

**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**

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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.

### **Updates by theme**

#### **Children and Families: Champion Cllr Almas**

3. In preparation for the planning for this municipal year's Youth Summits, the Communities Team recently met with the Voice & Influence Team. At this meeting, the Voice and Influence Team offered their support to reflect on previous year's events and learning to inform future ways of working, however they expressed concerns around bringing young people together from different schools/groups for a physical event, as there continued to be concerns over COVID-19 infection rates, particularly in schools and the proposal was made to push back the Youth Summits so that they are delivered in the new municipal year.

4. This would allow the Communities Team to hold further discussions with members of the Children & Families Sub Groups and Children's' Champions and explore options to inform future Youth Summit arrangements, alongside the latest guidance regarding the safety measures that schools are putting in place over the following months.
5. A meeting has now been arranged with the Voice & Influence Team for the 22nd February 2022, to explore potential options for the Youth Summits moving forward. As soon as this has taken place a sub group meeting will be booked in for ward members and officers. The proposed plan however is now that the Inner South Youth Summit will take place in the autumn, after schools have returned from their summer break.
6. So that the Community Committees are still be able to consult with young people on priorities for the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend, a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey has been created; <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/OSCECI/>. Capturing this feedback will ensure that young people are still able to inform the budget spend for each committee in 2022/23 and in this respect the survey will produce the same outcome as a physical Youth Summit.
7. Promotion of the online consultation survey is ongoing by the Communities Team, with publicity being posted on the committee Facebook pages, publicity being sent out to all our school & cluster contacts, youth groups and other organisations that are funded, or work with young people in each of the Community Committee areas, as well as being circulated to our mailing lists. Posters have also been sent to our Community Hubs and Libraries, as well as our Housing Leeds contacts.
8. In addition to this the Communities Team have also created a QR code that links to the YAF Consultation Survey (image attached below). This will be embedded in to posters so that it can be scanned with smartphones/QR reader apps which most phones have, taking the user straight to the survey and giving us another valuable avenue for capturing feedback and engaging with young people.
9. The online consultation will stay open until the 31st March 2022, where all feedback from young people will feed into a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for each respective committee area and this will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend.
10. The Inner South Community Committee Children & Young Persons Champion, Cllr Almass, is particularly keen that as many young people as possible take part in the YAF Consultation Survey and welcomes any opportunity to engage via local schools, youth groups and other organisations that work with young people in the Inner South area of Leeds.
11. The latest position statement in relation to the survey is that we've had over 1,000 responses from young people so far across the city.



### **Environment and Community Safety: Champions Cllr Gabriel (Environment) & Cllr Iqbal (Community Safety)**

12. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met via MS Teams on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. As the meeting took place after the Community Committee papers were published, a verbal update will be provided in the committee meeting.

### **Health & Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Champion Role (Vacant) & Chair of Health & Wellbeing Sub Group, Cllr Burke**

13. Health & Wellbeing Sub Group planning meetings have continued to take place and terms of reference for the group have been agreed. A sub group meeting has been arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, where a work programme will be agreed for the months ahead.

14. The Inner South Community Committee in their last meeting of 2021, on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, agreed to allocate £1,000 to the Health & Wellbeing Sub Group, to delegate spend on health and wellbeing themes, so work has been taking place to deliver a Vitamin D Campaign, with objectives and rationale as below:

- To raise awareness of the benefits of Vitamin D, in relation to health promotion post COVID-19 and self-care.
- Raise the profile of the Inner South Community Committee and increase public participation.
- Collate real-time information regarding perceived need in relation to health & wellbeing within the Community Committee catchment area.

15. The Vitamin D Campaign was delivered at various engagement/digital drop-in sessions at HAMARA, Holbeck Together, Middleton Elderly Aid and Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation over the last few weeks. Key themes have been identified through these engagement activities and the feedback survey responses, which have been compiled are attached in a separate Inner South Health & Wellbeing Sub Group Report.
16. The aim is that ultimately these engagement activities continue and that some of this work informs the priorities of the Inner South Health & Wellbeing Sub Group.

## **Updated from Key Services**

### **Public Health**

#### **COVID-19 Focused Work**

17. Public health is continuing to focus on reducing or eliminating the barriers some communities face in accessing COVID-19 vaccinations, alongside work to support 'Living with COVID-19'. An analysis of vaccine uptake on a MSOA level revealed several areas with lower uptake. Measures to assist with access barriers include locating pop-up vaccination sites in community places situated near the residential areas of concern. These sites have been Dewsbury Road Community Hub, 5 Recreation View, St. Matthew's Church and BITMO.
18. The Dewsbury Road Community Hub Clinic ran throughout November and December 2021. The latest figures are that a total of 223 vaccinations were administered, 42 of which were first time vaccinations. 5 Recreation View didn't fare as well, with 12 vaccinations administered over 2 sessions.
19. Moving into imminent delivery, 2 clinics are set up to run on consecutive Mondays (BITMO) and Thursdays (St. Matthews Church in Holbeck) throughout February and March 2022. Information will be hand delivered in Holbeck in the form of a leaflet. Information regarding the opportunity to access a COVID-19 vaccine in Belle Isle has been delivered by colleagues at BITMO in the form of a text and Facebook post.
20. Feedback from the community illustrated how exacerbated people were in hearing about COVID-19 and the importance of receiving a vaccination. With this feedback in mind a 'Winter wellbeing' Event was organised in partnership with Park View Academy Primary School in Beeston Hill. The event was hosted by the school and included stalls from Money Buddies, Home Plus, One You Leeds, Your Space and Magpie.
21. Health for All provided refreshments and were on hand to assist with any translations required, which was a success as the organisations collectively helped, signposted and supported approximately 21 people. 9 people received a COVID-19 jab, 4 of which were people getting their first one. One recipient was a 7-month pregnant lady with little spoken English.

## **Belle Isle and Middleton Covid Catch Up**

22. A further 2 meetings of the COVID-19 Catch Up Group have taken place with a focus on the Belle Isle North Health Needs Assessment. Information was presented to the group with the findings of the assessment so far and then discussions took place on how the group could contribute to the priorities with current work programmes, or more collective new pieces of work.

23. An action plan is currently being put together outlining the discussions and this will be taken back to the group to provide the basis for future work.

## **Better Together**

24. The Better Together providers are now delivering a more familiar model of work and are largely working face to face in groups, although some digital delivery remains at the request of service users.

25. Outreach work has also resumed and is drawing in good numbers of people new to the service. Overall, 327 people engaged with Better Together group provision, with 25 different groups running over the past quarter. The groups tended to be physical activity based, friendship groups, or art and craft groups. Average attendance is 10 people per group.

26. The Better Together providers are continuing as the lead provider for the inner south Test and Trace service. The funding for this service terminates at the end of March 2022.

## **Your Space**

27. The Your Space team have continued to deliver a mixture of online group sessions and face to face delivery. 108 sessions in quarter 3 were delivered and included skills and social groups, exercise groups and art and crafts. All these groups are delivered on an evening or at weekends.

28. Sustainability is a key element of the Your Space approach and work is ongoing to nurture group members and encourage ownership. So far this year, 17 groups are operating semi-independently of the Your Space Team and 14 groups are now operating independently.

## **Beeston & Middleton Local Care Partnership**

### **The Digital Health Hub Group**

29. Having settled into their new role, the organisations are now considering wider aspects of health. A workshop ran in partnership covered the health priorities of the areas and options available on addressing these, which is an ongoing conversation.

## **The Mental Health and Wellbeing Group**

30. The group has met twice, face to face since October. A workshop style meeting, information was collected by partners on what services operate. This work illuminated several gaps in knowledge of support services.

## **The Health Inequalities Bid Group**

31. So far the project worker has engaged with 50 families in differing capacity. Several groups are now running, with good feedback from service users. Training on self-esteem, confidence, managing stress and anxiety and digital skills has been delivered or is pending. 8 people have moved into volunteering roles and 4 people into employment.

## **Health Priorities**

32. Using the recommendations in the Health Needs Assessments, completed for the Receptions, Crosby Street, Barton's, Stratford Street and the Beverley's, work has been progressing alongside the health protection work required by the COVID-19 pandemic.
33. There are workstreams for improving physical activity in both areas, which is done in collaboration with Active Leeds and includes evaluating the process of taking a ABCD approach to physical activity and work to identify opportunities for children to play near their homes.
34. A Belle Isle North Health Needs Assessment has been recently completed in the community engagement element, which is ongoing. Data and intelligence from the community has highlighted concerns regarding the prevalence of domestic violence in the Middleton Park ward area. Simultaneously and separately, a report from the Leeds Safeguarding Children's Partnership reported on children's experience of witnessing and experiencing domestic violence.
35. A conversation between the two leads has now resulted in the pulling together of a Healthy Relationships Task and Finish Group with a focus on the Middleton Park ward as an initial area, which has meet once so far.

## **Financial Inclusion**

36. An up-to-date leaflet has been produced for citywide financial inclusion entitled 'Worrying About Money'. The leaflet outlines support services for the city with names, contact addresses and contact numbers for services. There is a numbered key to highlight which services are on offer with each service.
37. Leaflets will be available for collection from the Public Health Resource Centre and there is a digital version for sharing with partners.

## Healthy Lifestyle

38. The extended adult Tier 2 weight management offer available in the city until June 22 funded via the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities is now being promoted via the “Everybody Can” Campaign. The offer includes provision for males only, people with learning difficulties and people with mental health issues.
39. All services and support information can be found at: [Love Yourself – Every Body Can – Leisure Offers from Active Leeds \(leedsfitnessoffer.co.uk\)](https://www.leedsfitnessoffer.co.uk).
40. Weight Management providers recently provided a “Want to know more” session on the city offer. This can be viewed at: [Leeds Public Health Training - YouTube](#) (number 47/48).
41. A Child Healthy Weight Plan consultation event is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The consultation will review the 6 main outcomes being driven in the city and will support the development of a new action plan. For more information please contact: [deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk)

## Leeds Domestic Violence Website

42. The new Leeds Domestic Violence Service website is now live and can be accessed at [ldvs.uk](https://ldvs.uk). The site draws together important information on domestic violence and abuse and how to get support from the Leeds Domestic Violence Service and other services, both local and national.
43. It hosts detailed information for professionals on how to refer into the service, including a new online referral form, as well as the existing downloadable form. It also includes a number of resources for victims-survivors; people supporting loved ones affected by domestic violence and abuse and professionals working with victims survivors.

## Employment & Skills

44. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit due to unemployment as of November 2021 in the Inner South Community Committee area is 6,880. This is an increase of 71% since March 2020, which is reflective across all wards due to the impact of Covid-19. There is a decrease of 104 on the previous month however.
45. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) ceased at the end of September 2021 and there was an expectation that a number of people would have been made redundant which would have subsequently increased claimants to Universal Credit, which has not come to fruition in the latest release. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner South Community Committee area:

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		Oct 2021		Nov 2021	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,226	8.1%	41,609	8.0%
<b>Inner South</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>6,984</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>6,880</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
Beeston & Holbeck	1,295	7.2%	2,272	12.7%	2,224	12.4%
Hunslet & Riverside	1,311	6.1%	2,311	10.8%	2,294	10.7%
Middleton Park	1,417	7.9%	2,401	13.4%	2,362	13.2%

\*Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit that are not in employment

\*\*Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

## Employment and Skills Services

46. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Inner South Community Committee area.

Committee and Ward	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)
<b>Inner South</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>726</b>
Beeston & Holbeck	522	452	139	157	122	231
Hunslet & Riverside	701	593	209	237	181	308
Middleton Park	500	348	152	168	74	187

Priority Neighbourhood	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)	2021/22 (Apr – Dec)	2020/21 (Apr – Dec)
Crosby St, Receptions, Bartons (Beeston & Holbeck)	53	55	14	30	9	28
Stratford Street, Beverleys (Hunslet & Riverside)	67	62	14	19	17	34

47. Employment and Skills reinstated face to face support, activities and delivery from September 2021, with a continuation of a virtual or remote offer, along with email and telephone support in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

48. During April to December 2021, 9,387 people accessed the Service, 1,723 of whom were from the Inner South, an increase of 24% when compared to the same period last year.

49. The service has supported 2,563 people into work, during April to December 2021, 500 of whom were residents from the Inner South, a decrease of 11% when compared to the same period last year. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport.

50. Between April to December 2021 the service has supported 2,397 people to improve their skills. From the Inner South, 377 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 48% when compared to the same period last year.



## **Leeds Employment Hub**

51. It hosts detailed information for professionals on how to refer into the service, including a new online referral form, as well as the existing downloadable form. It also includes a number of resources for victims-survivors; people supporting loved ones affected by domestic violence and abuse and professionals working with victims survivors.
52. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. A large team of Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.
53. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 7 Jobcentres across the City. All Jobshops are now fully open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments, which include Dewsbury Road, City Centre Community Hubs, Hunslet Hub and St George's Centre. The Community Hub Mobile Bus is now running Monday to Friday and the schedule stop includes the Holbeck Community Centre, Thursdays, 9:30am to 3.30pm.

## **NEET (Not in Education, Training or Employment)**

54. The Employment and Skills Service has been successful in securing additional funding from the Department for Work & Pensions to support disadvantaged young people (15-24) in Leeds. The programme will support 1,600 young people up to the end of December 2023, who are NEET or risk of becoming NEET.
55. WYCA will focus on residents that are ineligible for ESIF programmes and will prioritise supporting underemployed residents in low paid, low skilled jobs, as well as those at risk of redundancy. Both programmes are in addition to a number of programmes that have been enhanced and expanded to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 and the changing labour market.

## **Adult Learning Programme**

56. The Adult Learning Programme continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in response to COVID-19 through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online, face to face and distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
57. For the 2021/22 Academic Year 135 courses are also planned for online delivery, city-wide. In the Inner South, 49 courses, including Preparation for Work, ESOL and English are planned at 16 different venues.

## Developing You

58. Developing You is a 10-week Health and Wellbeing and Employability course which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For residents living in the Inner South, the courses are being delivered at the St Matthews Community Centre and for those unable to attend a new online course is available.
59. Following a successful funding bid to the Leeds Community Foundation, a bespoke Developing You Programme, Learning Disabilities Pre-Employability Project is being developed. A collaboration between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response will deliver a 12-week pre-employability programme which will include work readiness and health and wellbeing modules. The first cohort is expected to start in April 2022.
60. Over 202 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors, including the hospitality sector and the health and social care sector.

## Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2022

61. The Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2022 kicked off National Apprenticeship Week in Leeds on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Leeds First Direct Arena, connecting Leeds young people with real live Apprenticeship vacancies, information and guidance. The event was particularly crucial this year given the uncertainties that the impact of COVID-19 has created for young people.
62. The event was completely sold out with 6,200 tickets booked in advance and around 5,000 people attending on the day. 88 employers and training providers exhibited, representing sectors from Agriculture, Care Services, Creative and Design, Digital, Legal, Finance and Accounting and much more.
63. The new Apprenticeships in Leeds website was launched for National Apprenticeship Week and can be accessed at [www.apprenticeshipsinleeds.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipsinleeds.co.uk). The site features around 100 organisations offering Apprenticeships in Leeds, split by occupational sector.
64. Following a number of requests from schools the service is currently working with colleagues in Children and Families Service and with careers practitioners to develop and deliver a career progressions event for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
65. The event which will be the first for the city will be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 and will be open to all young people who have additional needs and teaching staff, parents and carers will be encouraged to attend. There will be information about opportunities post 16 including training, jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships and volunteering opportunities.

## **Community Engagement: Beeston & Holbeck**

### **Improving Holbeck Moor**

66. Ward members are keen to make improvements to Holbeck Moor and in an effort to deliver what the local residents and other users of the Moor would most like to see, an 'Improving Holbeck Moor' questionnaire was devised, which picked up work from the engagement stall at the 2021 Holbeck Gala.
67. As this questionnaire was 'piggybacked' onto the Leeds City Council Highways 'Street for People' communication, the survey was delivered through approximately 1,500 letterboxes (in the Recreations and Colenso's areas).
68. Information was also shared via various online platforms such as Community Committee's Twitter and Facebook pages and then across a host of local neighbourhood groups, also utilising the Next-door platform for an additional 373 residents.
69. The survey initially ran for a month over December 2021 but as it was felt a higher response could be achieved the survey was reopened. The new closing date is the 31st March 2022.

### **Holbeck Residents Drop-in**

70. The Holbeck resident's drop-in was initially scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 but due to the Government's COVID-19 restrictions, the event was postponed and it is now scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, to be held at The Holbeck Working Men's Club on Jenkinson Lawn.
71. Over 1,200 people have heard about the event via Facebook alone but the event has also been advertised on the local noticeboards and public facing buildings. Flyers were also hand-delivered on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, with help from partner agencies.
72. The event is designed to give local residents a chance to meet the ward members, chat to council officers and other local agencies, as well as hear about consultations and developments (such as the Improving Holbeck Moor Survey) in a relaxed and informal setting, moving away from the 'top table' approach that has been used in the past.
73. There will also be an activity zone for engaging any young people who may attend with their parents on the way home from school, in an effort to make it as accessible as possible. It is hoped that this new approach will be well received.

## **Community Engagement: Hunslet & Riverside**

74. Councillors, the Communities Team and partners continue to work in partnership to deliver neighbourhood improvements across the ward. The following is a snapshot of work that has taken place and is ongoing to improve outcomes for residents.

## **Brickfield Park**

75. Following a series of consultation and feedback from residents, wards councillors approved £50,000 towards the improvement of Brickfield Park, including balance beams, a pull up bar station, stepping pods, a slide, an additional pathway creating a cycle circuit for children to learn to bike on, thermoplastic play markings, a woodland trail and information boards for future planting plans, a static gym city-bike, a static gym arm-bike and swings.

## **Tree Planting**

76. Funding secured for semi mature trees is to be planted across Brickfield, Pepper Road and Hunslet Lake Park and tree saplings are to be planted across the ward.

## **Bin Yard Improvements**

77. Work to improve challenging bin yard areas continues. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team are exploring sheeting and mesh to prevent fly tipping and dumping.

## **Grit Bins**

78. By working with Housing Leeds 22 new grit bins were agreed at various locations in the ward.

## **Hunslet Town Square Scheme**

79. Plans to improve the concrete paved area in front of Hunslet Community Hub and Library continues.

## **Unauthorised Encampments**

80. New earth bunding and a reinforced gate on Grove Road Field has been delivered. The height barrier has also been installed on Moor Road to reduce unauthorised encampments.

## **Love Where You Live (Consultations)**

81. A Hunslet and Beeston Hill residents feedback is underway to help inform and address priorities in the area.

## **Community Network Partnership Group**

82. The Community Network Partnership Group continues to meet to provide service updates and offer each other peer support.

## **Beeston Hill Residents Meeting**

83. A Beeston Hill residents meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th March 2022, from 6.30pm to 8pm at the Hamara Centre on Tempest Road.

## Hunslet Moor & Hall Residents Meeting

84. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, from 6.30pm to 8pm at Dewsbury Road Community Hub.

## Hunslet Green & Whitfield's Residents Meeting

85. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, from 6.30pm to 8pm at Hunslet Community Hub & Library.

## Community Engagement: Middleton Park

86. As part of the Middleton Park ward 'Darker Nights' Initiative in relation to dog fouling, the dog fouling banners were relocated on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Unfortunately, two of the four banners had been removed; the banners at Middleton Primary School and Parkside Fields in Belle Isle, which had been ripped down and were not on site, as just the cable ties and banner eyelets remained.

87. The remaining pair of banners were relocated to Middleton Park (bottom end of the car park, by the barrier) and Broomfield SILC (they requested it to go on the footpath running up the left hand side of their building as they said the situation is worse along there than on Broom Place).

88. The banners will remain in situ until late February 2022, when they will be relocated to East/West Grange Avenue, as requested by the ward members, unless any other new hot spots become evident before then.

## Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator

89. The COVID-19 warning signs went up (example below) in the area's district centres in December 2021. It has been decided to leave them up for a few weeks to continue to remind people to take precautions and to reassure shoppers and businesses that care is being taken in district centres.

90. Beeston and Holbeck independent businesses in the district centres of Cross Flatts and Beeston Hill were visited in December 2021, to ask how business was going and ensure they receive weekly updates.

91. Dewsbury Road Town Team meetings are held regularly and meeting dates have now been confirmed for the coming year ahead. This is an active team, helping the council with Town District Centre 2 spend, as well as investigating possible improvements to the cycling routes on Dewsbury Road. At its last meeting the group decided to get a list of aims for the coming year, including improvements to the shop fronts wherever possible along Dewsbury Road.



92. Objections were written in relation to a 24 hour off licence application for Dewsbury Road and confirmation was provided that the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator would speak at the hearing but the application was withdrawn due to the weight of opposition.
93. Middleton Circus has had its street furniture painted after the council secured funds from the government's Welcome Back to High Streets National Fund. The repainting was completed in January 2022.
94. Middleton Circus's flower troughs are no longer maintained, since Middleton & Belle Isle in Bloom (formed via the Town Team in 2014) ceased operating, so the majority of the floral tubs are due to be given to schools and community groups in the ward unless volunteers are found to maintain them. It was agreed that 4 could remain on the Circus if volunteers would step forwards to water them but so far only 1 volunteer has offered to maintain a trough. Unless more volunteers are found therefore, the remainder will be relocated.
95. Middleton and Belle Isle Town Team was set to have a meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 but unexpectedly the venue had to be rearranged. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and ongoing preparations for Christmas sales at that time, the relaunch meeting has yet to take place

### **Community Engagement: Social Media**

1. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page and COVID-19 Facebook Groups.

### **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

3. 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**

4. 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**

5. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

7. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

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

10. 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.