children and Young People in Local Decision Making

3.2.1 As the Council strives to be a child friendly city, giving children and young people a voice in decisions that affect their lives is central to Leeds City Council.

3.2.2 In order to ensure the involvement of children and young people in local decision making and providing a community voice, the delegation of Youth Activities Fund (YAF) to Community Committees requires children and young people to be involved in the decision making. Children's Champions will play a key role in the delivery and shaping of this locally. Community Committees will be expected to report annually on how they have involved children and young people in decision making for the YAF.

3.2.3 Design Principles for the voice and influence of young people in the delivery of YAF are:

- Set priorities for future spend and priorities
- Be involved in the scrutiny of applications and/or commissioning for YAF including receiving feedback of successful projects
- Review the success of YAF
- Peer inspect projects across the city

3.2.4 Members are asked to note the design principles for the voice and influence of young people in the delivery of YAF.

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

### 4.1 Employment, Skills and Welfare Board

4.1.1 In the calendar year 2016 The Employment and Skills board first met on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. Agenda items included:

- Inner South Community Committee Workshop March 2016 – 'Destinations for young people'. Details of workshop and how partners can get involved and expected outcomes from workshop
- Working together with Ingeus (provider of training and employment services) in Inner South
- The Hunslet Club and projects being delivered for young people to increase skills

- The Holbeck project - Services accessed on hub bus, Employment surveys and Job shop referrals

4.1.2 The most recent meeting was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June with the focus of the meeting being Community Led Local Development (CLLD) and the consultation that will be held across the Inner South over coming months. This European Funding will provide support to local people through agreed projects to make them 'work ready' for future opportunities.

4.1.3 One of the priorities in the Employment & Skills Action Plan is to develop effective business engagement. It is anticipated that by doing this we can: influence and support the availability and accessibility of opportunities across the area; and develop links with specific employment sectors to increase employment opportunities for local people. The first meeting of this type was held with Depuys earlier this year with others being looked into with BAE Systems, O2 and Schneider Electric.

## 4.2 South Leeds Debt Forum Re-Launch

4.2.1 On 29th April, a workshop style meeting was held at Hillside, Beeston, to discover if the appetite was there to re-establish the forum. This forum had been in hiatus for the last few months.

4.2.2 Relevant voluntary, community and 3rd Sector organisations, along with council departments attended and the consensus was that it would be beneficial to re-establish a forum for networking, sharing information and campaigning around financial inclusion in the South East of the city.

4.2.3 In addition, it will make people aware of what advisory services are available, signpost people to sources of help around loan sharks and promote savings and good sources of credit through organisations such as Leeds Credit Union.

4.2.4 Following a review of all the feedback, relevant elected members will be invited to attend a launch event – date and venue to be decided.

## **5.0 Updates by theme: Environment & Community Safety Community Champion: Cllr Adam Ogilvie**

### 5.1 Inner South Environmental Sub Group

5.1.1 The last meeting of Inner South Environmental Sub Group was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Minutes from the meeting are available on request.

5.1.2 The agenda covered

- Locality Service Performance and delivering of SLA 4 priorities
- A clean up campaign
- Ward Based performance report
- SLA report to Community Committee

5.1.3 The meeting also discussed the potential to introduce a city-wide by-law requiring dog walkers to carry doggy bags. Information has been requested on the level of consultation required, the cost and whatever else is required to pursue this project. Community Committee will be kept informed of developments.

## 5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 Quarterly briefings have been set up with the community safety champion, where updates on crime and asb issues are provided. Due to the wide range of issues discussed and the impact on each ward, members are asked to consider a named representative to attend future briefings and contribute to community safety activity at the committee level.

5.2.2 Members across the Community Committee area are invited to local tasking meetings and to engage with the local tasking structure by bringing local issues / concerns from local residents and seeking support from partners to tackle the concerns and issues raised. Members are also able to raise the possibility of committee funding (in part or whole) to tackle a particular problem. The community safety briefing provides an opportunity to look at the broader picture across the committee area and all 3 wards, with the aim of spotting / discussing ongoing trends or problems and also measure the impact of agreed action from tasking through the crime figures presented. There is also opportunity to review and appraise funded community safety projects. It is proposed that the community safety briefing process is trialed for a year and reviewed after the 4 meetings.

## 5.3 Leeds Managed Approach to Street Sex Working

5.3.1 Members will be aware that a revised operational plan has been in place with regards to the managed approach to street sex working. This plan has included

- Dedicated pcso patrols to the business and nearby residential areas throughout each day
- A mobile number dedicated to managed approach issues to ensure a local response via pcso patrol staff
- Engagement with sex workers and voluntary sector agencies to reinforce the rules
- robust strategic enforcement of the rules
- Survey of business opening hours and preferred engagement details
- Regular business forum meetings
- Regular attendance at resident meetings to engage with residents and respond to concerns
- Increase in the level and frequency of additional commissioned cleaning of the area

Work is underway to plan consultation with businesses, residents and sex workers, this will be progressed through the business forum, residents groups, a public meeting and engagement through our third sector partners. A variety of methodologies will be utilised in relation to the consultation including face to face

discussion, café style meetings, focus groups and a questionnaire. The consultation will feature as part of the review of the managed approach to street sex work which will report in late July 2016 to the Safer Leeds Executive.

## **6.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing Community Champion: Cllr Paul Truswell**

### **6.1 Best Start Zones**

6.1.1 Intensive work continues to be delivered in the JESS cluster as part of the Best Start Zone. Led by Health for All, a multiagency steering group continues to meet working on a mutually agreed action plan. Some key achievements to date include:

- £7000 funding secured by HFA from LSE CCG to pilot smoking in pregnancy incentive project working with stop smoking service and midwifery
- Health for All are visiting local businesses to promote breastfeeding friendly packs – these are now available to promote to local businesses and venues – support is welcomed from the committee.
- A Moses Basket Loan scheme is being developed for parents unable to provide a safe place for their baby to sleep
- Leeds Let's Get Active in Parks (Middleton Park) will include midwifery led physical activity sessions aimed at pregnant and new mums.
- Inner south community committee awarded HFA (time for dads) project £940 to engage young dads, reduce isolation and promote attachment with children

### **6.2 LSE CCG Social Prescribing – Connect for Health (CfH)**

6.2.1 Referral numbers have increased significantly however Connect for Health are still not at capacity and continue to look for ways to promote the service and make the service as accessible as possible. Reasons for referral continue to be varied with key areas being split into social isolation/ connectivity, mental health, physical activity, finance and welfare benefits and housing.

6.2.2 CfH now has several drop ins running across Leeds South East, including locations specific to inner South Leeds which are; Middleton, Beeston, Holbeck and Dewsbury Road.

6.2.3 The Wellbeing Coordinators have made contact with all GP practices and branches and in general three-quarters of all practices in the LSE CCG area are now referring; there is still more work to be done in terms of engaging with GPs and facilitating links between the GP and community based services. Connect for Health is making positive referral routes with a range of services including Health Trainers, Carers Leeds, The Memory Support Team, Care and Repair, Feel Good Factor, Forward Leeds and Zest. The referral base shows a good mix of GP, agency and self-referrals.

6.2.4 CfH is engaging a variety of partners through local networks, neighbourhood improvement boards and health and wellbeing groups, they are also having promotional stands at a range of events coming up over the summer including local festivals such as Beeston Festival and are always interested to find out more about how to get involved and promote the service. They are keen to reach all groups particularly those who don't visit their GP practices.

6.2.5 The CfH website is undergoing some final tweaks but people can continue to refer through the secure website. Also in production is the CfH promotional film, this will be launched Summer 2016 and the service will provide further information through social media.

### 6.3 Leeds Health and Wellbeing Forum

6.3.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> March, the South and East Wellbeing Forum took place with attendees having the opportunity to share their views and ideas on developing new ways of working in the Leeds South and East CCG area.

6.3.2 Discussions focussed on: the development of a new work programme aiming to create and enhance a supportive environment and appropriate services to increase breastfeeding initiation and continuation rates; an enhanced local offer to parents and carers to encourage parent bonding and attachment; enhanced or coordinated delivery of courses related to becoming a parent and parenting skills. The second session considered the importance and impact of good health literacy and focussed on the need for a health literacy programme in LSE area with what a model could look like.

6.3.3 All discussions are helping shape the development of new work programmes to support in reducing health inequalities in the LSE area

### 6.4 Physical Activity – Leeds Let's Get Active

6.4.1 The LSE CCG Health Inequalities fund is being used to develop work to support LSE CCG meet its aim of improving the health of the whole population and reducing health inequalities. As part of this, Leeds Lets Get Active has been funded to support in its continuation

6.4.2 LLGA has now seen over 350,000 free visits made across the city

### 6.5 Middleton and Belle isle Health and Wellbeing Subgroup

6.5.1 The multiagency partnership group is continuing to meet with both opportunities to share key pieces of work locally and to develop and lead on new pieces of work based on local community identified need. This has involved supporting a new programme of work that has been commissioned focussing on anti-stigma around emotional health and wellbeing for young people 14—18 and the development of the Leeds Lets Get Active in Parks programme which is being rolled out in Middleton Park from 31<sup>st</sup> May with a launch date of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### 6.6 Cottingley Health and Wellbeing Group

6.6.1 The Cottingley Health and Wellbeing Sub Group held their third meeting in May and discussions so far have focused on the community consultation that is currently

underway in the area. The consultation has been sent to over 1200 properties on the Cottingley Estate and residents have the option to reply by post, e-mail, leave their form at the local pharmacy and commenting on a range of Facebook sites for the area.

- 6.6.2 So far there have been approximately 50 replies with the majority of comments highlighting anti-social behaviour as an issue on the estate. The final date for responses to the consultation was 31<sup>st</sup> May and all responses received by that date were entered into a prize draw, with prizes donated by Ward Members, Leeds City College, Health for All, Cottingley Community Centre and LCC Leisure Services.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. The agenda included a presentation from Public Health on 'Dying Matters'. This is a campaign to raise awareness of dying, death and bereavement . Minutes from the previous meetings are available on request.

### **7.2 Inner South Older Persons Celebration Event**

- 7.2.1 The Older Persons day Celebration event was held at the Civic Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016. The event was designed to provide a day of entertainment and fun for older people as well as an opportunity to gather information from various organisations about the services they provide for older people, including information and advice about living in their own homes with comfort, dignity, and security for as long as they choose. 149 attendees came on the day and took part in a number of activities that were put on.

## **8.0 Integrated Locality working**

### **8.1 Beeston and Holbeck Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)**

- 8.1.1 The most recent meeting of the NIB was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The 'open spaces' approach was used to encourage people to voice local concerns and issues about the area. This was after Public Health had presented and answered questions health and well being.

- 8.1.2 After an open discussion on a variety of issues the group split with the two key issues for further discussion identified as:

- Parking/traffic management and shop fronts
- Health and well-being

8.1.3 Main issues discussed around parking/traffic etc included the following.

<b>Issue 1 – Parking in Holbeck/Dewsbury Rd</b>
Commuters parking on Holbeck Moor Road making it dangerous to exit from Jenkinson Close
Very heavy parking on football match days
Knock on effect is high insurance premiums in LS11 because of high number of car break ins (parked up cars)
Parking issues at Iceland on Dewsbury Rd and in the Stratfords; parking problems at Dewsbury Road with Iceland and Kashmiri supermarket
Minibuses can't get up streets, emergency vehicles can't get up streets
Very heavy traffic through Holbeck in rush hours and match days: shop owners and residents can't park to use local shops
<b>Suggestions on what could be done</b>
Match day parking restrictions and more parking enforcement
Double yellow lines at some locations and more resident permit areas
One way systems on certain streets (Domestic Street)
Traffic management plan on match days to direct traffic away from residential areas
Can Kashmiri supermarket be shared/new Aldi car park can be used by shoppers on D Rd
Area near Bulls Head could be used for parking?
<b>What next?</b>
Highways officers to attend future meeting to discuss issues and look at potential solutions
Highways survey to be sent out again to residents and will provide feedback to look at accident stats required for Holbeck Moor Road
Potential to do Community Committee workshop on highways/traffic issues
<b>Issue 2 – Shop fronts in Holbeck/making improvements</b>
Housing improved and new development but shops fronts not improved
More cycle racks in Holbeck and D Rd needed

Shop near fire station has unsightly signage – is it legal?
<b>What can be done?</b>
Housing continuing to put pressure on landlords to improve shopfronts/flats via Holbeck Landlord Forum
Can Holbeck become a conservation area? If so Heritage Funding could be available to improve shops.
Any funding for cycle racks? T&DC2?
Find out if signage legal.

8.1.4 The main issues around health and well being included the following.

<b>Key health issues identified and problems maintaining good health</b>
Facilities – lack of GP services. Lots of advice from Chemist but no consistency in GP, locums so see different person each time. Difficult for older people.
Mental Health – trouble accessing services in South Leeds. Resident reported that they went out of area to access service which was OK for them but would not suit everyone. IAPT – available across the city with some sites that can be accessed in the South.
Walking in the area not good at present – issues with both roads and pavements – walkabout have been taking place and issues have been raised with highways around maintenance. Walking in the area – lack of rest facilities between Holbeck and town – promotion of walking but it is a long way for some if there are no benches to rest along the way.
<b>Suggestions on what could be done and what is being done</b>
Best way to get information out to people: Schools, South Leeds News, adverts, case studies, Community Groups – go along and promote services Newsletters – PFI Areas (Juliet Bennett – Keepmoat), Holbeck Elderly Action, Leeds Federated Housing.
Digital Access Team – could work together to get things out across the area through various channels
Hamara Project – Healthy Hearts Access to gym at Hamara, John Charles and a range of lower level activities. Park run – Cross Flatts Park – Sundays. South Leeds Live at Home Scheme – 3 luncheon clubs – over 55's – well attended
Cooking skills – important for the area. Some courses run at Hillside, HFA have tried to work with Ingram Road Primary to

provide cooking skills, sessions take place at St Matthews, South Leeds Live at Home looking at intergenerational sessions at Cottingley Community Centre.
Felt it would be useful if cooking skills were linked with social skill and people were encouraged to cook for each other and eat together.
ASHA – no facility – want to share ideas but not sure who to work with. Link up ASHA and HFA Learning disabilities Service – feel there is a lack of facilities in the area – café, etc – for social benefit.
Active parks – can we bring learning from larger sites to smaller ones? – Holbeck Moor
Use of pavilion in Cross Flatts park as café to encourage people into the park and to make more use of it.

## 8.2 City and Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.2.1 The most recent meeting of the City & Hunslet NIB was held at Hamara Healthy Living Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. The theme of the meeting was community safety and anti-social behaviour which was followed by an ‘open spaces’ session.

8.2.2 The main issues discussed are detailed below.

<b>The environment and community safety</b>
High levels of street dog fouling and dog fouling in parks
Noise nuisance – not knowing who to call
Speeding cars/cars being parked on pavements
Drug dealing
<b>Suggestions on what could be done</b>
Pro-active approach to dog fouling; new powers to address dog fouling
Fridge magnets for important phone numbers
Local people to provide information in confidence on drug dealing
More work by environmental officers in schools
<b>What next?</b>
Do discuss steps at Environmental sub-group to bring in by-law that makes it mandatory for dog walkers to carry doggy bags
Look at environmental SLA to provide Environmental Officers with powers to address

dog fouling
Do discuss at Environmental sub group a fresh approach to working with schools on environmental issues
Community Committee to consider funding for fridge magnets/information on services

### 8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

8.3.1 The last meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at the BITMO Gate. This NIB will consider having an 'open spaces' approach to future meetings.

8.3.2 The minutes of the meeting are available on request.

## 9.0 **Localism**

### 9.1 Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum

9.1.1 The Holbeck Forum met on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at St Matthews Community Centre.

9.1.2 The main topic of discussion was the 'Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan', which sets out the vision and objectives for the area. It is currently in draft form, or "pre-submission plan" as it is currently going through the consultation stage before being presented to an independent examiner.

9.1.3 There is currently 12 separate consultation events being arranged in the area where residents can view the plan and members of the forum will be present to answer questions. The consultation ends at the start of August 2016.

9.1.4 South East Communities Team has supported the forum in communicating with statutory bodies about the plan.

## 10.0 **Third Sector**

### 10.1 Third Sector Leeds Goes Local

10.1.1 Third Sector Leeds Goes Local is a partnership between the Local Authority and the third sector. The meetings are organised by Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL). TSL Goes Local are events/workshops that take place in each of the three areas of the city. In the past conversations have included, community resilience/ inclusion, the environment, social isolation and more recently how the sector can contribute to the community hubs and community committee agendas.

10.1.2 The aims of TSL Goes Local are to:

- Make better use of existing partnership arrangements at the area and city wide level
- Improve networking and collaboration within the third sector

- Identify challenges facing communities in the three area Localities that could be tackled most effectively by strengthening partnership work between the statutory and third sector.
- To enable partners to access expertise in the sector more easily.
- To increase communication between partners, councillors and the third sector, especially activity not directly supported by existing arrangements.
- To enable meaningful consultation and involvement from the sector in key local developments.

10.1.3 The next meeting of Third Sector Leeds Goes Local will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 10am, venue is Tenants Hall, Middleton.

10.1.4 The meeting will consider austerity and the impact it is having locally. It will be structured to include the following:

- A presentation delivered by the Chief Officer (Welfare & Benefits), Citizens and Communities about the impact the austerity measures are having on the local authority.
- Up to 5 short presentations from local third sector organisations that will provide a local impact picture of the austerity measures.
- 2 workshop/conversations to identify additional activity taking place and what the emerging issues are locally that the city needs to be aware of and to help shape a TSL Campaign.
- A “Share your offer” opportunity - Third Sector Organisations will have 2 minutes to do a brief presentation to the whole group about what their organisation does. Those who attend will be able to bring supporting information, either presented on the wall or through hand-outs.
- Networking opportunities

10.1.5 The Communities Team is supporting VAL in the promotion of the event in order to get maximum local involvement. Feedback from this session will be used to help the Debt Forum develop an action plan.

## 11.0 Community Centres'

11.1 In July 2014, it was agreed Community Committees would consider free lettings based on the priorities for their area. The total free lets in Inner South from September 2015 to August 2016 will be £17,925. The total free lets approved in the Inner South area thus far this financial year is £3,203.

11.2. Free lets to date this financial year are listed below.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Date	Value
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City & Hunslet	Old Cockburn Sports Hall	Hamara Centre	01.03.16 – 31.08.16	£260.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	4Children	Feb 2016 – Jan 2017	£2,750.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	South East Communities Team	25.02.16 – 25.02.16	£40.00
Beeston & Holbeck	St. Mathews Community Centre	Holbeck Forum	14.05.16 – 14.05.16	£50.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	LCC – Parks & Countryside	27.04.16 & 11.05.16	£78.00
Beeston & Holbeck	Watsonia Pavilion	Beeston in Bloom	13.07.16 – 13.07.16	£25.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>£3,203.00</b>

## 12.0 Recommendations

12.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- b) Members are asked to note the design principles for the voice and influence of young people in the delivery of YAF.

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

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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