

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

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

Sub Group Nominations

3. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Inner South Community Committee Sub Groups for 2021/22. The 2020/21 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Environmental & Community Safety	3	Cllr Groves, Cllr Iqbal, Cllr Gabriel (Chair).	Cllr Gabriel (Env) Cllr Iqbal (Comm Safety)
Children & Family	3	Cllr Blake, Cllr Wray, Cllr Scopes (Chair).	Cllr Scopes
Health & Wellbeing	3	N/A – new sub group.	Cllr Truswell (Health & Wellbeing) Cllr Almass (Adult Social Care)

- Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Inner South Community Committee Sub Groups.

Updates by theme:

Children and Families - Champion: Councillor Scopes

Children and Families Sub Group Meeting

- The Inner South Children and Families Sub Group met on the 26th May 2021, via Zoom.
- A presentation on *Childrens Health - Infection rate and how young people and the local community have been affected by COVID-19* was delivered by Public Health. As of 26th May, there had been no major outbreaks in Inner South, with the rates amongst young people reducing since the return to school, thought to be due to the increased testing. There are regular reviews of positive schools with a weekly incident management team meeting, which is ready to take action around new variants of concern.
- The recent outbreaks in schools for Inner South were:
 - Beeston & Holbeck – 2 schools
 - Middleton Park – 2 schools
 - Hunslet & Riverside – 1 school
- Around the wider impact on children and young people, a wellbeing survey found that the pandemic has significantly impacted their mental health, with 32% saying that their mental health had deteriorated. Various resources such as Mindmate and Mental Health First Aid Training were highlighted.

9. Another area of concern for children and young people's is childhood obesity, with the potential for weight gain/lack of activity during lockdown. The data will be reported back in May/June 2022 by Public Health and fed back to the community committee.
10. The results from the virtual YAF consultation were discussed, informing spend for 2021/22 and allowing partners to factor this into their activity planning. The report and infographic has been shared with members and organisations for their information. The most popular activities in descending order were: sport, fun days, dance, football and cooking. **(Please see Appendix 1).**
11. The next meeting of the Children and Families Sub Group will be on 16th September, via MS Teams.

Breeze Pass Annual Membership Summary – Breeze Card Update

12. Breezecard has traditionally been a free card since 2000, it has given discount at leisure centres, council leisure facilities, acts as a junior library card, and gives free access to Breeze summer events.
13. Over the last 6 months we have carried out consultation across the city and engaged a Leeds based Branding company to look at Breeze and what it is as a brand and what direction it needs to take now to continue to be a strong recognised Brand for young people and families in Leeds.
14. To make that next step to improve the offer of the card, move to smart mobile technology, an annual fee of **£5 per year** (whilst still free to those economically disadvantaged) will now be introduced.
15. The existing offers and discounts for Breezecard are limited and with little resources allocated to it, public perception of the card shows there is minimal value to it other than leisure centre discounts and access to Breeze summer events.
16. The introduction of a fee based membership will be based on feedback from young people and their parents who have indicated an appetite for an extended offer which will be made accessible through a new website and app and a refreshed communication strategy to deliver the comprehensive offer.
17. The Breeze card will now become the **Breeze Pass**



18. The Vision:

The vision for Breeze Membership is to give all children and young people in Leeds access to a wide range of rich and diverse cultural and sporting activities through a range of free, discounted and VIP access to services, to make Leeds the best city for young people to grow up in.

19. The Aims:

- Providing opportunity for all children and young people to access quality provision by working with cultural, sporting and commercial leisure sectors in Leeds to offer discounted or free access to services and activities with a Breeze Leeds membership.
- Removing barriers for those most vulnerable and in need, to ensure all young people can access Breeze membership benefits in an inclusive and equitable way.
- Offering engaging, accessible and easy to use communication channels with information about membership benefits, discounts, Breeze events as well as other services from partners across the city.
- Ensuring young people are consulted with and at the heart of what we do, offering them the opportunity to shape and develop the cultural and sporting offer in Leeds.

20. The Strategy:

- To introduce a paid annual membership to Breeze, to add value and credibility to the scheme.
- To offer a free membership to children on free school meals.
- Re-brand the membership to position it as a new product but maintain links with the quality recognition of the events and services provided by Breeze.
- To engage with council services and the commercial sector to secure discounts (annual and seasonal) or exclusive VIP offers (early bird ticketing, VIP packages) in areas of:
 - Family and young people leisure venues
 - Visitor attractions and museums
 - Leisure centres and sporting facilities
 - Cinemas and theatres
 - Play Centres
 - Holiday events and activities
 - Sporting events (Leeds United and Leeds Rhinos)
 - Concerts and festivals
 - Shops
 - Food venues
- Redevelop the website to support the new brand and its offer and sign up, to ensure it is engaging and attractive to the target audience.
- Develop an app to support the membership along with push notifications of new offers and promotions.
- Devise a successful 'launch' marketing campaign through schools, digital platforms and through cultural and sporting venues.
- Develop a full communication strategy to continually support the services provided by the membership to be focused on social media and digital communications.

- To establish a young people's project team to be able to continually consult and support development of Breeze and all its services.

Environment and Community Safety - Champions: Cllr Gabriel (Environment), Cllr Iqbal (Community Safety)

Environment and Community Safety Sub Group

21. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met via MS Teams on 15th June 2021.
22. Topics such as ongoing quad bike nuisance, drug dealing and antisocial behaviour, stop and search for speeding cars, noise nuisance, selective licensing issues, bin collection failures, grass cutting issues, consistency and follow through of reports from Housing *walkabouts*, ongoing vacancy situation within Cleaner Neighbourhoods and requests for yearly deep cleans for LCC housing estates were all discussed, with council officers taking away issues to investigate and update the sub group on.
23. The Inner South Neighbourhood Policing (NPT) Inspector is now managing the Off Road Bike Team city-wide, so this resource should be able to be more effectively deployed in Inner South, helping with some of the ongoing issues with quad bikes.
24. The NPT also stressed the importance of continuing to report drug dealing. **101 Online** is the most effective way of reporting, but the NPT need corroborating evidence such as vehicle license plate numbers, to follow up reports and successfully prosecute.
25. Elected members were also informed that they can sign up to the **Police Intelligence Portal link** – this is a way for partners to directly share intelligence with West Yorkshire Police around serious and organised crime.
26. This is targeted at serious and organised crime (SOC) so not appropriate for all intelligence, but can be done through the below link:
<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/partnership-intelligence-portal>
27. The next meeting of the sub group will be on the 5th October 2021 (via MS Teams).

Employment and Skills Update: Inner South

28. The Universal Credit claimant count is updated monthly and is therefore a useful measure for contributing to our understanding of the economic changes and impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on our communities. For information, please see below, the latest headline information on the number of people claiming Universal Credit at city level with further detail included in the attached document on the numbers for both in and out-of-work claimants at ward level.

29. The provisional figures for the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Leeds local authority area in May 2021 is 75,010 which is 14.5% of the working age population.

30. This includes all claimants whether they are in employment or not in employment and is an increase of 887 claimants on the previous month. (112% increase since March 2020).

31. The revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds that were unemployed in April 2021 is 47,061, which is 9.2% of the working age population.

32. This represents a reduction of 316 on the previous month. (99% increase since March 2020).

(The data used to compile this information was published by DWP on 15 July 2021)

People on Universal Credit

	Working Age Population 2019	March 2020		March 2021		April 2021 (r)		May 2021 (p)	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Adel & Wharfedale	10967	371	3.4%	894	8.2%	905	8.3%	919	8.4%
Alwoodley	13242	572	4.3%	1345	10.2%	1337	10.1%	1350	10.2%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	14717	646	4.4%	1525	10.4%	1503	10.2%	1510	10.3%
Armley	16953	2203	13.2%	4408	26.0%	4412	26.0%	4462	26.3%
Beeston & Holbeck	17612	2004	11.5%	3921	22.3%	3919	22.3%	4005	22.7%
Bramley & Stanningley	14753	1474	10.0%	2852	19.3%	2840	19.3%	2860	19.4%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	18413	2957	16.4%	5415	29.4%	5397	29.3%	5509	29.9%
Calverley & Farsley	14489	565	3.9%	1414	9.8%	1416	9.8%	1423	9.8%
Chapel Allerton	16571	1439	8.7%	2961	17.9%	2975	18.0%	3005	18.1%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	13683	1028	7.4%	2045	14.9%	2045	14.9%	2059	15.0%
Farnley & Wortley	15350	1304	8.5%	2682	17.5%	2665	17.4%	2681	17.5%
Garforth & Swillington	11575	412	3.5%	968	8.4%	949	8.2%	958	8.3%
Gipton & Harehills	20237	3230	16.3%	6954	34.4%	6932	34.3%	7023	34.7%
Guiselley & Rawdon	13781	353	2.5%	961	7.0%	939	6.8%	949	6.9%
Harewood	10208	152	1.5%	468	4.6%	453	4.4%	437	4.3%
Headingley & Hyde Park	29651	763	2.5%	2181	7.4%	2124	7.2%	2117	7.1%
Horsforth	13427	425	3.2%	973	7.2%	955	7.1%	968	7.2%
Hunslet & Riverside	21278	1959	9.3%	3920	18.4%	3903	18.3%	3984	18.7%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	15268	1985	13.2%	3583	23.5%	3571	23.4%	3597	23.6%
Kippax & Methley	12815	590	4.6%	1315	10.3%	1309	10.2%	1342	10.5%
Kirkstall	16091	1105	6.8%	2423	15.1%	2414	15.0%	2431	15.1%
Little London & Woodhouse	31932	1153	3.7%	2340	7.3%	2350	7.4%	2388	7.5%
Middleton Park	17717	2159	12.3%	4225	23.8%	4234	23.9%	4284	24.2%
Moortown	14257	531	3.7%	1322	9.3%	1306	9.2%	1336	9.4%
Morley North	13880	647	4.6%	1444	10.4%	1433	10.3%	1454	10.5%
Morley South	14448	838	5.9%	1815	12.6%	1783	12.3%	1798	12.4%
Otley & Yeadon	12812	582	4.5%	1324	10.3%	1321	10.3%	1329	10.4%
Pudsey	15152	877	5.8%	1910	12.6%	1894	12.5%	1889	12.5%
Rothwell	12085	604	4.9%	1392	11.5%	1387	11.5%	1411	11.7%
Roundhay	14243	674	4.7%	1468	10.3%	1449	10.2%	1473	10.3%
Temple Newsam	12833	978	7.6%	1961	15.3%	1947	15.2%	1972	15.4%
Weetwood	14348	587	4.1%	1335	9.3%	1316	9.2%	1329	9.3%
Wetherby	11266	293	2.6%	768	6.8%	737	6.5%	756	6.7%
Leeds	516054	35450	6.9%	74515	14.4%	74123	14.4%	75010	14.5%
Yorkshire & The Humber	3419608	277920	8.1%	520442	15.2%	519305	15.2%	524135	15.3%
England	35116566	2591995	7.4%	5198433	14.8%	5186098	14.8%	5232350	14.9%

Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit (both employed and unemployed)

The figures are a count of the number of people on Universal Credit on the second Thursday of each month – 13 May in this instance.

Rate shows the number of claimants as a percentage of the working age population.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care - Champions: Cllr Truswell (Health & Wellbeing) and Cllr Almass (Adult Social Care)

Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

33. In order to provide the health & wellbeing and ASC champions with more frequent and relevant updates, it was proposed by the Communities Team to launch a health and wellbeing sub group as a vehicle for delivering this information and to also provide an opportunity for the champions to look at the health and wellbeing issues in a more focussed way.
34. The sub-group is currently in the planning stages and is hoped to launch following the first municipal meeting of the year. The sub-group would cover the whole of the Inner South, with a representative from each ward and will report back to the community committee, in line with the other sub groups, with Public Health, ASC and the Communities Team jointly supporting the group.
35. In order to avoid duplication of the work that is currently being done in other health related groups, it has been suggested that one way forward would be to focus on the health priorities in Inner South and what is being done to address inequalities. This could possibly be done by choosing a topic relevant to Inner South and focussing on this topic for a whole year enabling councillors to really get to grips with the issue. It was suggested that holding wider open forum events involving public, third sector and community groups would assist in this approach.
36. Community engagement around health in Inner South was felt to be important in deciding what to focus on. As Public Health have ongoing consultation around the Health Needs Assessments etc, rather than doing additional work it was suggested that forum members could get involved with this consultation if they wished. A larger indoor consultation was discussed, but it was felt that this could be looked at again when the COVID situation allows.
37. Several health related priorities were suggested as potential topics to focus on and members have agreed to identify their top priorities for the coming year. In addition to these initial suggestions, Public Health are going to circulate additional topics for members to consider.
38. As there are also a number of health services being commissioned by Leeds City Council working in the Inner South, members felt it was also important for the sub group to have a monitoring role and public health have undertaken to make sure these partners are invited to engage with the sub group.

Belle Isle and Middleton Third Sector Covid Response Group

39. The group had further meetings in March and April with a focus on supporting each other and sharing examples of work that is happening across the area. Links continue to be made between organisations allowing for greater support for residents. A particular focus of the April meeting was on the high rate of COVID-19 cases in the ward and the group looked at particular ways this could be tackled with their client groups. Feedback from the group was given to the Communities Team to feed into the Middleton Park engagement plan.

Community Network Meeting Beeston and Holbeck and Hunslet and Riverside

40. Following the success of the Belle and Middleton catch up group a further group has been set up to cover the wards of Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside.

41. The first meeting took place on 31 March with excellent attendance from a wide range of partners from the voluntary, community and faith sectors. Meetings take place on a monthly basis with opportunities for partners to work jointly on a number of initiatives to benefit those living in the ward.

42. Subsequent meetings took place on 12 May and 9 June where initiatives were developed through the partnership such as a 40-stall farmers 'craft' market coming to Cross Flatts Park on 17 July and a 'Grub Crawl' is being developed where organisations with community cafes open their doors to community network partners to let them have insight into their workings as many delegates in the group haven't visited each other's venues before.

43. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7th of July.

44. An additional meeting is being set up for both groups to attend with a focus on vaccination hesitancy. The training session will aim to cover all organisations working within the Inner South area and will offer information to help partners give consistent messages around the ongoing vaccination programme.

COVID-19 focused work

45. Beeston PCN and Middleton PCN have reported concerns in COVID-19 vaccination take-up rates. There is a Health Inequalities Vaccination Plan in operation for both areas. As part of this approach, key stakeholders within both communities have been offered and have received vaccination training. This training gives recipients the latest scientific information on issues raised as being pertinent to the community. The vaccination bus is part of the approach and Beeston Hill, beside Hamara was the pilot site. The pilot was successful and is being rolled out in other areas of low vaccination uptake. In inner south, the bus was also located in Holbeck. In the next few weeks, the bus will be revisiting sites to ensure people can receive their second vaccination.

46. The testing centres at St Georges and Rowland Road Working Men's Club continue to be used by the community.

Better Together

47. The Better Together providers have continued delivering food parcels, making welfare calls and offering emotional support to those people in need. With the advent of the 3rd lockdown, the majority of group provision reverted to online delivery. Better Together have continued supporting the local communities in their work and continued with efforts to reach out to new people, surpassing targets set for this year. Unsurprisingly their work with individuals has revealed much emotional and mental distress. There remains a number of families heavily dependent on food, fuel, baby items and clothing provision.

Middleton Park Community Care Hub

48. Hamara are continuing in their role as the Community Care Hub for Middleton Park ward area. Demand for their food parcels and hot meals service has seen an exponential growth. Figures for November showed 631 food parcels delivered and a total of 2006 hot meals provided. These figures are not represented in the official LWSS service as people, having learnt of the provision are generally turning up for food. Hamara have kindly shared this information.

Beeston & Holbeck Community Care Hub

49. Slung Low have continued to provide food parcels to over 300 referrals in Beeston & Holbeck on a weekly basis each Wednesday, however the service will end at the end of June and Hamara will pick up any referrals for Beeston & Holbeck ward. Recipients of food parcels have been given plenty of notice and we have arranged for an information leaflet which signposts to other organisations and sources of support to be sent out with recent food parcels

50. They have also recently concluded an electricity and gas fuel vouchers project, which saw £5,625 distributed to residents dealing with fuel poverty, exacerbated by the pandemic. These top up vouchers & grants for individual pre-paid fuel cards were funded by a grant from the Government Covid-19 funding which was allocated to Beeston & Holbeck ward.

Hunslet & Riverside Community Care Hub

51. Involve Leeds have continued to act as a hub, providing food parcels and welfare phone calls for those referred onto us through LWSS. Numbers of referrals have varied as we move out of lockdown but we are still sending parcels out to people.

52. They are supporting those who have tested positive for Covid, have underlying health concerns and have been identified as vulnerable, those for whom there has been a break down in their benefits (not arrived, the right information is outstanding), those with no recourse to public funds and a range of exceptions - new to area; fleeing

domestic violence; personal circumstances which have led to rent / utilities and food all being needed at the same time, family breakdown leading to financial worries, mental health issues, prison release and unemployment as some work places are closing post furlough.

53. In addition they provided extra food and recipe cards and ingredients over the Easter holidays to families referred on to us from other agencies (including schools), worried about food poverty.
54. They want to continue to offer support if needed but also want to support the community move into greater independence by making links between families and other services - through a chat and a cuppa hopefully (as allowed).

Your Space

55. Your Space have again evolved to provide their services online. Given the mental fragility of some of the members, they are using a person-centred approach to determine the type of provision required, online or physical groups. The groups are nature walks. They expect a small number of people will need the physical support.
56. End of year monitoring shows an over-performing mental health initiative in terms of improving service users' mental health, making connections and having a positive social experience. People also report being able to take positive action to self-care. A few notes from the report follow:

Demographically, Year 2 reliance on digital means of interaction and communication has impacted on demographic data collection, with the majority of people declining to disclose. Nevertheless:

- 79% of all contacts during year 1 and year 2 as originating from people resident in Leeds most deprived communities.
- There is a fairly even proportional split in gender.
- Of those attending group activities during year 2, 50% were aged 45-64.
- Knowing there is a fairly even proportional gender divide, illuminates the strong possibility that Your Space has successfully targeted and has engaged older aged men, who are more at risk of poor mental health.
- White British ethnicity is more commonly reported, with some use from the Pakistani community.
- 72% of the attendees are reporting a type of disability
- Further targeting of work is required in the future to engage younger women.

Connection - A combined total of 11,180 people connected to Your Space over the two years in operation; with year 1 recording 2529 meaningful contacts with people and year 2 recording 8651. This combined total includes outreach, group activities and training.

Group activities: 385 people accessed the group activities in year one; some people attending more than one session or more than one block of sessions, resulting in 794 attendances to groups. 912 attendances to group activities were recorded in year 2. Your Space engaged 32 new people using group activities in year 2. There is approximately 105 people being repeat users, defined as attending more than 3 activities per week, calculated over the 2 years.

A key consideration of any initiative is sustainability. This model uses two approaches to contribute to the sustainability of Your Space. Co-production and volunteering. Co-production of activities has over-performed in year 2 against the yearly target of 12, with 39 co-produced activities delivered in year 2. There are 24 volunteers for Your Space. Two people in year 2 have moved towards the establishment of their own groups, with the supportive help of Your Space.

For further information please contact Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk

Beeston and Middleton Local Care Partnership

There are now three sub groups formed from this partnership;

57. Increasing digital inclusion among older people with a health care access perspective. This group is piloting a test and learn model of developing a digital health hub. If successful, this model will be rolled out across the city. The steering group comprises, LCP Development manager (Chair), 100% Digital Leeds, Age UK, Central Forum and Public Health. The basic notion of the hub model is for one organisation to lead for an area referring an interested person to a participating organisation of their choosing. A grant award application form is live with current indications of 5 organisations across the inner south expressing strong interest in applying.
58. Mental health and wellbeing. An asset map is currently underway, which will also ascertain the service provision knowledge of the group. Discussions within the group have focused on evidence base, key indicators and a target cohort. Agreement has been made to focus action on Children and Families. Key indicators are now being collected as baseline measures. Work to develop priorities and an action plan have begun. Chair: Clinical Director for Middleton
59. Health Inequalities Bid. The CCG has awarded a group formed from the LCP £50k to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on low income communities. Steering group members include: Health for All (Chair), Involve Leeds, LCP Development Manager and Public Health. The project aims to connect local people with local opportunities in mentoring, shadowing and volunteering with a view to expanding a persons' interests, skill set and horizons. A 'People and Partnership's coordinator' post is entering the final stages of recruitment. It's envisioned that the post holder will work with people looking to gain experience or new skills and will facilitate links between them and local opportunities.

Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) Progress Report (City-Wide)

60. Inner South as a collective was allocated 8 defibrillator cabinets through this city-wide programme of work. All of these 8 units have now been successfully installed, through consultation with elected members, and the collaboration of community venues in the areas. Below is a breakdown of the status according to ward:

Beeston & Holbeck

61. Beeston & Holbeck was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work. Defibrillators have all now been installed at Cottingley Community Centre, St Andrews Church Hall, Holbeck Together and Beeston Library.

Middleton Park:

62. Middleton Park was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work. This has now been completed and defibrillators installed at Belle Isle Working Men's Club, Greedy Monkeys Café, St Cross Parish Church and St George's Centre.

Inner South Community Committee CIL Funded Defibrillators

63. Hunslet & Riverside ward

15 defibrillators were approved by the committee, to be installed at venues in the ward suggested by Hunslet & Riverside ward members.

So far defibrillators have been installed at:

- Al-Madina Mosque, (Bangladeshi Centre)
- Woodhouse Hill Community Centre
- The Hunslet Club
- Gurdawara (Guru Nanak)
- Church of the Nazarene
- H2010 Housing Development
- Hunslet Community Hub
- Church of the Nazarene (Lupton Street)
- Hamara Healthy Living Centre
- Rowland Road WMC
- Joseph Priestley (Burton Road)
- KMWA Community Centre (Hardy Street)

The remaining 3 locations suggested by members were not viable, so 3 new locations are currently in progress, including Crescent Grange and Beeston Hill United Free Church.

Middleton Park

64. The committee also approved 2 additional defibrillators for Middleton Park ward, at venues to be suggested by Middleton Park members.

Sainsburys, (near Middleton Park Circus) has been installed, with a named guardian at this site, whilst the second location - **Hunslet Delivery Office** are keen to host a defibrillator, but are awaiting permission from head office.

Community Engagement:

Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck ward

65. Engagement in the Beeston & Holbeck ward has stepped up since the last Community Committee meeting, taking the form of door knocking residential properties and visiting local businesses across the ward.

In the week commencing 19 April, we targeted Holbeck and parts of Beeston door knocking, to help promote the mobile Covid vaccination centre at St Matthew's Community Centre, where qualifying residents could get their first dose of vaccine. This engagement was featured on the evening news, on ITV's Calendar programme.

66. We also visited independent businesses in Beeston, Holbeck and Cottingley to distribute disposable face masks so shopkeepers could give them to customers who failed to bring one with them. Approximately 1,000 were distributed between 21-23 April.

Community Engagement - Hunslet & Riverside Ward

Beeston Hill Residents Meeting

67. Beeston Hill Residents virtual meeting was held on Zoom on Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021, 6:30pm. Local residents received updates from councillors, Police, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, and Leeds Anti-Social Behavior Team, Dewsbury Road Community Hub and the Communities Team. Discussions, amongst other topics, included the increase in begging, increased fly tipping and dumping of waste, anti-knife crime initiatives and adherence to social distancing rules.

68. The next meeting will held on 5th of July on Zoom.

Hunslet Moor & Hall Residents Meeting

69. Hunslet Moor Residents virtual meeting was held on Monday 21st June 2021 on Zoom. Residents received updates from local ward councillors and were able to share their concerns with both councillors and other partners working in the area.

70. A full update will be provided at the next community committee meeting on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

Improving Brickfield Park

71. In total 46 responses were received to the online Brickfield Park Improvement Survey. The feedback provided detailed insights into who uses the park, what they use it for, what's liked about the greenspace and what improvements could be made to enhance users' experience.

72. In addition to the online consultation, local residents from the community and groups and organisations are proposing a listening campaign to deepen and widen community engagement around improving the park. It is hoped this listening campaign will also create greater community ownership of the park as a whole, and the improvements made to it. Alongside this, a schedule of works will be developed in collaboration with residents, ward members and officers from Parks & Countryside, Communities and Active Leeds.

Community Engagement - Middleton Park Ward

Improving the New Forest Village Plantations

73. In total 265 responses were received to the New Forest Village Plantation improvement survey. The feedback provided detailed insights into who uses the Plantations, what they are used for, what's liked about the greenspace and what improvements could be made to enhance users' experience.

Drawing on this, Parks & Countryside officers alongside ward members were able to develop a draft schedule of improvement works which were shared with residents via post for their comment in March.

With Covid-19 restrictions now easing, it's hoped that the final stage of the consultation will be held publically in late August, giving residents the opportunity to discuss the improvement plans and their ideas with ward members and officer directly.

Love Where You Live: Belle Isle & Middleton

Westwood's Working Group

74. Westwood partners have been working hard to develop a newsletter for residents living on the Westwood estate. The newsletter will include articles about the latest Better Homes Yorkshire schemes that both homeowners and tenants can access to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, updates on the garage improvement scheme which has seen the demolition of 65 unused garages on the Westwood estate, replaced with 70 car parking spaces and information on the Council's support

service for private rented tenants. The newsletter is set to be distributed in the coming months.

Community Engagement: Social Media

75. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page and COVID-19 ward groups.

Community Engagement

Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards

Beeston and Holbeck

Holbeck Core Group

76. The first edition of Holbeck's Community News newsletter was hand delivered by the Communities Team and local partners on 24 March and distributed to 700 households across the priority neighbourhood.

Driven through the Holbeck Core Group, the six page newsletter included a variety of locally focused articles about Holbeck Moor, employment support, an award winning local primary school, active lifestyles (football, table tennis, explorer), neighbourhood policing, Housing Advisory Panel funding allocations, improvements to housing stock and useful contacts. The Communities Team will begin collating articles for the summer edition soon, with plans to distribute to local residents by late June.

77. Following a review of Local Centres Programmes across the city, funding for the Holbeck LCP has been confirmed and a scheme is starting to be developed.

78. A steering group of local councillors, Council officers and partners has also been established to look at potential improvements to Holbeck Moor to make it a destination rather than somewhere you pass through. The wish list of improvements includes improving linkages to the local housing estates, improved planting, paths and lighting, reducing noise and air pollution, and introducing new equipment to make it a multi-functional space. Further consultation will take place and funding opportunities will be explored over the coming months.

Middleton Park

Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

79. The Belle Isle and Middleton NIB met in late April with an agenda that predominantly focused on the needs of the ward's children and young people after it was highlighted by several key partners that the pandemic has caused significant disruption to young people's learning, development and mental wellbeing. Through January's Digital Exclusion in Focus meeting, we were already acutely aware of the digital divide preventing some of the ward's young people from learning at home. To tackle this,

ward members used Covid-19 Discretionary Funding to provide approximately 40 laptops to three schools identified as needing equipment. In addition to this LCC Library and Hub team formed a partnership with PC Crew, providing another 48 digital devices for local school children.

80. At April's NIB, focus turned to an easing of Covid-19 restrictions and discussions with school Clusters, LCC Youth Services and our third sector partners stressed the importance of a return to face to face activities. With the results of the YAF consultation due and the Healthy Holidays summer funding round in progress, these will be explored as tools to increase face to face youth activity.

Belle Isle and Middleton Local Engagement Plan

81. At the January Belle Isle and Middleton NIB meeting, Public Health presented the Covid-19 case rate data for the ward, this showed that the infection rate for Belle Isle and Middleton was significantly higher than the Leeds average. It was decided that a separate meeting was needed between key partners in the ward to identify and understand the possible factors attributing to the rise in infections. A series of meetings coordinated by LCC Communities Team and Public Health were held in February, March and April in which a Local Engagement Plan was developed detailing a set of actions to share awareness of the Covid-19 infection rate, key messages and support with residents.

Actions included:

- A letter sent on behalf of Middleton Park ward members to all residents in the ward notifying them of the higher than average infection rates, key Covid-19 guidance and important information about where to go to access support.
- Environmental Health led on the deployment of Covid Marshals to local shops and takeaways where reports had been received of low / no compliance with Covid-19 guidance. The Covid Marshals were able to supply shops with posters, provide guidance around the implementation of one-way systems and other types of practical support and where necessary raise concerns with Environmental Health for further investigation.
- Housing Leeds, BITMO and the local Primary Care Network send text messages and emails to all residents and patients notifying them of the higher than average infection rates, the importance of following Covid guidance and information on where to go to access support including financial support to self-isolate.
- Leeds City Council Corporate Communications Team secured funding to increase high-street signage in high footfall areas such as Middleton Circus and Belle Isle parade instructing members of the public to remain socially distanced and to wear masks in shops etc.

- LCC Library & Community Hub Team were able to secure 20,000 masks to be included in the Healthy Holiday packs going to families in Belle Isle and Middleton with children on free school meals over Easter.
- LCC Communities Team distributed over 1,000 masks to local shops and business in the ward to support with mask compliance issues

The Local Engagement Plan helped to mobilise resources quickly and further build on the strong working relationships between LCC directorates and local third sector partners.

Hunslet & Riverside

Beeston Hill Core Group.

82. The Beeston Hill Core group last met on 22 March to review the 'Big Asks' made to the directorates through the Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB), which represent the most significant challenges in the Beeston Hill priority neighbourhood. Continued investment in improving the bin yards was considered to be one of the main priorities, due to the subsequent environmental problems that impacts local residents and the look and feel of the area.
83. A number of services and partners were also in attendance and provided updates to the meeting. The COVID pandemic had restricted partners from delivering some of their services as they worked in accordance to the Government guidance and risk assessments to ensure that a level of service was maintained during this difficult period.
84. The Private Sector Housing team were continuing to process Selective Licence applications and were hoping to start undertaking local engagement activity in the form of door knocking in June. Similarly the Active Leeds Team were looking to re-engage residents into activity and are involved in developing a number of projects in the area. Some of these projects include a bid to Sports England's *Active through Football*, developing a park based *Love Exploring App* offering discovery games and guided tours and a number of cycling related initiatives.
85. Other partners also expressed a desire to re-connect with residents as a number of services had to adapt and deliver a lot of their provision online. Employment & Skills provided learning via an online portal and the Youth Service were delivering online Zoom cookery sessions. As a result there was discussion focused on digital inclusion and accessibility. In response to this challenge, the Core Group was informed about a digital inclusion project where £25k had been commissioned by the Public Health team to address this agenda. Hamara would be the local delivery organisation and funding would be used to secure tablets and deliver training to local residents.

Local Centres Programme (LCP)

86. As part of the work across the city, the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator (NCC) visited all independent shops which were open before April 12 on Dewsbury Road, Holbeck, Cross Flatts, Middleton Circus and Shopping Centre. Subsequently weekly updates have been sent to all businesses with contact details to keep them informed of help available and local business news.
87. Following opening of non-essential businesses the NCC went to business news distribution points on Beeston Hill (Ofosua's African Supermarket), Dewsbury Road (Tek Bros Computer Repairs, Bal Newsagents and Off-Licence), Holbeck (Holbeck Post Office), Middleton: Circus (Oxley's Butchers), Shopping Centre (The Paper Shop). Each took 200 facemasks (20 packs of 10) to make available to shops in the area to offer to customers entering the store without a mask. This was part of the process for trying to further help reduce spread. The outlets were also asked if they needed more supplies of the floor vinyls to provide to local shops marking where customers should stand.
88. All district centres received new signage regarding safety measures before the reopening. By refreshing the signage it will again be noticed and the safety advice reinforced. The signage and the masks and floor vinyls have been made available by various government grants to combat the pandemic.
89. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator is on the Council's Pavement Cafes team assessing all applications for new pavement cafes outside the city centre. Wherever possible these are approved. Government directives make them available until September 2022 though of course we can always revoke permissions if the situation is abused.
90. A key piece of work just starting is to ensure the district centres are aware they will receive NCC help to launch traders groups if they wish to. Dewsbury Road already has partnership working and a group is also being strengthened in the Middleton and Belle Isle area. Both have confirmed meetings should resume after hospitality has reopened. Emails are being sent to contacts in the other areas to see if they wish to launch traders groups similar to those already underway.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

92. 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

93. 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:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

94. 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

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

Risk Management

96. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹ None

¹ 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.