



Annual Report 2016/2017

1. What is the report for?

This report aims to give residents of the Selby Big Local area an update of the main activities of Selby Big Local since Local Trust endorsed our first plan on 14 January 2016. The Selby Big Local Partnership was endorsed a day later on 15 January 2016 and we've been working since then to deliver on our Plan which covers an initial two year period.

2. Background- getting started in Selby

Big Local is a National Lottery funded programme run by the Local Trust and in December 2012 Selby Town was selected to be part of the Big Local initiative. We have £1m to spend over 10 years to help improve the quality of life for residents of Selby.

Through 2013- 2015 Selby Big Local went through their "getting started" stage. We received start up funds from Local Trust which paid for a Community Worker and specialist support to help engage with local residents and gather their views and opinions on life in Selby. From this a Listening Report was produced in 2014.

A Steering Group of residents was set up in Spring 2014 and from here we carried out a community research project and developed a Community Profile of the Selby Big Local area. The Steering Group also held a range of visioning workshops in the community and from these we produced our Vision for Selby Big Local.

Our Big Local Vision:

- To see greater community ownership and participation, where people are better connected, contributing to the community and invested in where they live.
- To work with young people to create improved life chances and support them to achieve their ambitions.
- For people of all ages living in Selby to feel emotionally and physically well and to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- For improved access to a range of training, learning and development opportunities for both young people and adults, so they can take positive steps to achieve their full potential.

In 2015 the Steering Group developed their Community Action Plan and in early 2016 the Partnership was established and began work delivering the Plan.

All these documents are available on our website: www.selbybiglocal.org.uk.

3. What have we been doing?

i. Selby Community Choir

Engagement with the community told us residents wanted more community activities and establishing the Selby Community Choir was one of Selby Big Local's first activities. The Choir meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Church at the Crossroads on Parkin Avenue. There are no auditions and everyone is welcome to join in. The choir has performed at Selby Little Fest and participated in Proms at the Crossroads and Selby Abbey's Christmas concert. The choir has also visited Osborne House Care Home in the Selby Big Local area to sing to residents. One of the Partnership's aims is to improve health and wellbeing, including mental health, and engaging with music or joining a choir is known to have positive benefits for participants. Social events are really important too and great fun was had at the Christmas Party and Summer barbecue.

ii. You Choose

In November 2015 we held our first 'You Choose' event at Selby Abbey. 'You Choose' takes a participatory approach and is all about residents choosing, and voting for, projects and groups they would like to support. In our first year £3000 was handed out to community groups working in the Big Local area. Funding was awarded to:

- Kings Church Selby towards their Parish Nursing project;
- Abbots Staith to support their efforts to bring the Staith into use;
- Magnetic Arts towards their Selby Supportive Arts project;
- Bee Able to support their community garden and life skills projects.

Planning is underway for a second event in early Summer 2017.

iii. Small Grants Big Ideas

In 2016 we launched our 'Small Grants Big Ideas' scheme. Local residents or community groups living or based in the Selby Big Local area can apply for grants of up to £500 for community projects. Applications are welcome at any time – until the money runs out! The first grant was made to the wellbeing café at the Church at the Crossroads.

iv. Community Engagement

Our community engagement research highlighted the need to strengthen links with older people, younger people and members of the Polish community living in the area. We secured extra funding from the People's Health Trust which we have used to employ a support worker and in partnership with North Yorkshire Adult Learning we now have a popular computer club aimed at people over 50 running at the Coultish Centre. The group is free to attend and provides a sociable opportunity for learning new skills. Based on demand we will have a second computer club running on the Abbots Road Estate by April 2017. In partnership with Selby Citizens Advice

Bureau (CAB) we will be starting advice sessions at Selby Community Primary School to support Polish and other Eastern European residents.

v. Young People

Increasing the opportunities for young people is one of the four priority areas in our Plan. We have established links with the Selby Youth Council, 90% of whom are resident in the Big Local area, and we hope to build on this initial engagement to work with more young people to develop a Young People's Big Local Plan. This will check our initial ideas against young people's needs and aspirations and will inform future funded project activity.

We have allocated funding to support Action for Children to start a youth group for young carers. Selby Big Local has a significant number of young people undertaking caring roles in the community who will benefit from this additional peer support.

vi. Addressing financial poverty

We are in ongoing discussions with South Yorkshire Credit Union to find avenues for greater outreach in the Selby Big Local area and increased access to and take-up of their services. Credit Unions can help people to save money and can also provide loans to people. South Yorkshire Credit Union also helps people to purchase new white goods and furniture. They ensure that people are able to afford any loans or purchases they make. The Credit Union currently has an outreach session at Horton Housing's Community Café at the Coultish Centre and we are working to provide an additional outreach session on the Abbots Road estate and potentially at the Children's Centre on Flaxley Road. The Credit Union has now passed the due diligence tests needed to allow us to provide some funding to support them to deliver this targeted work in the Selby Big Local area so we hope that they will be a more visible presence in future. Part of our role will be to ensure residents are aware of the additional services on offer.

vii. Supporting entrepreneurship

We have received support from UnLtd's Star People programme, which is designed to back people with enterprising solutions to address social issues. To date we have funded one local resident to support her entrepreneurial idea to run a children's reading festival with the aim of encouraging young people to read.

viii. Continuing to spread the word about Big Local

We are committed to staying in touch with residents and organisations in our area as Big Local develops. Our aims are to raise awareness of Big Local, encourage take up of grants and activities and maximise the opportunity for everyone who wants to get involved in shaping and planning the projects that deliver action they want. Over the last year workers and Partnership Board members have continued to meet with local groups to keep spreading the message about Big Local. We have also engaged with, and given presentations to a number of strategic partners and

agencies, including Selby Town Council, Selby District Council's Central CEF and Selby U3A (University of the Third Age).

We have got a website and facebook page and households in the area will have received our recent newsletter. We are going to produce quarterly newsletters over the next year and will be evaluating whether this is a good way of keeping in touch with people. As well as promoting new initiatives and encouraging take-up and involvement in Big Local we also intend to use the newsletter to advertise other local activities and community groups.

2. Selby Big Local Partnership

Since the Selby Big Local Partnership was endorsed by Local Trust in January 2016, one of our priorities has been building Partnership involvement and capacity. As well as the resident members, who must be in the majority, we have members representing North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, Selby Town Council and Wigan Leisure. We are supported by a Local Trust representative and by our Local Trusted Organisation, Selby District AVS, who manage the money for us and employ our staff.

Selby Big Local Partnership members		
Name	Status	Organisation (if applicable)
Tom Jenkinson	Interim Chair	North Yorkshire County Council
Anne Riley	Resident, Treasurer	
Kevin Riley	Resident	
Richard Cooke	Resident	
Charlotte Perrott	Resident	
Mollie Hanks	Resident	
Brenda Griffiths	Resident	
Karen Heywood	Resident	
Keith Watkins	Resident	
Caroline Crutchley	Resident	
Mel Graham	Resident	
Melanie Davis		Selby Town Council
Caroline Townsend		North Yorkshire County Council
Angela Crossland		Selby District Council
Heather Kennedy		Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles
Kevin Ward		Local Trusted Organisation- Selby District AVS

Guidance and support to the Partnership provided by:

- Tony Herrmann- Big Local Representative
- Ruth Tiernan Community Development Worker
- Bryony Boyle Partnership and Projects Support Worker

One of the features of Big Local is to support residents (and others) involved to improve their knowledge and skills. In 2016 the Partnership had a day together to focus on team building and communication. Several residents have taken part in the recruitment process for staff as we chose to employ a Partnership and Projects Support Worker and a Community Development Worker with Big Local funding. Partnership members have also visited other Big Local areas and attended networking events.

The Partnership always welcomes interest from anyone living or working in the Big Local area. The Partnership meets monthly but if meetings aren't your thing there are other ways to get involved and make a difference to your area.

4. Accounts

Selby District AVS is the Locally Trusted Organization (LTO) which provides organisational support to the Big Local Partnership. One area in which this support is provided is through administering the financial systems for the budget and spend allocated to the Selby Big Local Partnership. Decisions made on how and where this budget is allocated remains a primary role of the Selby Big Local Partnership members.

Below is a summary of the accounts, the period of funding covers two years, which is in line with Selby Big Local's two year delivery plan which runs from 1 January 2016 up until the 31 December 2017.

Although the delivery plan currently runs until the end of December 2017 approval is now place for the Partnership and Projects Support Worker and the Community Development worker posts to be extended up until the 31st March 2018.

Selby Big Local

Accounting Period 1st January 2016 - 31st December 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Balance B/fwd 31.12.2015		-807.96		
Local Trust Grant Plan Grant Selby Town	1/29/2016	45,297.00		
Local Trust Grant	7/29/2016	90,930.00		
			Jan	77,805.00
			July	96,180.00
	Total	<u>135,419.04</u>		

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Partnership running costs			
Staff - general			
Recruitment costs	1,000.00	984.65	15.35
Laptop/phones	540.00	527.97	12.03
Community Development Worker			
Salary	52,000.00	29,838.43	22,161.57
On-costs	13,000.00	347.50	12,652.50
External supervision	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
Partnership & Projects Support Worker			
Salary	20,800.00	4,539.36	16,260.64
On costs	4,000.00	93.14	3,906.86
Consultancy			
Community Skills Consultant	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Unforeseen staffing/consultancy	15,000.00	39.50	14,960.50
STAFFING TOTAL	<u>113,940.00</u>	<u>36,370.55</u>	<u>77,569.45</u>
Communications & marketing	20,000.00	3,270.22	16,729.78
Running costs	20,000.00	8,415.19	11,584.81
PARTNERSHIP RUNNING COSTS TOTAL	<u>153,940.00</u>	<u>48,055.96</u>	<u>105,884.04</u>
Procurement			
Community Development Budget	50,000.00	133.00	49,867.00
Primary Schools Partnership	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Mentoring for Young People	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Community Wellbeing Projects	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Foodbanks/Community Cafes	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Outdoor Community Spaces	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Approaches to Mental Health	10,000.00	24.30	9,975.70
Mentoring/Support into Education and Work	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
PROCUREMENT TOTAL	<u>99,500.00</u>	<u>157.30</u>	<u>99,342.70</u>
Grants			
You Choose	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00
Grab a Grant	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Existing youth provision	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
GRANTS TOTAL	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42,000.00</u>
2 YEAR TOTAL	£295,440.00	£48,213.26	

The management and administration fee is a 5% contribution towards Big Local Partnership running costs and grant administration, it is paid by the local Trust and does not come out of the Selby Big Local Grant.

5. What next?

2017 represents an important year for Selby Big Local as we move into delivery mode and initiate more of the projects identified through our community engagement and highlighted in our Community Action Plan. Some of these projects will see quick action on the ground, others require further research and specification.

We have recently reappointed a Partnership and Projects Support Worker to work alongside our Community Development Worker. This additional capacity will enable the Partnership to take forward more resident led activity and build new strategic partnerships to support Selby Big Local.

Project priorities for 2017 include:

- Developing activity with primary schools to make a difference to things which matter to them;
- Investigate the use of community buildings by engaging with their owners and users, to understand whether we can make better use of existing facilities. Based on the outcome of this phase the Partnership may initiate a feasibility study into the development of a new community space and alternative ownership and funding models for this;
- In conjunction with community and strategic partners, develop project proposals to support health and wellbeing outcomes in the Big Local area.

Towards the end of 2017 we will be reviewing our first Big Local Plan and setting out how we move forward into 2018/19 and beyond. This will entail evaluating our activity and projects to date, engaging further with residents and community stakeholders, and translating early ideas into more detailed project proposals.

Big Local is not just about how we use the £1m but about how we can achieve our vision for the community. Big Local represents a unique opportunity to make a lasting difference in our area and we will be looking to ensure our impact and investment is sustainable beyond the lifetime of the programme. All our activities are driven by people living in the Selby Big Local area towards the four Big Local outcomes:

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them;

- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future;
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises;
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

We still have plenty of time to spend our million and it is important that as many residents as possible are involved in spending it on the priorities which matter most.

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