

**Report of:** Area Leader

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

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**To Note**

## **Area Update Report – December 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**

#### **Children and Young People’s Champion- Councillor Salma Arif**

#### **Inner East Youth Activity Fund (YAF) October half-term activities**

1. Youth Service October Half-Term - Due to savings made by the Youth Service when running their summer activities, Inner East councillors were able to approve a project extension so that activities could be offered to young people during the October half-term. This opportunity was offered to children who didn’t get the chance to take part in the summer activities. This meant that young people could take part in a range of activities including go-karting and swimming.

#### **Denis Healey October half-term activities**

2. The Works Charity invited children along to a fun filled, active and challenging camp that gave them the chance to play a range of sports including cricket, handball, lacrosse, football, hockey, basketball and more. The young people took part in team challenges, adventure trails, treasure hunts, den building and lots of arts and crafts. This was funded by Killingbeck and Seacroft councillors using wellbeing funding.

## **Inner East Youth Summit**

3. This year's Inner East Youth Summit will be taking place on Monday 10th December from 5-8pm at Ebor Gardens Community Centre.
4. The summit will consist of three main strands:
  - A 'market place' event where providers pitch their activities from stalls
  - A forum discussion with young people to get their views on youth provision
  - Performances / Speakers
5. The aim of the youth summit is for young people to come together from schools and with local partners to meet their councillors and learn about local democracy and local decision making. Young people attending the event will be consulted about what activities they currently take part in and what activities they would like to see delivered in the area. The outcomes of this consultation will be used to shape the allocation of Youth Activity Funding for 2019/20.
6. There will also be a theme for this year's event which will be 'Aspiration'. Speakers and performers have been invited to demonstrate local talent and inspire the young people attending. As well as inviting partners to showcase what they do so that young people can try new things and find out about different opportunities, colleges and universities have also been invited as well as an apprenticeship stall so that young people can find out more about achieving beyond school.

## **Environment Champion- Councillor Denise Ragan**

### **Environment Sub-Group**

7. The Environment sub- group met on Thursday 1 November 2018. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Denise Ragan (chair), Cllr Arif Hussain and Cllr Katie Dye and is attended by officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Housing, Parks & Countryside and Waste Management. The sub-group reviewed the terms of reference including expanding membership to also include the Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Discussions also took place around 'Keep Tidy' campaigns and prosecutions. Moving forwards the sub-group will be looking at Service Level Agreements and quarterly services reports.

The terms of reference were updated and are attached as **Appendix 1**.

### **Change to bin collections over Christmas period**

8. 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. 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.

9. Bin collections will continue as normal up until and including Saturday 22 December. A revised schedule will be in place for the two week period between Christmas Eve – Monday 24 December and Saturday 5 January. This schedule is attached as **Appendix 2**. During the revised schedule, bins will be emptied one day earlier or later than normal, with the exception of New Year's Eve to Monday 31 December when collections will take place on the usual scheduled day. The usual service will resume from Monday 7 January. Saturday 1 December will be the last day of garden waste collections (brown bins) this year. The service will start again on Monday 4 March 2019.

10. Leeds residents are encouraged to do the following:

- Download the Leeds Bins app so they can receive collection day reminders straight to their phone;
- Visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/xmasbins](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/xmasbins) for handy hints on how to reduce, reuse and recycle common items generated around the home during the festive period, such as greetings cards, wrapping paper and food waste;
- Like, re-tweet and share festive messaging from the RecycleForLeeds Facebook and Twitter accounts.

### **Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care- Cllr Denise Ragan and Cllr David Jenkins**

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 3**.

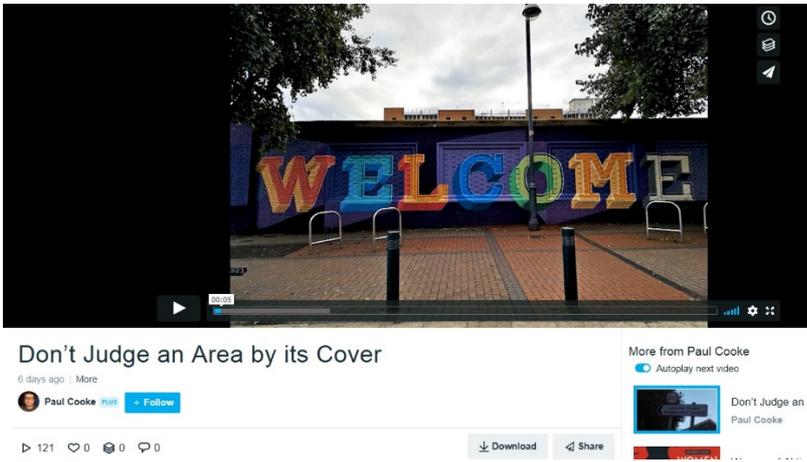
12. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership met on Thursday 18 October at Church of the Epiphany. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Denise Ragan (chair), Cllr David Jenkins and is attended by officers from Public Health and the voluntary and community sector. Discussions took place around priority setting and 16 Days of Action and the meeting was followed by a speed networking activity.

### **Ward Updates**

#### **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill**

13. The new Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery site opened in September. Members of the Communities Team, Active Leeds and Zest recently attended a Parent and Voice Session at the school and facilitated a discussion with over 150 parents on what activities they would like to see happen in their local area. Cooking, ESOL, cookery and fitness all proved popular choices. The school are keen to host sessions at the school after their initial bedding in phase has passed.

14. Lincoln Green Film Festival was delivered on 7 November as part of the wider Leeds International Film festival. A spin-off of the Film Festival is that a film making workshop involving local young people will be taking place in October/November. The sessions were facilitated by the University of Leeds, East Street Arts and the council's Youth Service and a video has been produced.



15. New plants are now in place on the Torre Road Roundabout. They were championed and part-funded by Burmantofts and Richmond Hill councillors using wellbeing funding. The maintenance of these plants is sponsored by local business GT Karting.

16. The Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership (NIP) met on 9 November at the Vinery Centre. The meeting brought together ward members, council services and third sector partners. Attendees were presented with the latest data profiles for the ward which highlighted the levels of deprivation according to Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) data. Against this backdrop of challenging data and poor outcomes for local people, the partnership were reminded of the strong asset base present in the ward and the opportunities for future collaborative work to address issues of concern and issues prevalent in specific geographies. The group split out into table discussions to explore potential areas of the work for the NIP to focus on going forward. Some of the issues of high concern that were raised included mental health, personal debt and issues brought on by Universal Credit. These and other themes will be assessed by the Communities Team with potential work streams to be explored further with partners. The work of the NIP will be reported back to the Community Committee in due course.

17. Work is progressing to refurbish the IT suite at Richmond Hill Community Centre. After receiving Wellbeing funding from the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward members and HAP funding, Richmond Hill Elderly Action (RHEA) have started to prepare the room for the new facility. The plans include replacing all the old computers and monitors – which were outdated and no longer functional in some cases – with new laptops and tablets, all with online connectivity. The old work top and office chairs will be replaced with new lounge seating to create an informal learning space. The new space will be available to use in January 2019. RHEA will be organising some IT sessions of their own, however the facilities will also be available to hire for any other groups who want to use them. There is the potential to use the facilities for job clubs, CV writing classes or financial advice sessions, perhaps linked to Universal Credit applications. **Any group who is interested in using the facilities should contact RHEA.**

### **Killingbeck and Seacroft**

17. Seacroft Half Term Spending Event – The Seacroft half term spending event took place during the October half term holidays for families across Seacroft to come together. This included activities such as breakdancing, crafts, bike workshops, music and much more. As well as lots of fun and activities, various different providers were able to provide attendees with useful advice around budgeting for the Christmas period to avoid getting into debt. This included advice on not using loan sharks, cheaper options for food and setting out clear

budgets. The Communities Team engaged with around 150 people at the event and the feedback from the community has been very positive.



18. Denis Healey Centre Clean-up – Users of the Denis Healey Centre came together with local ward councillors, Communities Team and Facilities Management to clear up the Denis Healey Centre. Rooms were cleared so there is more space for potential new users to access to building in the future. Killingbeck and Seacroft councillors also awarded current organisations and groups based within the centre with funding to replace broken equipment for the young people who are currently engaged in provision at the centre.

19. Following the success of the community cafe at the Reginald Centre, a community café has been launched at Deacon House and sells hot drinks, cakes and small meals. This is also now looking to be replicated at the Compton Centre.

20. Seacroft Welcome Pack- Following comments that residents were unaware of all the information, advice and activities available to them in Seacroft, the Boggart Hill Core Group has developed a Welcome to Seacroft booklet. The user-friendly, A5-sized document lists many local services including schools, G.Ps, Leeds City Council facilities e.g. Deacon House, LASBT (Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team), Housing and other voluntary, third sector support services and partners. Funding from the Community Committee’s wellbeing budget has allowed a print run of 1000 booklets which will be given out at events and delivered to homes in Boggart Hill. Housing Leeds will provide a copy to all new tenants which it is hoped will help integrate them into the area and signpost to different support services. It is also planned to deliver the booklet to the new build housing around the Boggart Hill area which may provide more opportunities for integration between the old and new residents. Care has been taken to ensure the information is broad enough to allow for change without the need to continually update the booklet.



21. Priority Neighbourhood Surveys are being undertaken with a cut-off date of 30th November. To date 138 surveys have been uploaded, enabling initial analysis. It is anticipated that at least 200 surveys will be completed this year. The majority of responses are from Housing Leeds tenants, whilst the Communities Team and Employment and Skills have completed the surveys with a sample of around 25 residents who have bought Strata properties. In addition, Connect Housing officers are completing surveys with their tenants. Early analysis has started to provide some useful information.

22. Targeted Facebook advertising- Through the Core Team's Communication and Community Engagement Sub Group targeted Facebook advertising has been used. Through the Community Committee's wellbeing budget we have paid for 11 adverts in total at a cost of just over £150. This has reached almost 13,000 people, generated over 300 event responses and increased the number of LS14 Trust Facebook page 'likes'. This paid-for advertising has proved to be a low cost effective approach and increased local awareness, interest and attendance at local activities and events.

23. The Project Development Worker Apprentice has been in post since 11th June. The post which was funded through Public Health priority neighbourhood funding, Apprenticeship Levy and wellbeing funding is based on an Asset Based Community Development approach, building on the skills, resources and networks of the local community. A 3 month review has demonstrated some early successes including securing interest of 10 local people in the Community Health Champion model. Of those 10 people, close working is taking place with 4 volunteers to get activities up and running. The Apprentice has been heavily involved in local asset mapping which has identified 91 assets in Seacroft including GP surgeries, schools, key individuals and 3rd sector organisations. Links are starting to be made with these to improve awareness of activities and ensure new activities reflect local need. Events and activities being delivered include an event to tackle Christmas over-spending, launch of a new café at Deacon House run by LS14 Trust, Secret Cinema and Working Wardrobe at the Hub.

24. Through the Core Team, Active Leeds are working closely to deliver a number of programmes in Boggart Hill for example 'Bumps and Babes' in Rein Park and delivering school holiday 'Fit and Fed' camps in conjunction with local schools to tackle holiday hunger. Active Leeds is planning to make significant investment, particularly into priority neighbourhoods, over the next four years, in a bid to increase physical activity levels. In order to better understand local priorities, motivations, behaviours and aspirations of people who live within these communities and the capability and capacity of local organisations, groups and volunteers to support physical activity opportunities with these communities SMG consultants have been commissioned. This will help the Council submit informed bids for external funding and ensure meaningful investment. Through the insight of the Core Team, valuable information and insight has been provided to SMG.

25. The Communities Team are working with the Strategy and Investment Team to map SAP (Standard Assessment Procedure) ratings for Boggart Hill and compare the findings against the investment strategy to measure the efficiency of homes. In Boggart Hill 191 out of 470 Housing Leeds properties have a band D, E or F rating. Prioritising capital improvement works such as windows and insulation to the poorest performing properties will address fuel poverty and ensure homes are healthier and free from damp.

## Gipton and Harehills

26. On Friday 26 October local Councillors Kamila Maqsood and Salma Arif, partners and local residents attended the launch of the new Compton Centre Community Hub play area and fitness equipment. Following the launch, the equipment is now available for the community to use in line with Leeds City Council's ambition to support healthy, physically active lifestyles and to be responsive to local needs. Staff from Leeds Let's Get Active were available on the morning to show residents how to use the equipment. The play area was co funded through local 'Ward Based Initiative' and 'Town and District Centre Planning' funding. The fitness equipment was funded by Leeds 9 GP Collaborative.

27. Halloween and Bonfire Night activities- Key partners CATCH, Leeds City Council Youth Service, One Formation and Street Team were funded by Gipton and Harehills councillors using wellbeing funding to put on a range of activities for young people over the Halloween and bonfire night period in partnership with the Communities Team and West Yorkshire Police. These activities were well received and provided a valuable diversionary activity. Sessions included music, dance, boxing, table-tennis, baking and football tournaments.



28. The Gipton Conversation Dinner took place on Wednesday 7 November at Church of the Epiphany. Local partners GIPSIL, Old Fire Station, Space2, Gipton Together, East Leeds Project, Church of the Epiphany, local residents and the Communities Team were involved in the organisation of the event. The event was free and provided an opportunity for residents to meet one another through sharing a meal and get to know their community.



29. Gipton and Harehills councillors used wellbeing funding to fund £6000 towards new equipment at Fever FM which will allow the radio station to upgrade their studio's technology from analogue to digital. This valuable community asset will enable the popular regular shows to continue and for the quality to improve in line with current technology.

30. Festive Lights were illuminated on Harehills Lane and Roundhay Road on Tuesday 13 November 2018. They were funded using wellbeing funding by Gipton and Harehills councillors.

31. A community café will be launched at the Compton Centre following a successful funding bid which included funding from Gipton and Harehills councillors. It is hoped that this will be running early in the new year, in partnership with Black Health Initiative.

32. During the festive period, the Compton Centre will be delivering a holiday hunger scheme. This initiative will provide free hot meals with a focus on children and young people who would usually access Free School Meals during term time, children in care/on the edge of care or on a child protection plan. The food will be provided by Fareshare and will be cooked and delivered by the schools catering service, and will be served by community Hub staff at the centre. Activities will be provided before and after the sessions by the library service and the Leeds Let's Get Active team. The Compton Centre would welcome anyone willing to volunteer at the session. Please contact Nick Hart on [nick.hart@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nick.hart@leeds.gov.uk) to get involved.

### **Inner East Committee Facebook account**

31. The Communities Team officers have continued to use social media to promote the activities of the Inner East Community Committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. At the time of writing the report, the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page currently has 797 followers. In the past month, the page has reached 4391 people and 771 people have actively engaged with posts.

## **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. Approve the updated terms of reference for the Inner East Environment Sub-group.
3. Note the changes to Christmas bin collections, as contained in Appendix 2.
4. Note the Public Health Locality Update, as contained in Appendix 3.