

Local implementation of the Localism Bill: South East Area

1. **Community First.** Community First panels have been established in the five targeted wards, City & Hunslet, Beeston & Holbeck, Middleton Park, Ardsley & Robin Hood and Morley North. The groups, once ratified by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) will administer the Community first funding with support for the Panel Partners; Re'new (Inner South) and Health for All (Outer South).
2. **Connecting Communities.** This small scale scheme in Belle Isle aims to deliver direct community support through a small grant process delivering community led projects to Belle Isle. With support form Re'new, Health for All and BITMO the scheme will fund £10,000 of projects to benefit the communities of Belle Isle.
3. **Service delivery.** A range of changes are currently being undertaken to more effectively react to the needs of the community in light of the localism bill and changes to Leeds City Council Services. These changes will result in a more reactive service to meet the needs of community members. With the establishment of the environmental sub-groups under the Area Committee to look at the implementation of the SLA and to identify ways through some of the pressing issues through partnership working.
 - 3.1 The long term issues such as ginnels, orphaned sites and dog fouling are all being proactively investigated to create effective methods to improve their current maintenance situation.
 - 3.2 Capacity in the areas/ interest from local community groups organisations who wish to be involved or have a greater involvement in service delivery. There has been interest expressed, particularly from Parish Council.
 - 3.3 Strategic working arrangements are now in place to address specific community needs. These Neighbourhood Improvement Boards (NIB's) will allow partner agencies to work together to address the pressing issues. In Inner South two boards have been established covering, Middleton Park and Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet. Each of these allow local community groups to input to the strategic working of the area.
 - 3.4 With the greater emphasis on local needs, by utilising local members involvement in their local residents meetings, and links to the environmental sub-group or crime & grime tasking.
 - 3.5 There have been local issues around assets management, specifically to risk buildings, vacant plots etc, most notably South Leeds and East Leeds Leisure Centres.
 - 3.6 Key sites that are likely to be developed and area committees will likely be involved in the consultation process for development.

4. **Neighbourhood Planning.** As previously mentioned, a report, to be agreed at Executive Board [“Developing a response to neighbourhood planning in Leeds”](#) sets out the council’s plans to pilot neighbourhood planning in four areas of the city, including Kippax and Holbeck.

5. **Other forums where Community issues should be raised.**
 - Town Councils
 - Parish councils
 - Area Committees
 - Community forums