

**Report of:** Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader

**Report to:** Inner East Community Committee – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills. Killingbeck & Seacroft

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**To Note**

## **Community Committee Update Report – June 2018**

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### **Purpose of report**

This report provides an update on the work programme of the Inner East Community Committee and the Communities Team, including recent successes, current challenges and on-going pieces of work.

### **Main issues**

1. The Compton Centre is one of the busiest Council One Stop centre in Leeds, it hosts many different council services and provides advice and advice and support to thousands of people each year. The management team at The Compton Centre aim to make the centre even more of a community hub, particularly increasing the range of activities on offer for young people. The Inner East Community Committee have recently awarded funding from its Youth Activities fund which will enable the Compton Centre to put on a range activities for children and young people 5 evenings a week. The activities will range from sport taster sessions and games nights to construction workshops with Leeds College of Building. Plans are also progressing for a new play area within the grounds, new public exercise classes and a community café.
2. As well as with the Compton Centre, another of Inner East's community hubs has also seen some significant development in recent months. The Seacroft Community Hub at Deacon House, which opened 12 months ago has continued to go from strength to strength. The local ward members have contributed significantly towards the facility and its programme of work, providing Wellbeing funding to support an on-site community café, a Money Buddy financial advisor and a community development worker apprentice who's role – underpinned by the social prescribing model - will be to

identify gaps in local services and work with local organisations and residents groups to strengthen community links

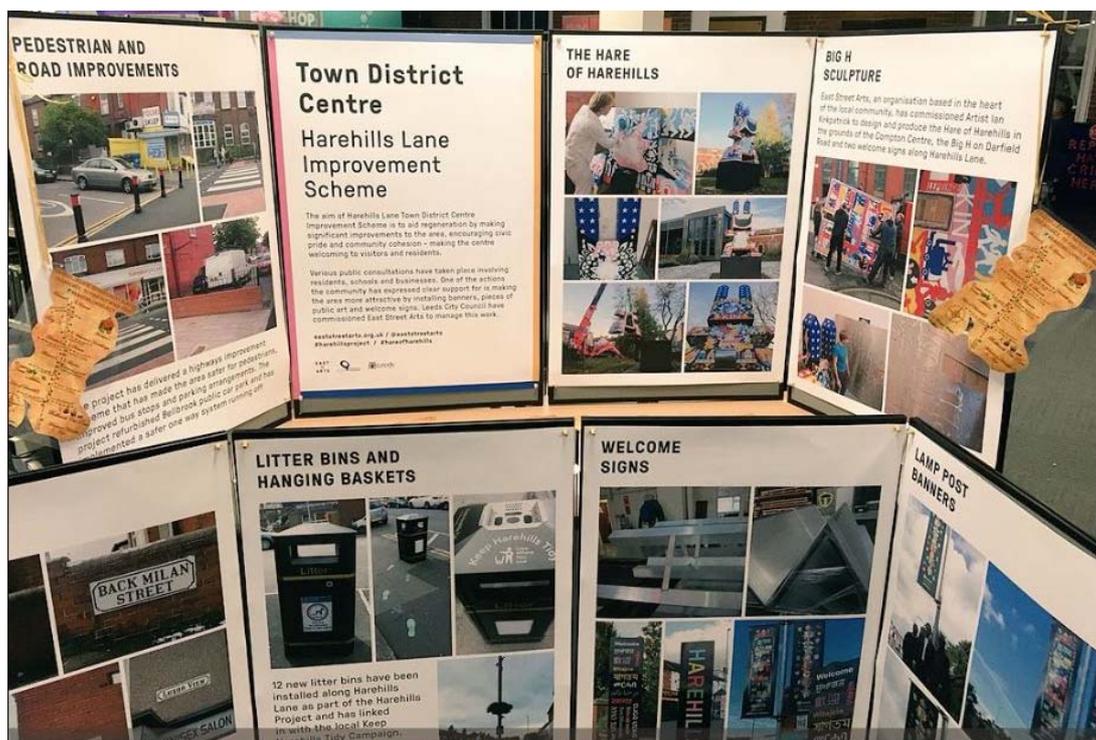
3. Work has recently been completed transforming a wall on Glensdale Mount into a community art feature. The project led by Seagulls is the culmination of a year's work which included community consultation and participation via art workshops delivered by Zest Health for Life which resulted in the colourful mosaics which feature heavily in the design. The wall, which is part of East Park Medical Centre, was identified as an opportunity by the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership for a local project that would visually lift the area. The project was funded by ward councillors, the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel and Veolia's Community Benefit Fund.



4. The March report updated the community committee on the submission stage of the first round of the Local Centres Programme (LCP) with £5m available to fund improvements to town and district centres. Following work from officers to work up schemes with Ward Members, three expressions of interest for schemes in the Inner East area were submitted. These schemes were the Seacroft shopping parades at Boggart Hill Drive and Ramshead Hill, the Ivy Mount shopping parade near East End Park and the shopping corridors comprising the Harehills district centre. All three of these schemes were approved by Executive Board on 21<sup>st</sup> March, authorising £425,000 of capital investment in Inner East. Work will now be undertaken to develop the schemes in further detail.
5. Work has begun on some key improvements to Rein Park in Seacroft with the intention of enhancing its use as a community facility. Construction of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is underway which will provide a space for both formal and informal team sports and activities. It has been funded from Section 106 development money. To compliment this capital investment, a Playbox cabin has installed nearby to provide a play space and activities for younger children. The impact of this facility has

been greatly assisted by a successful funding bid to Children in Need from the LS14 Trust for an associated playworker for a three year period who will organise activities at the Playbox in conjunction with the local community.

6. Inner East YAF summer funding round. Following on from a call for funding earlier in the year, the process to fund a youth activity programme in the Inner East during the summer holidays has now been completed. Applications for Youth Activity Funding were considered by Inner East ward members during March and April. Again this year, this proved a challenging process with the total value of received applications being far in excess of the amount of Youth Activity Funding allocated to the community committee for the year. Building on the progress of last year, the results of the consultation with young people at the Inner East Youth Summit helped to shape the approval process. A list of approved applications can be found in the Finance Report (Agenda Item 13).
7. A launch event took place on 16th March 2018 at The Compton Centre to mark and celebrate the Harehills Lane Town & District Centre Improvement Scheme (TDC2). Authorised by Executive Board and shaped by ward members for Gipton & Harehills and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, the programme of work began in 2016 to make visual improvements and road safety features to this commercial district in inner east Leeds for the benefit of local residents, commuters and visitors alike. Improvements brought by the scheme included new pedestrian crossings and a speed sign, new litter bins, improvements to Bellbrooke car park, refurbished street signs, hanging baskets, lamppost banners and several pieces of art work by artist Ian Kirkpatrick, commissioned by East Street Arts, including The Big 'H' sculpture, two 'welcome to Harehills' signposts and the striking 'Hare of Harehills' sculpture within the grounds of the Compton Centre. The launch event was attended by the Lord Mayor of Leeds.



8. Celebrations took place at the Compton Centre on 8th March 2018 to mark International Women's Day. The event, which coincided with other similar events citywide, celebrated women's achievements, aspirations, hopes and dreams. The event hosted activities, inspirational speakers including the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Jane Dowson, musical entertainment from Fran Bunday and food and refreshments. Then event was funded by the Inner East Community Committee and organised by staff from the Compton Centre and the Communities Team.

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10. Work to improve the open space and playground at Lindsey Gardens park in Lincoln Green is close to being completed. The capital scheme funded by the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward members, the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel and PSF has resulted in improvements to community garden area and refurbishment of the play equipment and fencing. The works were preceded by a local consultation where nearby residents were asked for their views on the improvement proposals, which were met with broad local support.

11. Every quarter, Public Health have committed to providing an update to the community committee of key pieces of work in the locality. This is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## Conclusion

The work of the Communities Team in partnership with council departments, external partners and with elected members is working towards the priorities of the Community Committee and the aspirations of the neighbourhood improvement and 'priority neighbourhood' approaches. This programme of work should be seen as a work in progress which is consolidating the Community Committee's role as a local decision-making body by strengthening the links between the local authority and the communities it serves.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.
2. To note the work of the Keep Harehills Tidy campaign, as contained in Appendix 1, and the recommendations in this report
3. To note the Public Health Locality Update report, as contained in Appendix 2