

**Report of:** Head of Stronger Communities

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

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**For consideration**

### **Inner East Community Committee - Update Report**

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#### **Purpose of report**

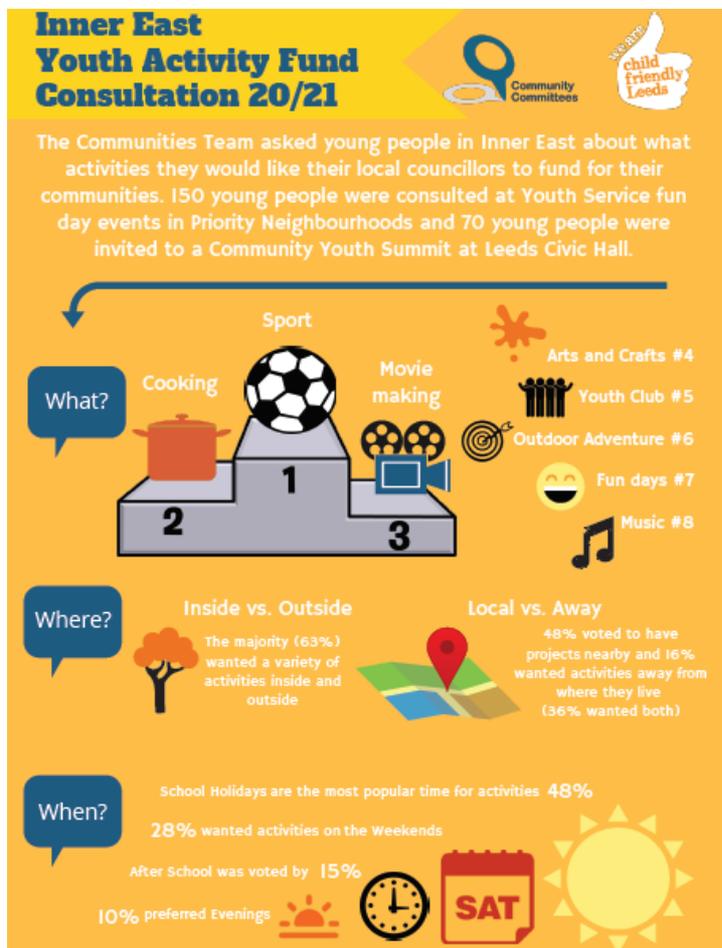
1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

#### **Main issues**

Updates by theme:

#### **Children and Young People: Councillor Salma Arif**

3. The Inner East Youth Summit took place on January 24<sup>th</sup> where over 100 pupils from schools across Inner East Leeds visited Civic Hall to take part in the event. The young people spent the day learning about democracy, sharing their ideas on how youth activity funding should be spent and had a chance to visit the council chamber and ask the Lord Mayor questions.
4. Following on from the event the Communities Voice and Influence Team have produced the following infographic based on the feedback from the youth summit and recent fun day events in the Inner East highlighting what types of activities young people would like to see happening in their area.



5. The 2020/21 Youth Activity Funding (YAF) round took place in January with applications encouraged for groups and organisations delivering youth activities in the Inner East to apply for projects being delivered in to 2020/21 financial year. Following this funding round the Inner East Children and Families Sub-Group chaired by Cllr Arif and attended by Cllr Drinkwater and Cllr Khan met on 17<sup>th</sup> January. In this meeting they made funding recommendations on YAF applications received for consideration by the Community Committee at the March Community Committee meeting.

## Youth Activity Fund Inner East Leeds 2020/21

### DO YOU RUN GREAT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

### THEN WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Inner East Community Committee is looking for partners to run interesting and exciting activities in **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Gipton and Harehills and Killingbeck and Seacroft** which will positively engage children and young people (8-17 years old).

If you are able to provide fun, engaging and learning activities then we want to hear from you.

To be eligible to apply for funding your group must:

- Be a community or voluntary group, a commercial organisation operating on a non-profit basis or a Leeds City Council department

Be registered with the Breeze Culture Network. (If you are not registered it is easy to do so. Go to [www.breezeculturenetwork.org](http://www.breezeculturenetwork.org))

Activities should take place after school hours, at weekends or during school holidays. For more information and an application pack email [Communitycommitteeefunding@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Communitycommitteeefunding@leeds.gov.uk) or phone 0113 3785792.

Closing date for applications: **Friday 7th February 2020.**

## **Environment and Community Safety: Councillor Denise Ragan**

6. The Environment and Community Safety Sub Group meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and was chaired by Cllr Ragan with members and council officers in attendance. Updates were given on local issues around waste, housing and parks and countryside. A presentation was delivered by the parks and countryside team on the current review of the Parks and Green Spaces strategy as well as the public consultation which was ongoing throughout December and January. Further discussions at the meeting included communication of the new waste strategy, weed spraying, self-seeders and cleaning schedules in multi-story blocks.

### **Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour (LASBT)**

7. The LASBT review is almost fully complete with the development of the new noise service awaiting completion. The triage team and process are now up and running and all members have been sent a guide for how to send in future enquires regarding Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). The new ASB multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) is now in place and will take cases and issues fed in through the tasking process which have not been able to be resolved.
8. Working with police, LASBT obtained a Premises Closure Order for Shaftesbury Pool Hall, on Harehills Lane in response to prolific and serious disorder at the premises. A further 3 month extension is to be sought in March and the licence for the premises is currently revoked.
9. Persistent drug related ASB and youth nuisance have been taking place around the residential blocks at Kingsdale Court, Seacroft with the worst affected currently being Farnley House. LASBT are seeking premises Closure Order to close the blocks as soon as they can secure alternative accommodation as 2 of the 12 flats are still occupied. Community Committee Tasking funding has been approved for metal sheeting for the block to ensure it can be secured once the properties are vacated and the closure order is in place.
10. LASBT attended a public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January organised by members of the community who run a Facebook group. The meeting was very well attended and a positive question and answer session was held between members of the audience, officers from West Yorkshire Police (WYP), LASBT and Youth Services plus elected members from Temple Newsam, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Crossgates & Whinmoor wards. Richard Burgon MP was also in attendance. Work is ongoing by all partners to try and resolve the issues of youth anti-social behaviour in the area.
11. LASBT have been working in partnership with WYP in the Harehills area responding to warrants executed by the Police under the Misuse of Drugs Act, following which LASBT have obtained Premises Closure Orders on a further 10 addresses in the area. Moving forward LASBT will be entering into closer working arrangements with the newly formed Selective Licensing Team and looking to work jointly on properties where anti-social behaviour is a prevalent issue.

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Ron Grahame**

### **Locality Based NHS Employability Programme**

12. The Locality Based NHS Employability Programme that connects residents from the Priority Neighbourhoods to jobs in the local anchor hospital, St James's Hospital, delivered in partnership with the employer Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust and Learning Partnerships started its third programme in January. The only promotion that was undertaken was a partnership approach with door to door leaflet drops across the Priority Neighbourhoods. An information session took place at Shakespeare Primary, Lincoln Green on the 29th January. 90 people attended these sessions, 46% (41) were from the Inner East Community Committee area, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill (39), Gipton & Harehills (2) of which 68% (28) were from the Priority Neighbourhoods. There were 36 places on the NHS Employability Programme, 18 (50%) are from the Inner East Community Committee area, of which 67% (12) from the Priority Neighbourhoods.
13. Over 250 people expressed an interest from across the City in attending these events but there were only 90 places. Due to high demand an additional information session was delivered on the 11th February at Ebor Gardens that offered support with direct applications to NHS vacancies with support through Jobshops and the Employment Hub Advisors. 63 people attended this session.
14. In total, 47% (72) people attended the events for the Locality Based NHS Employability Programme from the Inner East:
  - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill - 53 people attended, of which 33 from the Priority Neighbourhoods, (23 Lincoln Green and 10 Clifton & Nowells)
  - Gipton & Harehills – 17 people attended
  - Killingbeck & Seacroft, - 2 people attended
15. Even though there are limited places available on the NHS Employability Programme, everybody who attended these events were offered 1:1 support dependant on their needs and circumstances to help them to meet their goals.

## **Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor David Jenkins and Councillor Asghar Khan**

### **Inner East Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

16. The Inner East Health and Wellbeing Partnership met in January. The meeting was very well attended with Cllr Khan chairing the meeting, over 30 agencies and people coming together to discuss Drugs and Alcohol related issues in the Inner East. Speakers at the meeting included David Wise from Forward Leeds and Anthony Gibson from Recovery Space, followed by table discussions on solutions which are being taken forward.

## **Winter wellbeing**

17. A public facing winter friend's campaign has been launched supporting people who are most at risk of poor health during winter to take positive actions to reduce their risk. This will be achieved by encouraging people to sign up to be a winter friend. They will then be supported to do informal volunteering, share key messages and refer and signpost to relevant services. Anyone can become a winter friend. Once signed up, winter friends will receive a pack full of advice and inspiration.
18. Public Health have worked with Leeds Community Foundation to administer Stay Well This Winter grants to organisations offering additional support to communities over the winter period. There were 25 grants approved and these went to a number of organisations across the city. Visits are to be carried out between February and March to evaluate the projects and feedback will be included in the next report.

## **Clifton and Nowells Womens empowerment group**

19. The group is going from strength to strength with 14 women attending the Christmas party. The crèche provision has enabled more mothers to attend the group and as a result they are now feeling less isolated. Issues have been highlighted by the attendees and the facilitators are now able to support the women by signposting them to the various organisations. The topics covered include healthy eating, budgeting, employment and training. Future sessions will include exercise and general first aid, which includes paediatric first aid.

## **Defibrillator project**

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward will receive a total of 5 community based defibrillators units through this project. With none in place originally, this amount comprises of the allocated 4, plus an additional 1 device based upon health analysis of the ward. Following consultation with Councillors, the following 5 locations have been agreed:

- Mencap
- St Patricks Church
- Learning Partnerships
- Touchstone
- East Leeds Community Sports Club

Gipton & Harehills ward will receive a total of 3 community based defibrillators units through this project, with 1 currently in place at the Compton Centre. Recent consultation with Councillors has identified 3 locations to pursue:

- The Old Fire Station
- Oakwood Lane Medical Practice
- Connect Housing

The installation at these three locations should be completed mid to late March. Installation dates will be communicated with Councillors, venues and the public once these have been confirmed.

## Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

20. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner East Community Committee Facebook page.

### The Communities Team

#### Inner East Community Heroes Celebration Event

21. On January 19<sup>th</sup> the Communities Team supported the Inner East Community Heroes event at Civic Hall. The celebration event was funded by the Inner East Community Committee and both the Inner and Outer East Housing Advisory Panels and saw over 120 people attend from groups and organisations that have received funding over the last year.



## Priority Neighbourhoods

### Boggart Hill

22. The first phase of improvements begins in Rein Park in February; a number of new trees, paths and a performance circle will be installed over the next few weeks. This follows public engagement and consultation on the park and reflects residents requests. Further improvements are scheduled for later this year including; new play equipment and seating and will complement the existing offer for young people in the park of the multi-use games area and the Playbox which runs Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after school.

23. A free 'Beat the Winter Blues' event took place on 15<sup>th</sup> February at Kentmere Community Centre organised by Fall into Place with dance and cooking workshops for adults and children, holistic healing and massage, glitter tattoos and face painting and a free healthy lunch for those attending.

24. Nurture@Kentmere now run the 'Kentmere Coat Exchange' where you swap, take or donate coats, hats and gloves for adults and children.

## **Cliftons and Nowells**

25. Construction work has begun on an extension to Nowell Mount Childrens Centre to create a Youth and Community Hub. Leeds City Council were successful in securing funds from the Home Office, boosted further by Community Infrastructure Levey (CIL) funding allocated by Councillors on the Inner East Community Committee. The project will to enhance the space and create a community and youth centre alongside the existing Children's Centre. This opportunity has arisen from extensive conversations with local people about the need to enhance opportunities and activities for children, young people and the wider community. The extension is due for completion at the end of April 2020.
26. Since January volunteers from CATCH have been supporting two additional youth sessions per week at Nowell Mount. These sessions have proved popular attracting 25-30 young people each night. In addition to the youth activities CATCH are also using these sessions to identify, support and develop a local pool of volunteers and young leaders from the Cliftons and Nowells to take a lead role in delivering activities from the new Youth and Community Hub when it opens in April
27. Over £60,000 has been secured via ward members Community Infrastructure Levey (CIL), Inner East Housing Advisory Panel and Ministry for Communities Housing and Local Government monies to enhance Nowell Mount Park. New recreational play equipment and landscaping is scheduled to be completed by April 2020.
28. Selective Licencing went live in January 2020. The Cliftons and Nowells Core Team and the Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership held a joint workshop in February 2020 to support partners understand the process and implications for the area. Partners were asked to confirm what their offer is to support the implementation of selective licencing and what support they can provide for residents once the inspections start.

## **Lincoln Green**

29. The main focus of the work in Lincoln Green over the last quarter has been around community engagement. Elected members and partners on the Lincoln Green Core Team recognise the need to amplify the community voice and support the active involvement of people who live in the Lincoln Green in the wider neighbourhood improvement agenda.
30. The Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) programme being led by Touchstone in Lincoln Green is starting to show results. Touchstone organised a "You Choose" event in January that brought over 25 residents together to pitch their ideas for community led activities in the neighbourhood. Small sparks funding was distributed at the event via a participatory budgeting process. Nine proposals received support including a gardening and clean up group, a workshop series on "How to establish a strong community", a mother and daughter social club, Women's swimming group, a

community football tournament, a youth music group open day and a programme of activities aimed at the empowerment of women. All the activities will be organised and delivered by people that live in Lincoln Green.

31. The Communities Team are leading a Planning for Real engagement process in Lincoln Green. This well-established technique uses a giant 3D model of the neighbourhood (made by Year 5 pupils from Shakespeare Primary School) as a focal point for residents to put their ideas forward to improve the area. A series of consultation drop in events are being held throughout February to gather people's views and build up connections with residents. In March residents will be invited back to look at all the ideas that have been put forward to prioritise them and ultimately develop an action plan for the area. Residents will then continue to work alongside the Council and partners on the Lincoln Team Core Team to deliver and develop the ideas in the plan.
32. A significant number of properties in the Nowells were identified that didn't have a black bin, in this instance to put this right local ward members have allocated funding to purchase new black bins, which the Refuse Teams have been delivering. As part of this scheme all the bins in the area will be labelled with the house number so that it is clear which bin belongs where.

## **Target Wards**

### **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill**

33. The Communities Team have been working with Richmond Hill Academy to support them in opening a Richmond Hill Academy 'Community Hub' in the café space within the school. An external entrance/exit to the café has been built on the front of the school, making it accessible and community-facing. The Communities Team have worked closely with the school and local partners to develop a timetable of activities and services at the hub. The hub was officially launched on 24th January 2020.
34. Leeds United Foundation have commenced the roll out of their KICKs project in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, which will provide a 7 day-a-week football session offer and a mentoring programme. Funding was secured from the Violence Reduction Unit, Wellbeing funding, Veolia RERF and the Inner East Cluster. Leeds United are working closely with a number of schools in the ward to finalise the 7-day delivery programme and their mentoring programme
35. The Communities Team, LASBT and the Police continue to drive multi-agency work in response to Anti-Social Behaviour and community safety concerns in geographies of concern. A multi-agency working group was established, with a mix of restorative and enforcement partners, to enable an intensive focus on these issues and the development of a programme of interventions. This was supplemented further through the support of the Spear NEET programme, which is operating out of Bridge Community Church. The scheme coordinators have been proactive with seeking referrals from local agencies and also accompanying Youth Service out within these neighbourhoods to do

outreach work. A Rethink Formulation session was held in January 2020, to explore the local issues in more detail.

## **Gipton and Harehills**

36. A Greener Gipton and Harehills Campaign was launched on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, starting with a litter pick and planting day in the Wyke Beck Valley in Gipton. The campaign seeks to create a greener ward with projects that both help to tackle the climate emergency and make Gipton and Harehills a greener place to live and will aim to deliver the following:

- Plant 1000 trees in the ward during 2020; working with children, young people and the community as part of community planting events.
- Promote and offer opportunities for cycling.
- Invest in a number of the ward's parks and green spaces.
- Work with local environmental groups to plant wildflower beds and bulbs.
- To create a 'green mural' in Harehills.
- And much more.



37. The Gipton Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership (GNIP) have revisited their action plan to focus on developing the Henry Barran Community Centre, a large community event in summer, the Greener Gipton campaign and a residents survey that will be delivered through local partners and will inform the future action plan of the GNIP.

38. The Preventing Youth Violence grant funding panel allocated £58,558 to sessions for young people from Harehills who are at risk of becoming involved in youth violence. The panel approved a variety of projects and activities that included outreach, sports, DJing, radio and broadcasting, construction and workshops. Activities began in January 2020 and will conclude by the end of March 2020. Some projects included a capital investment, meaning that work will young people who may be at risk can continue to be supported and diverted from potential youth violence.

39. Selective Licensing came into force in Harehills on 6th January 2020 whereby landlords will be required to have applied for a Selective Licence for each of their properties in the designated areas. Since it came into force, a Strategic Selective Licensing Board has been set up and is chaired by Cllr Coupar, as well as a Selective Licensing Task Force. The scheme has been promoted by leaflet drops, advertising, emails, social media and community engagement. Licence applications have also started to be processed. The Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership, alongside the Cliftons and Nowells

Core Team and members of the Gipton Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership will be to look at what can collectively be done to take the opportunity to make a difference to residents' lives in the area.

40. The Intensive Engagement Project that has been underway in the Sandhursts and Dorsets in north Harehills has now concluded. This project saw a partnership of officers from West Yorkshire Police, the Communities Team and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) working together with local residents, Hovingham Primary school and partners to bring local people together to lead positive change to their area. Following a number of engagement sessions that took place, a review of the findings is currently being undertaken by the West Yorkshire Police and an update will be provided in a future report.
41. The Community Standards Campaign sought to develop a communications campaign to help embed a common set of community standards to be piloted in Harehills and is now under review, measuring its success against benchmarks initially set. The designs can still be seen across Harehills, with the bin stickers being the most prevalent. Initial feedback from residents has been that the positive and colourful imagery has been welcomed by the community.

### **Killingbeck and Seacroft**

The derelict 'Gate' public house site has been an eyesore on the edge of the Boggart Hill, in Seacroft, for many years. Despite extensive enforcement activity and several tentative proposals for redevelopment, the site has only deteriorated and continued to blight the area. The site has been highlighted by local councillors and the community as a major issue and opportunity for improving the local area. Following intensive partnership work by the Core Team in Boggart Hill, Leeds City Council agreed to take action on this site which has led to the council purchasing the property and demolition of the derelict building has now commenced.

Whilst the site offers some opportunity for new housing, acquisition and demolition of the site also offers the potential to consider a wider site redevelopment within the context of the priority neighbourhood. Local ward members and council services are fully committed to maximising the community benefit of this site in redevelopment plans and we will be looking to work with the community to determine the sites best future use.

### **Updates from Key Services**

#### **Community Hubs**

#### **Compton Centre**

42. The Healthy Holidays programme took place over the Christmas period, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec the children/families enjoyed activities and a Christmas dinner followed by a visit by Santa. Each child was given a present. £350 funding from local councillors was secured to provide presents for the children over the Christmas period who attended the events and the Healthy Holiday programme.
43. Compton's Got talent took place on 31/12/19 with 12 acts performing dance, signing, jokes and poems. The local Councillors donated £100 for prizes.

44. £2500 Wellbeing funding has been awarded from the Inner East Community Committee to purchase a Teqball table which will enhance the activities already in place for young people.

### **Deacon House**

45. The Seacroft Tesco has donated three dolls houses worth £70 each. The team at Deacon House now have one in the children's library and homes have been found for the other two at Seacroft Community on Top (SCOT) at the Denis Healy Centre and Nurture at Kentmere.

46. Deacon House is taking part in trialling a new way of awarding food through the Local Welfare Support Scheme, by which a customer will be able to collect 1, 2 or 3 bags of food from their local community hub. The trial will initially take place in Headingley, Yeadon, Pudsey, Seacroft North and Seacroft South. These hubs have been selected for the initial trial as these are the areas of Leeds that Fareshare find it almost impossible to deliver to. If the trial is successful, this process will be rolled out to all community hubs in Leeds before the end of the financial year.

### **Housing Leeds**

47. The Inner East Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) meet every eight weeks at Spring Close Gardens Burmantofts. There are ten members on the panel with no vacancies. However one member has resigned and from April 2020 there will be one vacancy from the Burmantofts ward. HAP would like to say a big thank you to Michael for all his hard work over the last 6 years.

48. Since the last Inner East Community Committee the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel has supported 4 community and 2 environmental related projects. Funded projects include:

- ESOL at Leeds Refugee forum
- Anti-climb paint and sign at Denbighs Gipton
- 16 Days of action against DV workshops run by West Yorkshire Police
- Ping pong at Boston Towers
- Planters Brecon Court
- The Inner East Community Heroes celebration event

### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

49. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

#### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

50. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the

wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

51. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

52. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

53. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

54. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

### **Conclusions**

55. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

### **Recommendations**

56. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

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

57. None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.