

Report of the Area Leader

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

Report author: Lyn Bambury, 07891 276639

Date: Wednesday 28th November 2018 for information

Inner South Community Committee Area Update Report

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. 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

Updates by theme: Children's Services, Community Champion: Cllr Andrew Scopes

Children & Families Sub Group

3. The sub group met on Monday 10th September, where the importance of play was discussed, plus the need for creative thinking around how we protect existing playgrounds and support new initiatives such as Dewsbury Road Hub being used as a playground.
4. At a recent Inner South Community Committee meeting it was agreed to fund a project application by St Luke's Cares that looks to tackle child sexual exploitation in Inner South. The children's champion asked St Lukes to get information on the number of

cases in Inner South in recent years. They have now obtained that information from the police using a freedom of information request.

5. Colleagues who also have information on the scale of the issue, from Children's Social Work and Leeds Children's Safeguarding Partnership have been invited to the next meeting. It will also be an opportunity to see what is being done to tackle it and if there is anything that the sub group can do to support this work.
6. Attainment was also on the agenda and it was decided to invite school leadership to attend future meetings to update and obtain SATs/GCSE data.
7. The sub group has also started planning the next Inner South Youth Summit to take place on 21st January, 2019 at Leeds United, Elland Road. High Schools that didn't engage last year will be targeted.
8. The date of the next sub group meeting is: 7th February, 2019, 12:30-14:30 at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

Updates by Theme: Employment, Skills & Welfare, Community Champion: To be determined

Employment, Skills and Welfare

9. Within the Community Committee area, there are 1,635 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of September 2018 which is a 19% (260 people) increase compared to the same period last year. The increase in the JSA claimants during this period may be attributed to no further new claims for Universal Credit (UC) being made from January 2018 to October 2018 and instead new claimants had to revert back to claiming the legacy benefits that UC will eventually replace. The full roll out of UC started in Leeds on the 10th October 2018.
10. There are 4,545 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of February 2018, which is a 3.40% (160 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.
11. From April to September 2018, there have been 1,776 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 494 supported to secure employment and 808 to improve their skills.
12. The Personal Work Support package (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support, is working well. From October 2015 to end of September 2018, a total of 3,638 residents have started on the programme, 28% (1,012) have secured employment. 570 residents from Inner South have engaged or have completed this programme, 28% (159) of these have secured employment. This programme has been remodelled. The new offer will be known as My Work Pathway and will focus on intensive 1-1 support for 12 weeks with an additional 3 months *in work* support available. This will roll out on 26th November

and will be delivered across 4 Hubs, City Centre, Dewsbury Road, Compton and Armley.

13. Go Higher event took place at The Point on 1st November and this was organised in conjunction with South Leeds schools to enable years 11/12/13 to complete relevant applications to FE/HE. Careers support and Apprenticeship advice was also available on the day.
14. The Point is currently supporting 8 businesses within the White Rose Shopping Centre to recruit for a mixture of seasonal and current F/T and P/T vacancies. A number of assessment days have been held which have enabled businesses' to be more specific about their needs. Customers have participated in tasks to demonstrate their abilities and have been screened for suitability.
15. A pilot with the Children's Centres is currently taking place within Hunslet and Riverside and Middleton Park. The focus is to address Child Poverty. Parents have been consulted with and learning opportunities have been developed to address identified needs. Hunslet and Riverside have a high proportion of ESOL needs and parents have been signposted to local provision. Other provision being provided or developed will be dependent on the relocation of the Children's Centre in 2019 and on availability of on-site space.
16. Middleton Children's Centre intend to hold a Story Sacks session starting in November encouraging parents to learn whilst supporting their child using reading, drawing and conversation skills. Individual 1-1 appointments are also available with an Employment and Skills worker to enable parents to get a range of support and advise to move them into learning/work. A review meeting will be undertaken in December to consider feasibility and future approach. (Beeston Children's Centre is not included in this pilot)
17. In response to DWP wanting to be more involved in supporting the Core Localities an agreement has been made for all SBWA (sector based work academies) to be shared and promoted via Jobshops. This will target suitable customers who are in receipt of JSA to be prioritised for participation and potential job outcomes on completion. The SBWAs are designed in conjunction with a business and offer an assessment and training packages to meet recruitment needs. Two information sessions will be delivered at Dewsbury Road on 9th November to better inform local people of the upcoming opportunities within the NHS and the requirements required
18. A decision regarding a city-wide Employment and Skills Board is with the Executive Board Member still. As soon as there is an update, members will be informed.

South East Debt Forum

19. The annual Leeds Joint Debt Forum meeting took place on the 27th September 2018, at St Georges Centre. The event was opened by Councillor Judith Blake and was well attended with a range of organisations represented from across the city.

20. The main focus of the event was Universal Credit and attendees were given the opportunity to participate in workshops to discuss the implications for the residents of Leeds.

21. Feedback from the event is currently being looked at to form the focus of work going forward and will be circulated once available.

Updates by theme: Environment, Community Safety Champion: Cllr Angela Gabriel

Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group

22. The group met on Monday 1st October and discussed, amongst other things, the implications of South Leeds being removed from the Clean Air Zone. A steering group is being set up to map out locations for trees/greenspaces in Hunslet and Riverside and Beeston and Holbeck wards, which will help to mitigate the effects of pollution and enhance the environment by creating "green corridors".

23. Dog fouling is still a major problem in the area. It was agreed to continue awareness raising work, but to also look at hard hitting campaigns, including renewal of banners and stickers. A recent "eyes" design post has been trialled in East area.

24. Members have been emailed and asked to identify dog fouling hotspots, to enable targeted work, such as including placing signage at hotspot areas and delivering responsible dog ownership letters to residents in the affected area.

25. Drug taking/needle use at Dewsbury Road Community Hub, New Bewerley Community School and surrounding areas are still causing problems, despite CCTV and other preventative measures. Everyone to email Neighbourhood Policing Team with regard to these issues and PCSO's will investigate.

26. Members also agreed to raise issue of the increase in rough sleeping, needle use in broad day light and drug taking at the next Strategic Community Safety meeting.

27. Missed bin collections in Beeston Hill, due to access issues, occur regularly, with parked cars causing obstructions.

28. The police have agreed to assist with PCSO support on bin collection days. Members will provide details of hotspots to the NPT to facilitate support to Waste Management on refuse collection days.

29. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 17th January, 1.00pm-3.00pm, Dewsbury Road Community Hub, Conference Room.

Christmas/New Year Bin Collections

30. An A5 postcard will be going out to inform residents of bin collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period. These are going to be sent to all households (excluding those on communal collections), starting w/c 19 November.
31. There will also be posters and A6 pull off pads being distributed to over 600 community buildings, as well as press work, social media and website campaigns, digital screens and roadshows
32. Bin collections will continue as normal up until and including Saturday 22 December.
33. A revised schedule will be in place for the two week period between Christmas Eve – Monday 24 December and Saturday 5 January
34. During the revised schedule, bins will be emptied one day earlier or later than normal, with the exception of New Year's Eve – Monday 31 December – when collections will take place on the usual scheduled day
35. The usual service will resume from Monday 7 January
36. Please see **Appendix 1** for a poster containing further information

Update by theme: Community Safety, Community Champion Cllr Mohammed Iqbal

Managed Approach

37. The Operational Group for the Managed Approach has met on three occasions since the last meeting of Community Committee and the Community Reference Group a similar number. The main issues coming out of the Operational Group meeting included:
38. **CCTV.** Safer Leeds will be funding a static camera linked to LeedsWatch to be installed near St Matthews Community Centre. Communities Team have secured funding for two further cameras and are awaiting confirmation on funding for a fourth.
39. **MA Policing Team.** Recruitment is underway to appoint a dedicated team of Police Officers to work on the Managed Approach.
40. **Community Engagement.** The next Holbeck Residents meeting is now likely to be held in the New Year with the meeting being jointly chaired by the Reference Group and Council.
41. **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).** Consultation is under way to determine if this approach should be undertaken in Holbeck to address street drinking, which is often connected to sex workers and their associates.

Gang Issues in South Leeds

42. The issue around gangs was raised at the Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB) at its meeting on 28 September 2018. Two particular gangs were referenced with possible connections to drugs and a number of violent incidents in and around Beeston and Middleton.

43. The meeting was followed up at Elland Road Police Station with Ward Members from all Inner South wards invited. A number of issues came out of that meeting:

- Excluded children left to roam the streets
- Some of the gang members have siblings in more organised crime groups that are connected to drugs
- Youth Offending Service (YOS) are working closely with both Inner South High Schools

44. Going forward it was agreed that these issues would be taken to respective tasking meetings to improve the disconnect between partners. West Yorkshire Police to update regularly at Ward Based briefings.

**Updates by theme: Health & Well Being, Community Champion: Cllr Paul Truswell
Adult Social Care, Community Champion: Cllr Gohar Almss**

Seasonal Flu

45. It is that time of year again when seasonal influenza is here and time to promote the uptake of the best protection – the vaccine.

46. The link below is for the Council's public facing webpage that has a wealth of information on the why, who and how. Leaflets and posters are available to promote uptake of the vaccine and these can be viewed and downloaded via the webpage. Leaflets and resources are also available from the Public Health Resource Centre: www.leeds.gov.uk/flu

47. Please encourage uptake of the flu vaccine with service users, their families and carers and frontline staff as you feel appropriate.

Winter Friends

48. Following on from work carried out last year an e-briefing has now been made available to support more people to become Winter Friends. Being a Winter Friend means you are equipped with knowledge, resources and signposting information to support a vulnerable person during Winter. There are nine evidence based, high-impact interventions that can support vulnerable people during Winter and these are covered in the Winter Friends e-briefing.

49. You can now access the Winter Friends e-briefing on the Public Health Resource Centre Website by clicking on [Winter Friends e-briefing 18/19](#) (please note you will need to open the file and play as a slideshow in PowerPoint)

50. Once the e-briefing has been viewed, Winter Friends can collect a resource pack from the Public Health Resource Centre (Technorth Centre, 9 Harrogate Road Leeds LS7 3NB) to support conversations and promotion of relevant campaigns.

51. To provide and increase support across Leeds, we would be really grateful if this information could be shared to encourage access to the resources.

Better Together

52. Better Together in the South is well into its second year of activity. Health for All (HFA) consortia have employed a number of innovative engagement and outreach techniques to target Black African and Minority Ethnic groups such as promotional stands at Bollywood Film nights and extensive door knocking which has proved to be some of the most effective across the city.

53. The careful choice, calibre and empathetic qualities of the outreach workers has yielded dividends in helping to engage and support local residents in either reconnecting with their communities and / or being signposted to services which improve and help maintain a citizens health and wellbeing.

54. The South's groups run by HFA and its partners such as Asha and Hamara have helped many local residents to become less isolated, lose weight and learn new healthy cooking techniques which are appropriate to their culture and religion. This bespoke approach has won over local community members for many years.

55. There will be a celebration event this year for Better Together to celebrate and explain how this unique service works. The event was planned for 7th November, 2018 but as this clashed with several other events, it will be rescheduled.

56. Last year Better Together South beat their annual target and engaged with over 4618 community members and moved with well over 1,500 residents into groups which increased social resilience, improved health and ultimately built social capital. All of this bodes well for year two.

57. Quarter 2 performance data is not in yet, but will be shared as soon as it is available.

South Leeds Health & Wellbeing Forum

58. The next forum will be held on 20th November 2018 at Tenants Hall Enterprise Centre Acre Close, Middleton. The focus of this forum is Physical activity: Everybody Active, Every day.

59. It includes an interactive workshop to help us to better understand what needs to come together to enable people to "move more" each day – how do we better link our work, connect with residents, community organisations and wider partners, what works well already, where are the gaps and what ideas do you have? The aim is to help partners and organisations to shape the physical activity opportunities in their locality.

60. The workshop will include guest speakers, case studies, taster sessions and lots of conversation. Feedback from this workshop will be included in the update report, as soon as it is available.

Inner South Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

61. The Wellbeing Sub group took place on the 20th September, 2018.

62. The sub group heard from Paul Lambert, Advanced Health Improvement Specialist, about smoking. Attendees heard that overall there has been a reduction in smokers citywide, however Middleton Park ward still had one of the highest smoking rates in the city. The average number of smokers citywide is 16.9% whereas for Middleton Park ward the percentage is 24%.

63. A lengthy discussion was had around the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in children's parks. It was discussed whether this could be rolled out to local sports groups to ask adults not to smoke on the side-lines of sporting events and possibly picked up as a child-friendly Leeds initiative.

Mental health

64. Mentally Healthy Leeds a public health commissioned service which was launched recently. A public mental health service which is all about good mental health for everyone. The main aim is to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in the communities most at risk of poor mental health.

65. The service will work with communities in the 10% most deprived parts of Leeds to identify, understand and build on the protective factors that help keep people mentally and emotionally well. The aim is to equip people with an understanding and experience they can use to prevent problems developing or becoming worse.

66. There will be a particular focus on communities most at risk of poor mental health, including those in the most deprived areas of Leeds, young women, men aged 30-60, people who are LGBTQ, refugees and asylum seekers.

67. For more information about the service contact mhl@touchstonesupport.org.uk or telephone 0113 248 4880

Suicide prevention

68. Leeds City Council are busy working with key partners to reduce suicides across the city. For more information, help and support if you are feeling distressed, low or suicidal

please check the link: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc/current-awareness/suicide-prevention>

Updates by Theme: Community Engagement

Social Media and communications

69. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and the number of people reached on the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page.

Beeston Hill Residents Forum

70. The Beeston Hill resident's meeting was held on the 11th October at the Hamara Healthy Living Centre. The agenda included an update from Highways, Cleaner Neighbourhoods and West Yorkshire Police. An open space format was used and residents were able to raise and discuss any concerns with services. Issues raised at the meeting included anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and missed bin collections.

71. The second part of the meeting was a presentation on the Selective Licencing consultation. Officers gave an overview of the consultation. Landlords and residents were able to speak to the officers and complete the consultation questionnaire. All attendees were encouraged to respond to the questionnaire and feed into the consultation.

Love Where You Live (LWYL) Belle Isle & Middleton

72. The Middleton Engagement event took place on the 19th September. Around 15 residents attended and engaged with Police, Housing Leeds, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Youth Service, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Libraries / Customer Services, Highways, Middleton Park and Middleton Elderly Aid. Housing Leeds commented that they had quite a lot of interest in Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) funding and walkabouts; they felt the meeting had been productive in engaging with residents.

73. Community Connections New Forest Village was held on the 6th November 2018 18:00 – 20:00 at St Georges Centre. The event was a drop in session for residents to find out what was going on in their community. Services and organisations including Police, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Youth Service, Libraries / Customer Services, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Highways, Leeds Corinthians RUFC, Health for All and Middleton Elderly Aid, were present for residents to speak with and raise any issues.

Holbeck Residents Forum

74. Holbeck Residents meeting last met on 11th September 2018. The agenda included a number of presentations from Third Sector organisations delivering work in the area; this then being followed by service updates and finishing with an open space session where

residents were invited to talk to service providers on individual tables. The Third Sector presentations included:

- Holbeck Viaduct Project – a presentation inviting volunteers to get involved in making the viaduct an attractive walking and cycling route from Holbeck into Leeds city centre
- Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan – an update on the plan and an opportunity for residents to join the project group
- Slung Low – an offer to local people to get involved in the arts and practical training sessions being offered locally
- People Matters – a project supporting people with learning difficulties to become active and live more independent lives

75. The presentations were generally well received but a number of local people wanted to discuss issues relating to the Managed Approach (MA). This item was not a specific item on the agenda but was picked up under community safety.

Garnets Community Event

76. The official launch of the play area was held on Thursday, 4th October from 3-6pm. The celebratory launch event was led by the Communities Team in partnership with Parks and Countryside and Housing Leeds. The event began with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Garnet Place Pocket Park by local residents, Hunslet and Riverside local ward councillors Paul Wray, Mohammed Iqbal, Executive Member for Environment and Active Lifestyles Cllr Mohammed Rafique and Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning, Cllr Richard Lewis. In addition to this, a community fun day event was held to bring the community together and promote cohesion in the area.

The event saw over 150 local people gather for a free fun day. Activities included sports, inflatables, food, music, arts and crafts, goodie bags provided by NPS Leeds. Also, there were information stalls from Communities Team, Housing Leeds, Waste Management recycle team, Leeds City College, LCC Youth Service, LCC Customer service, LCC Active Leeds Hamara and Vales Circles.

Priority Neighbourhoods

Beeston Hill Priority Neighbourhood

77. The **Beeston Hill Core Group** continues to meet on a 6 weekly basis. The last meeting took place on the 5th November, which included a walkabout around the priority neighbourhood. This was an opportunity to have a visual audit of the area and see the challenges it presents for partners.

78. In response to issues raised at the residents meeting and at the Core Group, an engagement day will take place on the **29th November, 10am to 1pm**. The focus will be around the Rowland Road Pocket Park area and surrounding areas.

79. The aim of the day is to speak to residents about the correct disposal of their household waste. Activities will include a door knocking exercise, where members of the Core

Group, in partnership with Waste Management Service, will be providing easy to read pictorial leaflets on this subject. This will also present the opportunity to speak to residents about any other issue that they may want to raise.

80. The engagement day will also include bulb planting at the Rowland Road Pocket Park. Local schools and residents will be invited to get involved.
81. The **Trentham Pocket Park Project** was developed in response to residents' concerns over dog fouling, and lack of quality greenspace for local people in the area. The park is surrounded by properties with no or very small gardens. Local ward councillors responded to this issue by commissioning Play Anywhere to deliver play interventions at Trentham Pocket Park. In addition, they supported the installation of new play equipment and resurfacing work to improve the general appearance of the park.
82. To complement this piece of work, Communities Team worked in partnership with Public Health, who as part of their £10,000 investment in improving priority neighbourhoods in Beeston Hill, commissioned Touchstone to deliver community engagement activities in the area. The aim of this intervention is to enhance community engagement by improving the area, build new friendships around Trentham Park using artwork and gardening to engage and involve local residents. It is hoped this will also address low levels of community engagement in the area and distrust of statutory organisations. Activities included installing 2 new planters, planting a variety of flower seeds, herbs, vegetables and decorating the park. There has been really good engagement with residents participating in the sessions delivered. As well as improving physical health, residents had the opportunity to meet other people from their area and develop friendships. A great outcome is the forming of a 'Friends of Trentham Park' involving local residents.

Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood

83. **The Support Hub @Holbeck (5 Recreation View)**. Since launching the support hub @Holbeck in June the offer of support services and agencies that residents can access has steadily increased. In addition to support from Dewsbury Road Hub staff and the Communities Team staff, there is now Touchstone, Blue Apple, Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPTS) and Holbeck Elderly Aid (HEA) all working from this location during the 3 days it is open. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) have also started a monthly drop in session for residents to report issues to them. Building on this, Money Buddies should be operating from this location very soon and the Hub will be getting public facing computers in the building in the next few weeks to allow residents to write CV's, carry out job searches and complete online applications.
84. The hub has so far dealt with over 160 enquiries from residents, of these: 35 have been for employment support, 32 have been for benefits/council tax advice, 45 for housing conditions, 7 for medical support, 5 ASB and crime advice. Other issues have related to debt advice, education, ESOL courses, street cleansing issues, parking and social isolation.

85. **Slung Low**. This organisation recently acquired £10k of Public Health funding to deliver its 'programme of doing and learning' project in Holbeck priority neighbourhood. The Slung Low team will engage with existing groups as well as individuals to get local people to join their college classes that range from arts/dance to practical learning such as joinery classes. They will particularly target isolated individuals and will closely work with Connect for Health who are targeting Holbeck as part of its Social Prescribing Project. This also being Public Health funded.
86. **The Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Core Group** met on the 6th of September with progress reports on Active Leeds work in the area; community safety and CCTV/PSPO progress; Local Centres Programme and improvements to shop fronts in Holbeck.
87. A request for £5k for CCTV for Maynell Heights is to come out of the Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Budget. The full 4 camera scheme is detailed below. The total cost of the system is £47k and the following grants have been awarded:
- Camera 1 at Czar St (funding secured by LCC LeedsWatch) £14,000
 - Camera 2 near St Matthew's Community Centre (funding secured by Local Centres Programme) £14,000
 - Camera 3 at the top of Meynell Heights (funding secured from Inner South Community Committee) £5,000
 - Camera 4 at Top Moor Side near the MUGA (awaiting outcome of the bid to Housing Environmental budget) £14,000
88. Inner South Community Committee and Safer Leeds will jointly cover ongoing monitoring and maintenance

Leeds Neighbourhood Approach (LNA) Activity in Holbeck

89. **Multi-Agency Area Walkabout**. The turnout for the 13th multi-agency walkabout on the 9 October was one of the best since these started in mid-2015. Frontline officers from Housing Leeds, Unity Housing, Leeds Federated Housing and the Leeds Neighbourhood Approach Team all turned out to ensure resident's issues were being addressed. The Police, Communities and LASBT were all also well represented and as per previous walkabouts the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team were out in numbers to tackle environmental issues identified. Private sector landlords accompanied officers, raising a number of issues around enforcement and the environment.
90. Since starting these walkabouts over **1000** property and street issues have been addressed by partners working together. These include bin yards, road conditions, unsightly properties, reports of ASB and criminal behaviour, fly tipped waste and any other issue affecting the area. The walkabouts which cover over **50** streets and over **1200** properties. A measurement of the success of the walkabouts is that there were **850** street and property issues outstanding at this time last year but this is now down to **350**.

91. **Holbeck Landlord Forum (9 October 2018).** The 10th Holbeck Landlord Forum, chaired by Cllr Gabriel, was well attended, with over **30** private sector landlords, officers from key service areas, the police and other housing providers. The forum gave an update on the work of the LNA and the team's expansion into the Rydall's area of Holbeck (LNA6), this was followed by a presentation from City Development on the South Bank development and how this will impact on Holbeck. Finally, there was a short presentation on the proposed Selective Licensing in Beeston and Harehills which was followed by a consultation session for affected landlords to discuss their concerns with us. The next forum is due to be held around February/March 2019.
92. **Rollout of Communal bins in the Receptions.** As part of the group repair works carried out in the Receptions **14** bin yard areas (forming **28** communal waste areas) were cleared and improved. On the 9 October, communal bins were delivered to **20** of these communal waste areas and the Waste Doctors, LNA staff and PCSOs went out door to door giving advice on recycling and the new waste provision. These works have not only improved the problem bin yards in this area, but they have removed individual bins off these streets, improving both the street scene and access on the public footpaths for residents and council cleansing teams.
93. **Community Engagement Day in the Rydall's.** As part of the launch of LNA6, the LNA team, supported by the Police, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Communities, HEA, Blue Apple and LASBT went out door to door in the Rydall's on the 16 October. Over **200** properties are being targeted as part of LNA6 and all were visited on the day by partners, who directly engaged with **60** households giving advice on the approach and discussing issues affecting residents in the area. Out of the **60** households directly engaged with **12** reported issues with sex workers, **20** with littering/dog fouling, **20** anti-social behaviour, **9** parking/dangerous driving. Other issues raised related to; housing conditions (**3**), drugs (**5**) and road conditions (**1**). During the engagement officers also got residents to complete **40** 'Your Views' survey forms for Communities/Safer Leeds to help build a more accurate picture of issues affecting people in the area.

Updates by Theme: Local Centres Programme

94. Hunslet & Riverside:

- Dewsbury Road Town Team has received a long negotiated payment of £12,000 from property developers Quora and it is now identifying improvements they would like to see on the street.
- Signposting is being proposed for the various shopping areas between Beeston Hill and Dewsbury Road. It is hoped this will develop better connectivity between the areas.
- Suggestions are being prepared on whether major improvements can take place at Penny Hill to make the area a very attractive place to shop and socialise.

95. Middleton and Belle Isle:

- Belle Isle shop improvements include extending the red street furniture to all Belle Isle shopping areas.
- Liaising with BITMO over fencing in the grassed triangle at Winrose shops.
- Preparing an enforcement notice to see the Middleton Shopping Centre sign removed and replaced with an attractive sign promoting all public facilities in that area.
- Placing additional benches at St George's Centre.
- Laying a floral display with images near the former Middleton Arms pub.
- Ideas are coming forward to launch a new Town Team for the area.

96. Beeston and Holbeck:

- The Holbeck Local Centres Programme is currently awaiting the results of the shopfront condition surveys and costings from the surveyors.
- A CCTV package is being added to the scheme, (details above at point 86).

Recommendations

97. 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.
