



Inner North East Community Committee

Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay

**Meeting to be held in Reginald Centre, 263
Chapelton Rd, Leeds LS7 3EX
Monday, 10th June, 2024 at 5.00 pm**

Councillors:

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| J Dowson | - Chapel Allerton; |
| M Rafique | - Chapel Allerton; |
| E Taylor | - Chapel Allerton; |
| M France-Mir | - Moortown; |
| S Hamilton | - Moortown; |
| M Shahzad | - Moortown; |
| J Bowden | - Roundhay; |
| Z Hussain | - Roundhay; |
| L Martin | - Roundhay; |





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Images on cover from left to right:

Chapel Allerton - Chapeltown Big C; Chapel Allerton tree

Moortown - Moortown Corner Shops; Gledhow Valley Woods

Roundhay – Oakwood Clock; Roundhay Park

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:- RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	
3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
7			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 26 FEBRUARY 2024</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday, 26th February 2024.</p>	7 - 12
8			<p>COMMUNITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2024/2025</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the City Solicitor which invites members to note the appointment of Councillor Shahzad as Chair of the Community Committee for 2024/25, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council. As well as making appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 of the submitted report / Appendix 1.</p>	13 - 24

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9			<p>UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which provides 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.</p> <p>The report also 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.</p>	25 - 64
10			<p>COMMUNITY COMMITTEE YOUTH SUMMIT/YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND CONSULTATION REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Locality Partnerships regarding an update on the Community Committee Youth Summit and an update on the Youth Activity Fund Consultation.</p>	65 - 74
11			<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which provides an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25.</p>	75 - 86
12			<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To note the date and time of the next formal meeting as Monday, 16th September 2024 at 5pm. Venue TBC.</p>	

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			<p><u>Third Party Recording</u></p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title. b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete. 	

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors J Bowden, J Dowson,
S Hamilton, Z Hussain, L Martin and
M Rafique

37 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

38 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

39 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

40 Declaration of Interests

No interests were raised.

41 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor France-Mir and Councillor Taylor.

42 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

No matters were raised by members of the public.

43 Minutes of the previous meeting - 27 November 23

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 27th November 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

44 King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships introduced a report that provided information regarding the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes.

The report asks members to identify groups/organisations who might qualify for the schemes and exploring whether there are any ways the Lieutenancy can help the committee in the work they do with the local community.

The Deputy Lieutenants for West Yorkshire attended the meeting and explained that the cost of applying for the award is free, and the lieutenancy are looking at liaising with local community groups and organisations. Members were asked to provide any local group names, and/or contact details to the lieutenancy so that they can get in contact with them and provide them with some information regarding the award, as well as the criteria.

The award is not easily obtained and provides organisations and businesses the use of the logo on all correspondence and use for their own benefit. The award is seen as a 'prestige' and will potentially help organisations and groups obtain additional funding from other sources.

Organisations such as DAZL Dance and Friends of Roundhay Park have previously won the award.

Members were asked to get in contact with Ms Baker if they had any organisations and groups in mind for the lieutenancy to contact, to recognise the work of organisations and groups across Leeds.

Ms Baker can be contacted on the following email: susan.baker@ntlworld.com and/or at the following address: West Yorkshire Lieutenancy Office, Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham, Wetherby, LS23 6LP.

The scheme is open 1st June until 15th September 2024.

In responding to questions from Committee Members, the following was confirmed:

- A lot of groups and organisations never heard of the scheme, and it has been running for quite some years. The lieutenancy has been looking for ways to promote the scheme and felt local ward members are best placed to suggest local groups and organisations.
- The application to nominate a group or organisation is considered straight forward. It must be somebody not involved in the organisation to nominate the group or organisation. All the groups put forward are checked for eligibility, and the lieutenants will visit the groups and spend some time with them going through the criteria and checking their governance arrangement and accounts etc. Once everything has been checked over, the nominations go to a central committee based in London, and the announcement of the winners ties up with the Kings birthday on 14th November 24.

- The Deputy Lieutenants cannot put forward any nominations as they're the ones who will be doing the assessments against the criteria.
- Councillors are not asked to support the application process, unless they are personally involved with the group or organisation. If they do decide to support the group or organisation, they must explain how they have personally benefitted them in a personal capacity, or a family member.
- The group or organisation must be volunteer led but can have paid staff working for them.
- Nominations are assessed nationally, and the award is considered difficult to get. But once this has been achieved, it is a prestigious award and groups must be exceptional to receive it.
- Organisations must be well governed in terms of the criteria and eligibility. If groups are unsuccessful, they can re-apply in the next 3 years.
- To apply for the award, somebody must nominate the group, and 2 letters of support must be put forward.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Lieutenants for attending the meeting and the Committee shared their appreciation for the work the lieutenancy is doing in recognising local volunteer groups and organisations.

RESOLVED – To note the verbal update and comments during discussion of this item.

45 Inner North East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

Projects as outlined in the submitted report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
Meanwood Park Comm Tennis Programme (Children's Lessons)	Leeds Community Tennis Programme (LCC)	Moortown	£700.00 (YAF) 2024-25	Approved
Roundhay Park Summer Tennis Camps (Children 8-12)	Leeds Community Tennis Programme (LCC)	Roundhay	£1,000.00 (YAF) 2024-25	Approved

The following information was highlighted:

- Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24. The remaining balance stands at £7,439.79.
- No projects have been considered and approved by DDN since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Since the last Community Committee meeting on the 27th of November 2023 the following project was declined - Meanwood Park Community Tennis Programme (Adult's Lessons).
- Ward Pots Budget 2023/24. The remaining available balance overall stands at £35,138.76. A breakdown per ward was provided as per Table 2 of the submitted report.
- Youth Activities Fund 2023/24. There is a remaining available balance of 0.71.
- Capital Budget 2023/24. There is a remaining available balance of £12,348.
- Community Infrastructure Levy Budget 2023/24. There is an overall remaining balance of £75,481.55. A breakdown per ward was provided as per Table 5 of the submitted report.

RESOLVED – To note/consider:

- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) (paragraph 20).
- b) Wellbeing/YAF proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 24 - 25).
- c) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 26).
- d) Details of the projects Declined (paragraph 27).
- e) Details of Skips & Ward Pots (Table 2) (paragraph 28).
- f) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 3) (paragraph 29 - 31).
- g) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4) (paragraph 32).
- h) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5) (paragraph 33).

46 Inner North East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided 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.

The report also provided 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.

The following was discussed:

- Proactive work is being carried out to increase uptake with flu and Covid-19 vaccinations, to reduce hospital admissions.
- An overview of ASB cases in the last 3 months as per the statistics in the submitted report. It is noted that generally cases decrease in the winter months and increase again in the summer months.

- There is on-going work with partners to tackle issues associated with Roundhay park, in terms of parking, BBQs and picnics.
- 2 Premises Closure Orders have been granted in the last quarter in Beckhill Fold and Harehills Avenue to give neighbours respite, they have been extended for a further 3 months pending full possession proceedings.
- The last Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) meeting will be held in March 2024. Councillor Dowson explained that these meetings provide residents with the opportunity to ensure the housing and estates they live in, are well looked after. There is something in the pipeline for residents to remain involved in the process, but further clarity is awaited.
- A representative from Meanwood Valley Partnership attended the meeting and provided some information on the Meanwood Walking Festival. She explained they are trying to do a walk every month, and the recent walk was successful with Councillors Shahzad and Hamilton attending. Several bags of litter were collected and the joint effort in clearing the litter was acknowledged. Members commented on the joint effort between volunteers and the 'Litter Free' movement in Leeds.
- A member commented that Tropical World, and the Butterfly Conservation are dedicating wildflower meadows, to benefit butterflies and moths. An update on this can be provided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and comments during discussion of the item.

47 Any Other Business

Representatives from local organisations attended the meeting, and provided the following information:

Girlguiding Leeds – it has been difficult recruiting volunteers recently, and there is a focus to recruit adults. There are 100 more volunteers this year, than last year but more is needed. Some of the youngest volunteers are aged only 4 years old, and there are children looking at litter and street lighting to make sure everything is ok for their community. It was acknowledged that the cost of transport has increased significantly and Girlguiding are trying to think more creatively and locally, as they are unable to get people to events. Funding has helped pay for new merchandise, and a new logo, which has helped create something 'bold' and assisted with recruitment. Girlguiding allow people to borrow toolkits and screwdrivers, to help girls learn life skills you wouldn't learn elsewhere.

Meanwood Valley Partnership – there is a series of events in July 2024, that will bring together voluntary groups in Meanwood. There will be a series of workshops taking place, as part of the summer festival and will take place locally. They thanked the Committee for funding Meanwood lights and explained they have received grant claims to develop a community garden.

PHAB Leeds – the organisation is flourishing and is for all disabled and abled people in any part of Leeds. Anne explained that she is the oldest volunteer at PHAB, and they are currently looking for some more volunteers to join. PHAB take in people who are going into a carer's profession, and only last week, got some new volunteers aged 16-18 years of age. PHAB offer a range of activities such as bingo, dance, music, and pool. There are also outings and residential visits.

The Committee thanked all the volunteers for the amazing work they are doing, and for the community.

48 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to consider agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

The following dates and times were proposed to the Community Committee:

- Mon, 17 June 24, 6pm
- Mon, 16 Sept 24, 6pm
- Mon, 25 Nov 24, 6pm
- Mon, 17 Feb 25, 6pm

It was noted that the June date may clash with Eid Al-Fitr. Therefore, dates are subject to change further to additional consideration.

RESOLVED – To agree the above.

49 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting is proposed as June 2024. An exact date, time, and venue is TBC.

The meeting ended at 19:25.



Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee (Chapel Allerton, Roundhay and Moortown wards)

Report author: Natasha Prosser (Governance Officer)

Date: Monday, 10th June 2024

For decision

Community Committee Appointments 2024/2025

Purpose of report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to note the appointment of Councillor Shahzad as Chair of the Community Committee for 2024/25 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and also to invite the Committee to make appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 / the appendices.

Main issues

Noting Appointment of Community Committee Chair for 2024/25

1. Members are invited to note the appointment of Councillor Shahzad as Chair of the Community Committee for 2024/25, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council.

Appointments to Outside Bodies including Cluster Partnerships and Local Care Partnerships

2. General Purposes Committee annually determines which Outside Bodies will be delegated to Community Committees for appointment. Attached at Appendix 1 is the current schedule of organisations as delegated to the Community Committee.
3. Most recently, Member Management Committee agreed in 2019 that appointments to Local Care Partnerships be delegated to Community Committees for determination.

Appointments to Community Committee ‘Champions’

4. The Constitution requires that Community Committees appoint Member ‘Champions’ in several designated areas. Currently, these areas are: ‘Environment & Community Safety’; ‘Children’s Services’; ‘Employment, Skills & Welfare’; and ‘Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care’.

Appointment to Corporate Parenting Board

5. In recent years Community Committees have been used as the appropriate body by which local Elected Member representatives are appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board.

Schedule of Appointments

6. The Committee is invited to review the details in the table below together with the accompanying information which follows / is appended, and determine appoints for the 2024/25 municipal year:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of Places	Current Appointee(s)	Proposed Appointee(s)
Moor Allerton Elderly Care	1	Cllr M Shahzad	Cllr M Shahzad
Community Action for Roundhay Elderly	1	Cllr Z Hussain	Cllr Z Hussain
Clusters:			
2Gether Cluster (Chapel Allerton or Moortown)	1	Cllr E Taylor and Cllr M Rafique	Cllr E Taylor / Cllr M Rafique
ARM (Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown)	2	Cllr M France-Mir and Cllr Z Hussain	Cllr M France-Mir & Cllr Z Hussain
Local Care Partnerships:			
HATCH (Harehills, Chapeltown & Burmantofts and Richmond Hill)	1	Cllr E Taylor	Cllr E Taylor
Central (includes Meanwood & Moortown)	1	Cllr M Shahzad	Cllr M Shahzad
Champions:			
Children and Young People	1	Cllr Z Hussain	Cllr M France-Mir

Environment	1	Cllr J Bowden	Cllr J Bowden
Community Safety	1	Cllr M Rafique	Cllr S Hamilton
Employment, Skills, and Welfare	1	Cllr M France-Mir	Cllr L Martin
Health, Wellbeing and ASC	1	Cllr E Taylor	Cllr E Taylor
Corporate Parenting Board:	1	Cllr M France-Mir	Cllr M France-Mir

Options

Outside Bodies

7. The Community Committee is invited to determine the appointments to those Outside Bodies as detailed within the table at section 6 / the appendices. The Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules can be made available to Members upon request, however, a summary of the rules can be found at sections 8-13:
8. The Community Committee should first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder¹ either by reference to the constitution of the outside body concerned (if available), or in the light of any other circumstances as determined by the Community Committee. Such appointments would then be offered on this basis.
9. Nominations will then be sought for the remaining places, having regard to trying to secure an overall allocation of places which reflects the proportion of Members from each Political Group on the Community Committee as a whole.
10. All appointments are subject to annual change unless otherwise stated within the constitution of the external organisations, which will therefore be reflected on the table at Appendix 1. Each appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.
11. A vacancy occurring during the municipal year will normally be referred to the Community Committee for an appointment to be made, having regard to the principles described above.
12. Community Committees may review the list of organisations to which they are asked to make appointments at any time and make recommendations, as the Committee feels appropriate.
13. Any appointments to those Outside Bodies detailed in the appendices / section 6 which are made by the Committee at today's meeting are subject to General Purposes Committee approving at its first meeting of the municipal year that arrangements for such appointments remain unchanged and that they continue to be made by this Community Committee.

¹ For example it may be considered necessary or otherwise appropriate to appoint a specific Ward Member

Local Care Partnerships

14. Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) bring health and care providers together with other partners and local communities to improve people's experience of care to be more personalised and joined up. The second purpose is to tackle the health inequalities that exist both within local communities and across Leeds. LCPs are aligned to Primary Care Network boundaries; NHS funded collaborations of GP practices working together locally to share resources and extend their offer. Further information on Local Care Partnerships and their current priorities can be found on their website: www.leedslcps.org.uk
15. From July 2019 forwards Community Committee meetings agreed individual arrangements for representation from Members at LCP meetings. Members raised that representation on LCPs could helpfully be aligned with the existing Community Committee Health Champion role for some committees, as well as consider how wider elected members were included. Community Committees recognised there were already good relationships in place between some Members and individual GPs but that the picture varied significantly from GP practice to GP practice.
16. In previous years, appointments to LCPs have been made using a 'best fit' approach to membership, mapping the geography of LCPs to Community Committee boundaries. Appendix 2 captures this best fit. Frequency of meetings varies from one LCP to another (current arrangements are captured in Appendix 2). Whilst some meet monthly, increasingly partners come together on a bimonthly or quarterly basis with working groups in between. All LCPs also have working groups or task and finish groups to take forward their key priority strands of work. During COVID, meetings were virtual which has resulted in a greater breadth of partners being able to attend and contribute regularly. This includes participation by Members. Moving forward, to strike a balance between attendance and ability to network and strengthen local relationships, the LCPs have moved to a model of a mix of in person meetings (at least three per year per LCP) and online meetings (mainly by Teams, some by Zoom).
17. Members are an integral part of LCPs and it is requested that the links between LCPs and Community Committees are retained and strengthened. Community Committees are therefore requested to nominate members to those LCPs aligned to their Committee.

Community Committee 'Champions'

18. The Community Committee Champions role aims to provide a local "lead" perspective and further facilitate local democratic accountability; particularly in conjunction with the relevant Executive Member. It is formally defined as covering the following areas:
 - To provide local leadership and champion the agenda at the Community Committee;
 - To represent the Community Committee at relevant meetings, forums and local partnerships;
 - To build links with key services and partners;
 - To provide a link between the Community Committee and the Executive Member to ensure local needs are represented, issues are highlighted, best practice is shared and to facilitate local solutions to any issues;

- To maintain an overview of local performance; and
 - To consult with the Community Committee and represent local views as part of the development and review of policy.
19. As set out in the Constitution, the Community Committee is invited to appoint to the Community Lead Member roles detailed in section 6.
20. Given that these roles may need to be tailored to best reflect specific local needs and circumstances, Community Committees may wish to consider splitting 2 of the roles namely:
- Environment & Community Safety – with one Member focusing on the environment agenda and another on community safety.
 - Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – with one Member covering the public health and wellbeing agenda and another focusing upon adult social care.
21. Further to this, the Champions' Role Profile, as ratified at the Community Committee Chairs' Forum in 2022 and as previously presented to Community Committees is detailed below for information:

- Lead on the oversight and delivery of a themed programme work across the Community Committee Area
- Work with elected colleagues, partners and local people to drive improvements across the committee area within the remit of the Champion theme
- To provide regular updates to the Community Committee and bring any emerging or priority issues relating to the theme to the attention of the committee
- To chair themed sub-groups, and where appropriate provide oversight on requests for grant funding relevant to the theme
- To lead on the dissemination of information and raise awareness of agreed issues relating to the theme
- Provide political influence in the delivery of the theme in the committee area
- To work with the relevant Executive Member and other themed champions across the city to address city wide priorities associated with the theme
- Support the development of local and cross committee themed projects where appropriate
- Attend and represent the Community Committee at themed events and other activities as appropriate

Corporate Parenting Board

22. Under the Children's Act 1989, all local Councillors are corporate parents, this means they have responsibilities relating to the quality of services for those children who have been taken into care by the local authority (children looked after).
23. Executive Board has previously agreed a clear framework for the corporate parenting role in Leeds which is set out in the Leeds Corporate Parenting Strategy 2021 - 2024. This includes ensuring a core group of councillors with a special interest in leading the work on Corporate Parenting – who are nominated to the 'Corporate Parenting Board'. This Corporate Parenting Board includes representation from each of the 10 Community Committees alongside partners from relevant statutory and third sector organisations, and takes particular responsibilities

relating to influencing, performance monitoring, and governance of those issues and outcomes that affect looked after children.

24. In 2021 Leeds published the City's Corporate Parenting strategy which sets out the priorities for ensuring that our children in care and care leavers receive the highest quality services and support. This strategy is overseen by our Corporate Parenting Board, which also ensures that our 'Promises' to children in care and care leavers are delivered. The Board considers information including fostering services, residential care, looked after children's educational attainment and their voice and influence across the city. Representatives on the board are expected to link back to their Community Committee and champion the importance of effectively supporting the work of the board. The Corporate Parenting Board is an important partnership within the overall framework of support and accountability for looked after children's services and is chaired by the relevant executive member.

25. The Community Committee is asked to appoint one representative to the Corporate Parenting Board for the duration of the forthcoming municipal year and to promote attendance and engagement with the Corporate Parenting Board. The Committee may consider it appropriate to combine the role with that of the Committee's Children's Services 'Champion'.

26. It should be noted that membership of the Corporate Parenting Board is encouraged for any Elected Members with a particular interest in the outcomes of looked after children, therefore whilst each Community Committee is asked to appoint one Member (to ensure an even geographic spread), it is possible for additional Members to participate. Therefore, additional Members with a particular interest are advised to make the relevant officers aware.

Children's Services Cluster Partnerships

27. Clusters are local partnerships that include, amongst others: the Children's Social Work Service, schools, governors, Police, Leeds City Council youth service, Youth Offending Service, Children's Centres, Housing services, third sector, health, local elected members and a senior representative from children's services. Local clusters are key to the Leeds Children and Young People's Partnership arrangements.

28. They aim to:

- enable local settings and services to work together effectively to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families;
- build capacity to improve the delivery of preventative and targeted services to meet local needs;
- create the conditions for integrated partnership working at locality level;
- promote the Children & Young People's Plan and the ambition of a child friendly city across the locality.

29. A "well-coordinated locality and cluster approach results in early identification and extensive work with families according to need." (Ofsted report, March 2015).

30. Clusters began life as extended services for schools and have grown to engage a wide range of partners who provide early help and early intervention and prevention. In April 2011, the Children & Families Trust Board and Schools Forum agreed the adoption of a minimum standard for the terms of reference across the cluster partnerships, which included elected members as standing members of the governance group for each partnership.

31. Elected Members also sit alongside a senior leader (Local Authority Partner) from the Children's Services directorate to be part of the Council's representation on each cluster partnership.
32. In June 2013 Member Management Committee delegated the nomination of Elected Member representatives to local Children's Services Cluster partnerships to Community Committees. This was with the aim of establishing a clear formal link between those Committees and Clusters. It was also with the intention of building closer working arrangements to better support the needs children and families across the city.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and engagement

This report facilitates the necessary consultation and engagement with Community Committee Members in respect of appointments to the designated positions and Outside Bodies. Given that the Community Committee is the relevant appointing body, there is no requirement to undertake a public consultation exercise on such matters.

b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

Both the Community Committee Champion roles and the Corporate Parenting role aim to champion, address and monitor issues arising in their respective fields, whilst also providing clear links with the relevant Executive Member, Council officers and partner agencies. As such, these roles would also look to address any equality, diversity, cohesion, or integration issues arising in their specific areas.

Also, Council representation on Outside Bodies and Children's Services Cluster Partnerships will enable those appointed Members to act as a conduit in terms of promoting the Council's policies and priorities.

c. Council policies and city priorities

Council representation on, and engagement with those Outside Bodies, partnerships and organisations to which the Community Committee has authority to appoint, is in line with the Council's policies and priorities.

d. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to those decisions taken by Community Committees.

If a Councillor is nominated to an Outside Body by the Council then that Councillor receives full indemnity from the Council. For example should someone attempt to take civil action against a Councillor personally in their role as a Council appointed trustee/director of an Outside Body; then the Council would cover the cost of defending the action against that Councillor, and if the action were successful the Council would cover any compensation which the Councillor had to pay. The only exceptions to this are for "fraud, or other deliberate wrongdoing or recklessness", or

for a criminal offence (although the indemnity would cover defending criminal proceedings, if no conviction resulted). The indemnity applies to a company, trust, or charity and whether a Councillor is nominated as a director or trustee. If a Member becomes a trustee or director but has not been nominated by the Council, then the indemnity will not apply, and the Member should check that the trust, company etc. has got appropriate insurance cover for its trustees/directors.

e. Risk management

In not appointing to those Outside Bodies listed within the report, there is a risk that the Council's designated representation on such organisations would not be fulfilled.

Conclusion

33. The Community Committee is asked to consider and determine the appointments to those designated Outside Bodies, partnerships and organisations as detailed within the report and appendices.

Recommendations

34. The Community Committee is asked to consider and confirm appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 / the appendices, having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as summarised in this report;
35. The Committee is also invited to note the appointment of Councillor Shahzad, as Chair of the Community Committee for the duration of 2024/25, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council.

Background information

- None

Community Committee Appointments to Outside Bodies (North East Inner)

APPENDIX 1

Outside Body	Charity /Trust	No of Places	Review Date	No of places to review	Current appointees	Cllr Y/N	Review Period	Group
Moor Allerton Elderly Care	Yes	1	Jun-24	1	M Shahzad	Y	Annual	Labour
Community Action For Roundhay Elderly	Yes	1	Jun-24	1	Z Hussain	Y	Annual	Labour
Chapelton CAB	Yes	1	Jun-26	1	J Dowson	Y	3 yearly	Labour
CLUSTERS								
2Gether Cluster (Chapel Allerton OR Moortown)		1	Jun-24	1	E Taylor and M Rafique (shared role)	Y	Annual	Labour
ARM (Alwoodley, Roundhay & Moortown)		2	Jun-24	2	Z Hussain M France Mir	Y	Annual	Labour
Local Care Partnership - HATCH - (Harehills, Chapelton , Burmantofts&Richmond Hill)		1	Jun-24	1	E Taylor	Y	Annual	
Local Care Partnership - Central (includes Meanwood & Moortown)		1	Jun-24	1	M Shahzad	Y	Annual	
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Number of places		8						
Places held pending review		0						
Places currently filled beyond June		1						
Number of places to fill		7						
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Number of Members in the Committee Area		9			Percentage of Members on the Committee		Notional Places Allocated	
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Labour		9			100		#VALUE!	
Liberal Democrat		0			0		#VALUE!	
Conservative		0			0		#VALUE!	
<i>Other to list</i>		0			0		#VALUE!	
Total		9						

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APPENDIX 2 - Councillor Alignment to LCP areas

LCP		Suggested Community Committee Member Appointment
Seacroft, Cross Gates and York Road	Seacroft – quarterly, usually Tuesdays	Inner East
	York Road – meet monthly, first Tuesday morning of the month	Inner East and Outer East (Halton Moor and Cross Gates)
	Cross Gates – bimonthly, fourth Tuesday afternoons	Outer East
LS25/26	Garforth/Kippax/Rothwell – quarterly, for 23/24 these were themed marketplace and workshop events – detail for 24/25 to be determined	Outer East
		Outer South
Central	Central – quarterly, first Wednesday afternoon of the month	Inner North East
HATCH (Chapelton, Harehills, Richmond Hill & Burmantofts)	Meet monthly alternating between a business meeting and a themed workshop, Third Tuesday afternoons	Inner North East
		Inner East
Wetherby	Wetherby – quarterly, usually Wednesdays	Outer North East
Holt Park and Woodsley	Quarterly in person, second Wednesday morning	Inner North West
Leeds Student Medical Practice	Bimonthly – Third Tuesday afternoons	Inner North West
Otley and Aireborough	Quarterly – was Wednesday afternoons but we are now trying Friday mornings as this works for many partners and is often a quieter time for meetings	Outer North West
Inner South Communities (was known as Beeston & Middleton LCP)	Quarterly, second Wednesday afternoons	Inner South
Morley	Morley – bimonthly, midday, third Wednesday of the month	Outer South

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Armley	Armley – quarterly on second Tuesday mornings	Inner West
	Bramley, Wortley & Middleton – bimonthly midday fourth Wednesday	Inner West and Outer West
West Leeds	Pudsey and Bramley – quarterly fourth Thursday morning	Outer West



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

Report author: Localities Officer - Zahir Lunat

Date: 10 June 2024 for consideration

Inner North East 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

Updates by theme

Children & Young People: Councillor Zara Hussain

3. INE Youth Services Report - please see appendix 1.
4. West Yorkshire Youth Commission (WYYC) Report – please see appendix 2.

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

Community Committee Health and Wellbeing Report

UK smoking ban

5. MPs have voted to back the Government's plans to create a smokefree generation. Leeds City Council along with other public health leaders across West Yorkshire, were fully supportive of the plans calling it a "game-changer" in work to reduce smoking rates by prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to anyone born on or after 1 January 2009. It is not about stopping people who currently smoke from buying tobacco and will not impact their rights or entitlements.
6. The Tobacco and Vapes Bill aims to create the first ever smokefree generation. This will ensure that future generations are protected from the harmful impacts of smoking. And in response to a huge rise in the number of children using vapes, the Bill will also introduce new powers that restrict vape flavours and packaging that is intentionally marketed at children. The powers will also allow government to change how vapes are displayed in shops, moving them out of sight of children and away from products that appeal to them, like sweets.
7. An interesting fact is that it is estimated that smoking costs Leeds £216.3m in terms of health and social care needs, productivity loss and fires, which is more than double the amount that is brought into Leeds through taxation of tobacco.
8. It is hoped that creating a smokefree generation will help to level-up the UK because smoking is one of the most significant and preventable drivers of disparities in health outcomes.
9. A reminder that the [Leeds Stop Smoking Service](#) aims to support anyone living in Leeds to successfully stop smoking through the offer of behavioural support medication, nicotine replacement therapy and vapes.

Youth vaping campaign

10. Colleagues from public health and communications have been running a campaign to tackle the rise in youth vaping and sale of illicit vapes. Working with West Yorkshire Trading Standards, the campaign targeted retailers who were selling illicit vapes or selling vapes illegally to under 18s. An operation with West Yorkshire Police resulted in over 16,000 illicit vapes being seized from a number of Leeds retailers. The work was supported by an information and awareness campaign targeting parents, alongside work with schools, which saw high levels of social media engagement and visits to the [Talk to Frank](#) website for advice about the risks of underage vaping.
11. You can report any concerns regarding sales of vapes to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice phone number (0800 223 1133).

Leeds NHS Health Checks Procurement - new contract awarded

12. Following a re-procurement process, it has been announced that the Leeds GP Confederation will continue to deliver the NHS Health Check programme to the eligible population of Leeds.
13. The new contract will maintain the NHS Health Check programme being delivered within General Practice (GP) alongside some potential testing of community outreach approaches. The service will also work with the third and voluntary sector to raise the profile of the NHS Health Check and maximise uptake in key communities.
14. The main component of the Leeds NHS Health Check contract is its focus on reducing health inequalities and it will continue to target the groups 'most likely to benefit' from an NHS Health Check whilst maintaining a universal offer to the Leeds eligible population. The contract took effect from 1 April 2024 and will expire on 31 March 2029.

Covid: spring vaccine programme

15. The national booking system for the spring Covid vaccine opened on 15 April with vaccinations due to start on 22 April. Residents in care homes for older adults and eligible housebound individuals started to receive their vaccinations on 15 April.
16. Eligible people can book their vaccination online via the national booking system, or via the NHS App.
17. The vaccine is being offered to those at high risk of serious disease and therefore most likely to benefit. This includes the following groups:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

Flu immunisation plan 2024/25

18. No changes have been made to the groups of people eligible for the flu vaccination this year. However, there is a change to the timing. Based on evidence that the vaccine's effectiveness can wane over time the start of the programme for most adults will be the beginning of October and should be completed by the end of November, closer to the time the flu season commonly starts. This should provide optimal protection during the highest risk period.

Avian flu guidance

19. Although the risk from avian flu remains very low, UKHSA have published new guidance for the public on how to keep themselves safe from catching it from wild birds by minimising contact.

Campaigns

Tick awareness

20. UKHSA have launched their annual tick awareness campaign which runs throughout the spring and summer months when ticks are most active. Ticks can carry infections, including Lyme disease and tick-borne encephalitis.

Mental health awareness week

13 to 19 May

21. Mental health awareness week focuses on the theme "Movement: Moving more for our mental health." Recognizing the importance of physical activity for mental well-being, the week aims to help individuals incorporate movement into daily routines. Activities such as neighbourhood walks, dancing at home, or chair exercises are encouraged. In Leeds, the Love Exploring app offers over 20 trails ranging from 500m to 8km, providing engaging walks through the city's green spaces. The app, available for free download, features photos, facts, audio stories, and practical information on amenities. Supported by Active Leeds and Public Health, Love Exploring encourages exploration and outdoor activity.

Mental health provider forums

22. Within working age adults commissioning, our mental health sector team works with providers of mental health services in the city with 53 supported living services and 26 residential services. Following feedback from providers we now facilitate mental health provider forums every three months and have covered topics such as anti-social behaviour, community policing, and housing and move-on.
23. Our team's vision was to bring a transformational approach to the ways we work with our mental health providers by bringing them together and making the most of our partnership working through the forums. There is evidence that people with mental health issues experience considerable discrimination and stigma in society, work, accommodation, and health outcomes. By working proactively with our mental health providers, we can make a real difference to improve outcomes in the community for the most vulnerable people in our city. The forums encourage providers to be aspirational for all their residents and to support them in their recovery by building on their strengths and meeting diverse needs.

World Immunisation Week

24. This annual week is a global campaign to raise awareness of the importance of vaccinations. Vaccinations across the life course save lives and protect health. Second only to clean water it is the most effective public health intervention to prevent disease.

25. Through the successful delivery of vaccination programmes some diseases that were common such as smallpox and polio are now very rare, and millions of people worldwide have been protected from severe illness and death.
26. However, in recent years there has been a decline in the uptake of vaccinations, as population coverage targets for some diseases have not been maintained. In England, measles, which was eliminated in 2016 has re-emerged and cases of whooping cough in young children are currently increasing due to low vaccination coverage.

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

For Inner North East = 18
As follows.

Roundhay Ward = 2 cases, of which 1 x Threats/Actual Violence, 1 x General Nuisance

Moortown Ward = 1 case, of which 1 x Threats/Actual Violence

Chapel Allerton Ward = 14 cases, spread across Meanwood (8) Chapeltown (2) Chapel Allerton (4),
of which 3 x Rowdy Behaviour, 1 x Verbal Abuse, 3 x Noise, 3 Threats/Actual Violence, 3 x Hate, 1 x Domestic Abuse.

Key Issues

27. The key issue is the constant complaints of the misuse of Roundhay Park, orchestrated by the residents of West Avenue. These concern the anti-social use of Motor Vehicles, Drug Misuse, Cars and other vehicles accessing grassed areas, BBQ leading to litter and damage to the grass. Changing room walls being used as a public toilet. Request for traffic calming and road alterations.

In response: -

- Citywide Nuisance Vehicle Public Space Protection Order in place which the Police will enforce.
- Temporary CCTV camera installed on West Avenue, which enables retrospective enforcement of point one if Police have not been able to respond in time. Also, it could assist with other enforcement.
- CCTV Signage
- Parks signage around the use of BBQ's and littering
- Targeted patrols by Parks Staff to educate park users.
- Multi agency action days, 1 held already, next one is 31st May which will involve high visibility public engagement and education about use of the park.

Chapeltown CCTV Report – 1st October 2023 – 29th March 2024

Introduction

28. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Inner North East area, for the six month period, 1st October 2023 to 29th March 2024.

Cameras in the Inner North East area

29. The following cameras were used to capture incidents in the Inner North East area.

382 - Chapeltown
383 - Chapeltown
384 – Chapeltown

GDPR – Information Sharing

30. The introduction of the GDPR 2018 regulations reviewed the area of information sharing and therefore restricted the detail of what can be provided. As a result, the content of this report may not have the detail of specific incidents previously reported but provides a summary of the types of incidents within the area.

Incidents captured by CCTV operators: see appendix 1.

31. CCTV also contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed “real time.” These incidents are not included in this report but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Inner North East Area.

Requests for new Cameras

32. The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them.

33. Following changes to Data Protection legislation the council needs to ensure that all its CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner’s recommendations to ensure there are no data breaches (this includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.).

34. A dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council. The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

Table 1 – CCTV incidents captured 1st October 2023 – 29th March 2024.

Camera Number	382	383	384	Total incidents per category
Alarm Activation				0
ASB	1	1	1	3
Cash In Transit				0
Drugs				0
Enforcement		1		1
Fire		1		1
Health & Safety				0
Metro				0
Police Operation			1	1
Public Order		1	1	2
Road Traffic			1	1
Sexual Offences				0
Suspicious Events				0
Travellers				0
Theft				0
Total Per Camera	1	4	4	9

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) – Cllr Jordan Bowden

35. The CNT structural review is ongoing with a large number of operational staff taking Voluntary Leavers, so we are in a period of discussing next steps to work with a reduced number of staff. This information will be released when ratified by the Unions.
36. INE team are struggling for resource due to staff long term sickness and vacancies, where gaps are being filled with operatives from other teams providing, they have no shortages.
37. Work has begun on dismantling the Beckhills recycling points but unfortunately no notice was given to CNT or waste management that it had started which has led to multiple issues recently and potentially going forward until work has been completed.
38. All outstanding leafing issues have now been dealt with. As we are now in spring over the next few months the team will start to prioritise ginnel work that requires doing. Vaisakhi event went without any reported issues as the team had cleansed the route prior to the event.

Enforcement:

39. Several fly tip fixed penalty notices have been given to perpetrators for incidents relating to Ridge Road. A vehicle was also seized as part of the investigation to this

by SECT and there is also an interview due for a suspect in relation to the latest incident.

Neighbourhood Centres Update

Retail Crime Action Plan

Police investigation of retail crime

40. Policing received 274,000 reports nationally of retail theft in the budget year 2022 – 2023. It should also be observed that retail theft is sometimes accompanied by assaults and threats of violence by offenders. In light of the present levels of retail crime, it has been recognised that to make improvements there is a necessity to develop a robust partnership approach between policing and all retailers.

41. This action plan has been led by NPCC in terms of the policing response to retail crime. It has been balanced in relation to the necessity for attendance (immediate vs delayed) against the national approach around threat, risk and harm that applies across the broad spectrum of policing. All reasonable lines of enquiry will be pursued to identify offenders, secure available evidence, seek to recover property and ensure witnesses are identified and interviewed. What follows can be used as a guideline for forces to follow where operational threat demand allows.

Attendance at the Scene

42. Police attendance at the scene for retail crime will be prioritised in the following circumstances:

- i) Where violence has been used.
- ii) Where an offender has been detained (for example, by store security) police will attend the scene with urgency and repeat / prolific or juvenile offenders will be treated with elevated priority. All police attendance will be subject to a THRIVE risk assessment.
(Threat, Harm, Risk, Investigation, Vulnerability, Engagement)
- iii) Where evidence needs to be promptly secured which can only be done in person by police personnel e.g., securing forensic evidence.

Crime - Reasonable Lines of Enquiry

(This applies to all reported crimes whether officers attend at the scene in an emergency situation, on a delayed response or as a desk based investigation)

43. Police should follow all reasonable lines of enquiry when investigating an offence.

44. In line with the College of Policing guidelines, all material and potential evidence should be considered when there is information to suggest the offender could be identified. For example:

- Where there is clear recorded CCTV (or other) footage, police will recover that and seek to present it as evidence.
- When there is clear eyewitness evidence, that person will be interviewed.
- Where there is compelling evidence and forensic opportunities, police will seek to present these.
- Where property is stolen with unique features, such as a serial number, police will seek to recover it and obtain evidence.

45. Where CCTV is secured, viable images should be checked against those in the Police National Database, and other lawfully appropriate databases, using the facial recognition capability. Reasonable lines of enquiry compliance will be subjected to inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service

Prolific or Repeat Offenders

46. There are cohorts of prolific offenders who commit the majority of retail theft. A proactive approach to identify and target resources at these individuals will have a positive effect in preventing crime. Local policing teams should work with retailers to identify those offenders who cause the most harm and develop joint action plans to target their offending e.g., trigger plans for offending, use of ancillary orders such as Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs), designated a single point of contact (SPOCs) for efficient collection of evidence.

47. Once an offender has been identified and detained, the full scope of drug, alcohol or mental health referrals into treatment should be utilised where appropriate. It should be noted, however, that prolific and priority offenders, under the current guidelines, are not eligible for the conditional caution process.

48. Analytics of Police National Computer (PNC) / Police National Database (PND) data, including crime scene facial recognition data, should be used to identify prolific offenders and proactively pursue them from a criminal justice perspective. This will ensure national consistency in driving forward the policing response.

49. The use of business and victim impact statements to support prosecutions should be optimised. This will empower courts to consider all aspects following guilty pleas or verdicts. Should repeat/prolific offenders be identified after they have left the scene; then a delayed policing response will take place to gather the relevant evidence with the retailer.

Hot Spot Patrolling

50. Evidence has shown hot spot patrolling in high crime locations will prevent crime. Through the use of police data and business engagement, the top locations should be identified and through the use of temporal analysis patrol plans developed to provide a highly visible presence to prevent crime, provide reassurance and increase responsiveness.

Problem Solving

51. Hot spot patrolling activity should be supported by problem-solving policing to tackle the root causes of the offending.

52. Problem-solving plans should be developed against repeat locations and prolific offenders using the SARA Model to allow the¹:

- identification of a specific problem
- thorough analysis to understand the problem.
- development of a tailored response
- assessment of the effects of the response

53. Identifying any vulnerabilities presented and supporting accordingly will also deliver robust intervention, safeguarding and prevention opportunities.

Police response to Serious and Organised Retail Crime

Background

54. The threat of organised retail crime is increasing and now poses a significant challenge to the retail industry and law enforcement. Shoplifting is often dealt with locally by Police forces and due to competing demands, intelligence regarding Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) involved in this type of criminality is not prioritised. This leaves intelligence gaps which does not accurately reflect the scale and scope of the issues.
55. Some larger retailers manage incidents and intelligence themselves, often using third party companies who will manage their data and help develop a common operating picture of the biggest threats that are posed to them. Due to constraints of GDPR, retailers do not have the confidence to share this information themselves and due to a lack of confidence in police reporting processes often do not inform law enforcement.
56. Opal is the National Intelligence Unit for Serious and Organised Acquisitive Crime under Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman's portfolio. Together with a number of High Street retailers under a partnership called Pegasus; they will be working in collaboration to utilise industry data and knowledge with policing expertise in intelligence development and OCG management.

Response

57. A new Organised Retail Crime (ORC) capability will be formed within Opal, which will be funded by the Pegasus group. This team will be centrally governed but will be supporting Police Forces in identifying the OCG's operating in their area so they can be effectively targeted locally. Key activities of the Unit will be:
- The creation of a new dedicated intelligence team focusing on ORC, providing a unique interface for retailers to share intelligence with policing to develop into tangible activity, prevention and enforcement.
 - Training provided to retailers on appropriate information and intelligence to share with policing.
 - The development of a National Strategic Assessment on ORC utilising both industry, Police and third party data. For the first time, this will give a detailed analysis of organised retail crime, the offenders, modus operandi and opportunities to tackle it.
 - Utilisation of facial recognition software across public and private sectors to identify the individuals who pose the highest threat harm and risk.

- The identification of OCG's who will be appropriately prioritised, mapped and allocated to local Policing for onward management and intelligence development.
- The development of a performance framework to track activity and outcomes of the Opal ORC team.

Retailer - Crime Reporting Guidelines

58. There are a number of key actions which police require/expect retailers to carry out. This section outlines the appropriate ways for retailers to report matters to police and what is required to secure sufficient evidence to support the criminal justice process.

Responsibility

59. Employers are obliged to provide safe working environments for their own staff, protect their assets, stock and infrastructure. Policing can support and engage where required but is not legally obligated to provide this specific function in place of the employer.

60. Crime prevention is a core responsibility for all businesses, as it is for policing in the wider community. To this end, retailers are required to provide reasonable and effective crime prevention measures to deliver prevention, safeguarding and security.

61. However, if crime does occur and there are instances where it is appropriate to report it to the police, the following table should be used as a guide to support retailers in using the most appropriate reporting method.

How to report an incident to the Police

999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a risk to life, or someone is in immediate danger of harm. • A serious offence is in progress. • Use, or immediate threat of use, of violence • Property is in immediate danger of being seriously damaged. • The crime is, or likely to be, serious and in progress. • An offender has been detained and poses, or is likely to pose, a risk to other people
Online reporting	For non-emergency & non-priority reports - Visit www.police.uk to report crime to the local police force via their website

Non-emergency 101	For all incidents that do not require an emergency response
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What to report?

62. To allow the police to conduct an effective investigation, retailers should prioritise the following instances.

- Where there are incidents involving violence or threats of immediate violence.
- Hate related crimes.
- Offences committed by prolific/persistent or juvenile offenders.
- Offences where there is evidence of organised crime.
- Offences committed with a significant value or commodity type (e.g., corrosive liquid etc) or where there are reasonable lines of enquiry to pursue.

CCTV Evidence

63. CCTV images provide ideal opportunities to progress investigations. Retailers are required to share the following:

- CCTV images that capture the whole incident and should be shared electronically via a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS)
- Or the CCTV should be shared, on an agreed timescale, via a CD/USB etc if an online transfer is not possible.
- Provide a digital image of the suspect.

64. Sharing digital evidence via DEMS provides the quickest, most effective and secure way to share CCTV and images. Expedited delivery of CCTV footage/images will benefit the investigation and will support longer term prevention strategies.

Statements

65. The police will also need the below statements as a minimum requirement, which can, potentially, be combined into a single statement.

66. It is critical that the person reporting and/or the key witness is available to make a formal written statement to officers at the time of attendance.

67. The person making such a statement should do so with the full authority of the company.

- A witness statement is required from the staff member reporting and from the staff member who witnessed the offence, including stock loss details and other offences.
- A statement to produce the CCTV as evidence to be made by the relevant staff member.
- Also consider completing an Impact Statement for Business (ISB) which is a written statement and is intended to provide businesses that have been victims of crime with a voice in the criminal justice process.

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

69. 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

70. 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

71. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents²

76. None.

² 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.

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Youth Work Report

Data Reporting Period: 01/04/23-31/03/24

Our Youth Work Report is a summary of the Youth Work delivered across the wards highlighted below.

Inner East	Inner North East	Outer North East
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	Chapel Allerton	Alwoodley
Gipton and Harehills	Moortown	Harewood
Killingbeck and Seacroft	Roundhay	Wetherby

The delivery of our Youth Work is underpinned by the **11 priorities highlighted in the Children and Young People’s plan 2018-2023**, the **Leeds Vision for Youth Work**, and the shared priorities of the **Safer, Stronger Communities City plan 2021-2024**.

Whilst the 11 priorities are embedded throughout our delivery, for the purpose of the report we will be providing a summary of the Youth Work delivered in line with the most frequently identified priorities, these priorities are highlighted below. The report highlights the top four most frequently identified priorities across the Inner North East and provides a summary of how Leeds Youth Service deliver programmes and provision that are underpinned by the six pillars of Leeds Vision for Youth Work whilst ensuring operational delivery supports the Safer, Stronger Communities Plan.

Children and Young Peoples Plan 2018-2023		
Session Priorities – Most Featured		
09c - Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour		
04 - Increase the number of children & Young people participating		
08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating		
07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing		
Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing
Safer, Stronger Communities Plan 2021-2024 (Shared Priorities)		
ASB and Public Order	Domestic Violence and Abuse	Hate Crime
Illicit Drugs and Substance Use	Offending Behaviours	Organised Crime and Street Gangs
Exploitation and Radicalisation	People with multiple needs (Street Users and Sex Workers)	Violence and Sexual Crime

Provision Data 01/04/23-31/03/24

The below is a breakdown of the associated data with respect to provision delivery and attendance for the period 01/04/23 – 31/03/24.

Reporting Period: 01/04/23-31/03/24					
Wedge	Number of sessions delivered.	Total Number of Distinct Attendees engaged within INE	Accumulative number of Young People engaged within INE	Total Number of Distinct Attendees from INE engaged in Leeds Youth Service Provision	Accumulative number of Young People from INE engaged in Leeds Youth Service Provision
Inner North East	294 Youth Work Sessions	138	1288	338	2849

Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is integrated throughout our Youth Work practice and weekly provisions. This work can take many forms and is something that we continually adapt in line with communication with Young People, partners, and communities. Youth Work is delivered to empower and prevent whilst also respond as and when identified. The very core of our work with respect to Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is about ensuring Young People have the education, understanding, and empowerment to make positive decisions. This work is strongly aligned to the shared priority of addressing **ASB and public order** within the Safer, Stronger Plan. There are several weekly examples of this within our Core Offer via programming of issue based support, guidance, and activity.

Through weekly and bi-weekly centre based provisions across the wedge, there are regular opportunities to divert Young People away from negative behaviours into a safe, supportive environments. A recent example of this would having West Yorkshire Police Youth Engagement Officer deliver a number of sessions to Young People who engage in our provision. Young People had the opportunity to experience the virtual reality headsets that featured heavily in the February Intensification month targeted at reducing Youth Violence (*Project Shield)

Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

Increase the number of children & Young people participating

Increase the number of children & Young people participating is a constant operational focus, ensuring that Young People have the opportunity to access our free universal provision is essential to building sustained engagement with Young People from across the wedge. We are pleased to have a varied offer of sessions across the which are designed to meet the needs of all Young People. From smaller sessions where Young People engage in a variety of issue based work such as emotional and mental wellbeing, substance misuse, peer pressure, personal hygiene, risk taking behaviours and sexual health, to sessions that are sports based which are non-stop from start to finish.

Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating

Encourage physical activity and healthy eating features heavily across the Inner North East, with some of the highest attended sports sessions across the whole of the East North East. We see high levels of attendance each week at our sessions which take place at The Mandela Centre, Islamic Centre, and our Roundhay Football session in partnership with Leeds United Foundation. These sessions provide a variety of sporting activities to engage with, allowing Young People to blow of some steam whilst developing health, fitness, and sporting skillset. As a service we are also committed to ensuring Young People are able to access a basic level of food provision, recognising that for some this may be the only meal they have that day.

Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing

Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing continues to be a key issue impacting upon Young People across the Inner North East. This priority features in a range of different ways, from providing Young People with a safe space at our centre based provisions to ensuring Young People are able to engage in a variety of provisions focused on peer pressure, wellbeing, mental health, and the links between a healthy diet and healthy mind. Our Youth Work team are regularly provided with the latest resources to ensure Young People are aware of the latest support and resource available. Our team have recently introduced Young People to a range of new material from Night Owls and Safe Zone and reminded Young People of the support available from both Kooth and Teen Connect.



Whilst we deliver a range of targeted and issue based work, we continually recognise the impact of simply providing Young People with the opportunity to have fun with their peers and explore their thoughts and feelings on their terms. This has ranged from ensuring we factored time in provision to make Pancakes for Pancake Day or creating wellbeing tables at our various centre based sessions where Young People are provided with a range of resource such as arts and crafts just help them to take some time out from what has often been a challenging day.



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Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing

1.Youth Voice / Youth Involvement *Participation and Empowerment is at the very heart of our delivery. This has taken numerous forms over the past quarter with Young People across our provision been consulted on a range issues. Young People were recently consulted on the headline title of the branding aligned to the partnership approach to tackling Youth Violence. We consulted with over 600 Young People and it is these Young People who voted for the final title – Project Shield. Leeds Youth Service are currently going through a re-branding process and at the heart of this is our new logo. It was essential that local Young People were integral to this process and with over 500 Young People involved in the consultation we have selected the logo which was chosen by Young People (by a huge 200 votes).



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2.Partnership Work *Collaboration is at the heart of our delivery and it has been incredible to be part of the February Intensification month aligned to Project Shield. Our workforce have supported daily sessions at the Royal Armouries and it has been great to then take this knowledge and learning into sessions across local communities. We are also pleased to share that Leeds Youth Service is now officially recognised as a Leeds Young Carer Service. Through a range of deliverables from awareness raising to staff practice development sessions, we are really proud of this continually developing journey in partnership with Leeds Young Carer service.

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3.Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity is a feature of both our ethos and quarterly programme planning. Our team have worked alongside Leeds City Councils Equality Team to integrate the Religious Events and Celebration Calendar alongside our service curriculum calendar. This has seen a number of sessions delivered on World Religion Day and Chinese New Year whilst it was also great to have the Migrant Access Project recently present at our service managers meeting.

4.Respect and Positivity. Our Youth Work team are in the privileged position of educating and empowering good numbers of Young People on a weekly basis. At the heart of this sustained positive engagement are our centre based provisions. It is our seven weekly centre based sessions which provide a safe space in which to build the foundation for engagement, education, and empowerment.

5.Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing is evidenced within the Children and Young People's priorities that are most frequently featured across our provision. Ensuring Youth Work is delivered by a professionally qualified workforce and the issue based delivery in line with these priorities is further evidence of this. As highlighted *07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing 08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating* feature very heavily within service provision.

6.Youth Work will be valued and understood. Recent months have provided yet more examples of the vast value of Youth Work, with high numbers engaging voluntary across our universal offer, from sports sessions, wellbeing sessions, capturing Youth Voice, and targeted issued based work – the value to Young People from the local community is immeasurable. Ensuring our service and delivery is promoted across the city is pivotal to the continued development and growth of Youth Work across Leeds.



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Youth Work Challenge – What has not gone well and contributing factors

Leeds City Council Budgetary Challenge

We continue to feel the impact of the current budgetary challenges faced by the local authority. Despite this challenge it is important that we recognise the continued and unwavering support from our Senior leadership team and Executive member.

Youth Work Forward Planning

The below are the key aims for the service in the coming months.

- To continue to focus on key ASB hot spots across the wedg and respond / divert provision as required.
- To continue in the development of Youth Voice, both internally and in partnership with Leeds Youth Voice
- To explore the potential to develop senior youth members and volunteers (in line with revised volunteer programme).
- To continue to focus on the Children & Young people's plan being embedded in the delivery of all Youth Work Sessions and adapt to the 2023-2028 priorities.
- To work with partners to ensure vulnerable young people are protected and engaged in diversionary activities.
- To create opportunities within Youth Provisions for young people to access free food and develop skills around Healthy eating on a budget.
- To ensure the continued promotion of the Inner North East provision via the East North East social media accounts.
- To deliver a range of provisions underpinned by our service curriculum calendar, ensuring keys days, weeks, and months of awareness are integrated throughout our delivery.





WEST YORKSHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION:

FINAL 2023 REPORT TO THE WEST YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

NOVEMBER 2023



INTRODUCTION

The West Yorkshire Youth Commission (WYYC) was established in 2023 with funding from the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP).

The WYYC enables children and young people (hereafter referred to as young people) aged 14-25 to have a stronger voice and influence on serious violence and exploitation issues across the region. This peer-led project enables young people to get involved and have their say about issues that affect their lives and help build a safer community.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report is grounded in extensive peer-to-peer research and engagement with over 1300 young people across West Yorkshire between May 2023 and October 2023. These conversations were conducted through interactive workshops, one-to-one interviews, outreach stands and engagement stalls.

The report is structured into four key priorities that outline the WYYC's key areas of peer-led research. Each section features a comprehensive analysis of young people's responses, verbatim quotes from individual participants, and recommendations for change that have been put forward by the Youth Commissioners as a result of their findings.

This report is intended to be a genuine, independent record of what young people have told us through the WYYC 'Big Conversation'. The report is intended to support any future actions by the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership and relevant partner agencies.

The content of this document contains sensitive, potentially triggering themes from the outset including but not limited to violence, trauma, sexual abuse, and suicide. We appreciate this may lead to negative emotional responses and readers are advised to prioritise their emotional wellbeing when reading this document.

ABOUT THE WEST YORKSHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION

The WYYC works in partnership with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership to help shape approaches to youth-led initiatives, particularly in response to violent crime and exploitation across West Yorkshire.

A key part of the WYYC's role is to gather views of other young people across the country through peer-to-peer research in the form of a 'Big Conversation'. This peer-led research process provides a safe environment for young people to talk to their peers about relevant issues. The views gathered from young people are analysed by the WYYC in order to create a final set of key findings and recommendations to report back to the VRP.

The West Yorkshire Youth Commission members are a diverse group of 22 young people, who each bring different backgrounds and experiences to the group. Of the group:

- 56.5% identified as female
- 43.5 identified as male
- 4.3% identified as transgender
- 34.8% identified as belonging to an ethnic minority
- 30.4% identified as having a disability
- 8.7% identified as belonging to the LGBTQ+ community
- 17.4% identified as not in education, training or employment

The West Yorkshire Youth Commission is facilitated by Leaders Unlocked, a social enterprise that enables young people and underrepresented groups to have a stronger voice and influence on the decisions that affect their lives. Leaders Unlocked has established Youth Commissions in 18 regions in England and Wales and continues to grow.

For more information about Leaders Unlocked please see www.leaders-unlocked.org

IDENTIFIED KEY PRIORITIES AND AIMS

At their inaugural meeting, the WYYC members worked together to select their key priorities relevant to young people. The group then developed a set of aims to underpin the priorities and help guide the project and provide a focus for the 'Big Conversation'.

The key priorities chosen were:

- 1) Attitudes and Violence Towards Women
- 2) Community Relationship & Life
- 3) Rehabilitation and Prevention
- 4) Drugs, Gangs and Knife Crime

SKILLS TRAINING

WYYC members took part in active listening and practical training sessions to acquire the key skills and knowledge needed for their role. This training included how to successfully plan workshops, interview techniques and peer facilitation training.

CREATED YOUTH COMMISSION RESOURCES

WYYC members were actively involved in creating the tools that they would use for their peer-led research. They co-designed interactive workshops to address each of their four priorities, which included quizzes, games, presentations and discussions.

To capture young people's responses, we developed a Youth Commission postcard showcasing the four key priorities and providing young people with a structure to record their views and suggested solutions anonymously. (Appendix 1)

THE 'BIG CONVERSATION'

This 'Big Conversation' was taken to a wide range of local voluntary organisations, educational and alternative educational organisations, youth clubs, youth justice services and statutory partners across the region.

To gather vital insights from those who are most affected by some of the priority topics, the WYYC put particular effort and energy into engaging with underrepresented groups of young people. WYYC carried out workshops and consultations with those with first-hand experience of the criminal justice system, young people from ethnic minority backgrounds, non-mainstream education settings and rehabilitation centres.

The workshops and engagement events were peer-led by Youth Commission members and were designed to include a range of activities to suit a wide range of engagement styles. The workshops included activities such as 'what would you do' scenarios; awareness raising quizzes; card games; and standing debates, all designed to facilitate open and honest conversation.

In total, we engaged in peer research with 1,309 young people across 39 consultation events and 2 surveys.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful for the support of a wide range of local partners who have allowed the Youth Commission to consult with the young people in their organisations and supported the work of WYYC. Thanks go to:

Calderdale Youth Offending Team
Castleford College
Conscious Youth
Hunslet Club
Kirklees College
Kirklees Youth Council
Kirklees Youth Justice Services
Leeds Trinity University
Orange Box Halifax
Positive Stepz

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*Some WYYC member's names have not been published for safeguarding reasons

OUR SUFFOCATING DILEMMA

Youth Commission member, Llana, is passionate about the priority of Drugs, Gangs and Knife Crime. At the WYYC 'Big Conversation' Conference, she shared her personal experience and passion for making positive change in this area through her speech, entitled 'Our Suffocating Dilemma':

"Seven months ago, I found myself sharing this very room we are in today with a group of like hearted people. Some are here with us now, others were unable to make it. All of which however were, like myself, immensely impassioned by the current nature of the surrounding communities. Our Insightful journey has blossomed, as a result of our hunger for sustainable change. My job this evening is to accentuate our ongoing dilemma that suffocates our region. If you're curious about what I'm referring to, then fortunately for you, your curiosity keeps you safe. Your innocence, your shield of inexperience that acts as a partition between 2 very contrasting worlds. The justified naivety that sets you apart from the everyday reality of the concrete Jungle. What predicament am I referring to you ask? The violence + criminal activity that constrains its foot upon the neck of our children of tomorrow." (Continued in Appendix 2)





PRIORITY 1: ATTITUDES AND VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN

We spoke to 389 young people about the topic of Attitudes and Violence Towards Women across 13 engagement events and 1 survey.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Negative attitudes, misogyny, and even violence against women and girls was widespread, with almost all young people we spoke to having experienced or witnessed it in some form. The extent of these experiences made some feel as though they were 'normal' or 'to be expected'.

"Casual misogyny in school as boys think it's just banter."

"Often verbal – it involves shaming and degrading."

"I feel undermined regularly by men who have a negative attitude to women. I have also been in an abusive relationship with a man who would gaslight me into thinking I was the problem. Now working with younger kids I find males at youth club are less likely to respond to me telling them what to do."

Young people were often reluctant to report gender-based violence to authorities, with only 25% saying they would report to police. Reasons for this included not believing they would be taken seriously or that any action could be taken. Some told us that they had previously reported incidents and were unhappy with the outcome.

"When I was younger, I was the victim of a rape and I didn't go to police because I didn't know if they'd believe me and I also didn't want to go through it all again and have to go to court so young."

"I don't think they would help you either, probably blame you for being drunk too."

Another significant concern for young people was street safety, with many girls and young women not feeling safe on the streets, on transport or elsewhere in public. Some reported changing their lifestyle and habits to avoid walking alone or going out at night as they did not feel safe.

"We need ways to protect ourselves at night or walking without getting in trouble ourselves for it. I carry my keys between my fingers."

"I'm scared of the men out there so it's better to not leave the house."

"I don't leave the house at night because it's not safe."

"I wouldn't want my little sister to go out alone. It's different for me as a boy, it's not fair but that's the world."

Alongside this, spiking was a big worry for many young women. Many said it affected their behaviour and feeling of safety on nights out. Additionally, lots of young people didn't know how to respond to a spiking incident or how to support a victim.

"Spiking is just another thing you expect when you go on a night out."

"My auntie has been spiked on a night out. There's certain pubs and bars where it happens all the time and basically everyone knows it."

"It's something that I'm more aware of as I've gotten older. From what I remember it didn't use to be a big thing, but it is now and it's more common. It makes you less able to have a good time because you have to be careful."

Image-based sexual abuse, known often to young people as revenge porn, was an issue raised frequently by young people of all ages. They felt that educational organisations were often limited in their ability to respond effectively because of social media. Many were also unaware that such abuse could be reported to authorities.

"It's a regular thing, like once a week at college. It's expected if you send something it's going to be spread around."

"You wouldn't expect it was a crime because it happens all the time and not much gets done. It's the gossip for a week and then a new one or something else is shared."

Troublingly, there was a perception amongst some young people that image-based sexual abuse was the fault of the victim for voluntarily sending images. Education on this area is needed.

"Other girls can be just as bad for shaming you on it and talking about it, it's not just boys."

"At the end of the day, they shouldn't have sent it- They should of known it would get shared, it happens all the time."

Across all forms of violence towards women, it was perceived that there was not enough mental health support or aftercare for victims. Young people were either unaware of existing services or faced barriers to accessing them.

"Nowhere to go for help or be believed."

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE WEST YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

For West Yorkshire police, provide more training for officers on the impact of gender-based violence and how to support victims after they report. Utilise specially trained officers to deal with these incidents.

Provide more awareness both to the public and professionals within the night-time economy on how to spot spiking; where to report it; and how to properly support a victim.

Ensure that all environments where victims may report gender violence, including educational organisations, support services, and police routes are comfortable, safe and supportive.

Support the Youth Commission in developing a campaign aimed at young people to tackle image-based sexual abuse.

Ensure local safe spaces are consistently well-signposted and easy to find for young people who may need them.

FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Build on this year's peer research to continue to gain a more in-depth understanding of the experiences of girls and young women in West Yorkshire.

Support the VRP in promoting and signposting to safe spaces and support services that are available to young people.

Develop a campaign within our 'Big Conversation' on image-based sexual abuse; how to report it; and where to access support.

Confront the person
you think did it.

Call the police
keep the evidence



SECTION 2: COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS & LIFE

We spoke to 381 young people about the topic of Community Relationships and Life across 8 engagement events and 1 survey.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Within our Community Relationships and Life priority, young people consistently raised four key areas of concern. They were: the cost-of-living crisis; lack of positive role models; lack of opportunities for young people and there not being enough opportunities for the community to come together.

The cost-of-living crisis affected young people of all ages and backgrounds, with some reporting impacts on their education due to lack of access to uniforms, transport and even food. Those we spoke to also highlighted the links between financial vulnerability and exposure to violence and exploitation, particularly from gangs and organised crime.

"I'd say cost of living crisis is one of the biggest problems because other crimes and violence probably come from this. If people can't afford something they might turn to crime to get it."

"A lot of people had to move out of their homes as the rent rising in response to the cost-of-living crisis made it impossible. I myself lack the comfort to ask family for additional funds but have experienced a lot of people having to reach out and do so. I currently have to take up employment besides my studies."

The need for positive role models was highlighted in our peer research. Many felt that the lack of relatable, community-based role models had left room for bad influences and exploitation in the form of gang leaders and negative online role models. Additionally, young people highlighted a desire for the guidance and support that role models can provide.

"If you grow up without a dad as a lad, you don't feel like you have a role model."

"Without role models that is when a kid could get involved in a gang or drugs because the gang leaders will take advantage of that and step in as a bad role model."

"Having a queer role model would have helped me a lot when I was younger to feel proud of my sexuality."

"People don't have good role models nowadays, it's just TikTokers or Youtubers. It's also not real what they post online so it sets people up for unrealistic body standards and causing things like not feeling good enough, anxiety etc."

We heard how positive opportunities, including youth clubs, jobs, and internships were good ways of diverting young people from crime but that not enough are currently available, or that barriers such as cost are preventing access to some young people.

"Young people feel restricted from opportunities due to the prices of things that are basic essentials. They feel as if they should either overwork themselves to live a somewhat decent life or have to get involved in unethical behaviour to get what they need to live."

There are currently not enough opportunities for different communities across West Yorkshire to come together, share their experiences and learn from each other. Many young people would like more ways for their community to build relationships.

"There's lots of different sections of the community and it would be good to bring them all together more I think so people can understand each other's cultures. Festivals and things like that."

"I believe there should be more opportunities and events surrounding helping communities come together e.g. live events- market stalls - music events for new artists."

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE WEST YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

Support young people's organisations, including educational and youth services to provide awareness and education around financial literacy and how to cope with the cost-of-living crisis.

Support the delivery of more development opportunities, jobs and internships for young people, with additional support for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Utilise safe spaces, community hubs, and the Youth Commission to promote and signpost to a range of community services including food banks, mental health support and services such as uniform swaps.

Wherever possible utilise professionals with lived experience to act as role models and recognise the benefits of such experience in engaging with young people.

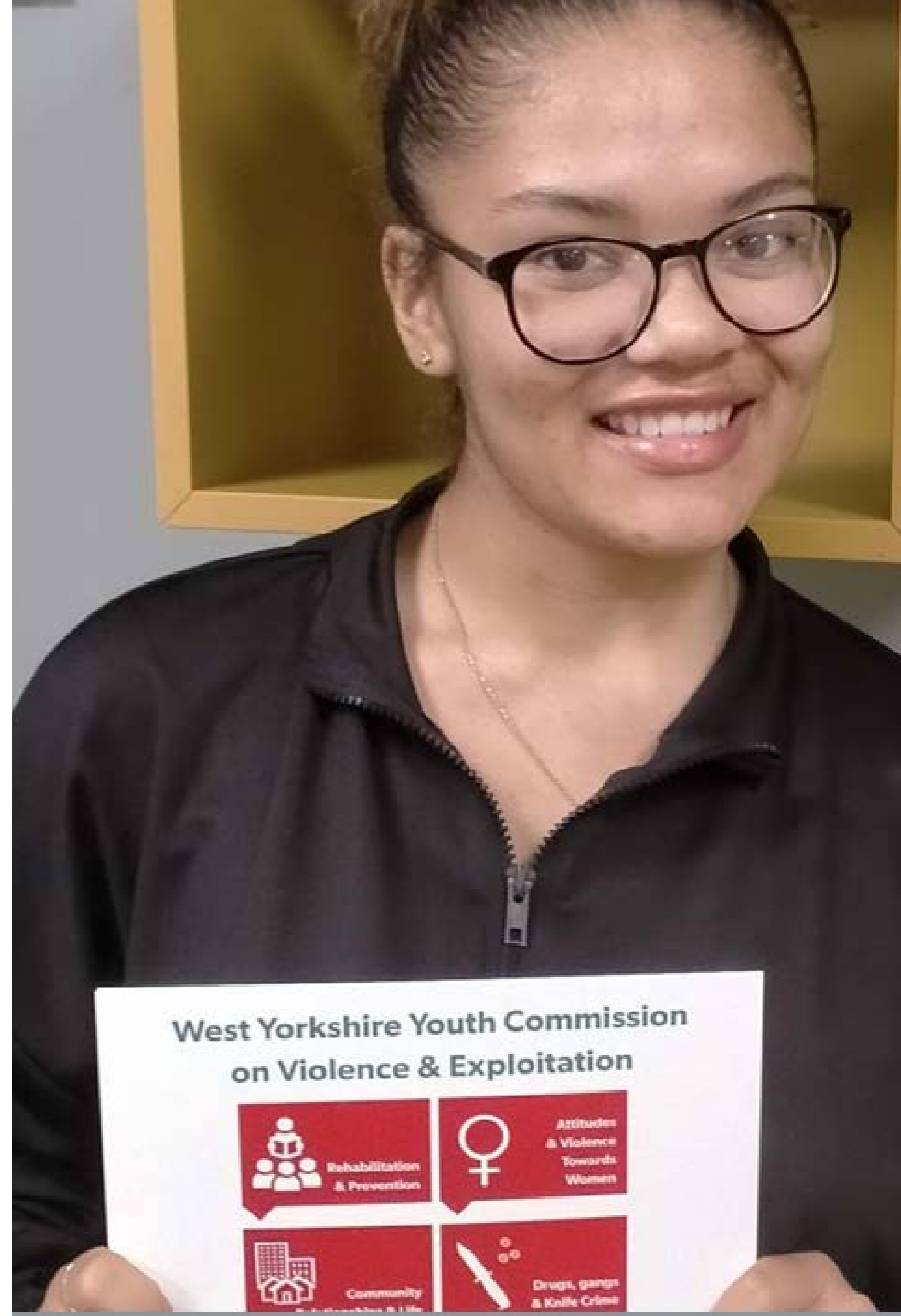
Support local groups to hold social events and festivals that celebrate and promote community relationships.

FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Support the VRP in the delivery of community events by attending and engaging young people in our 'Big Conversation' on community issues.

Include more lived-experience voices across all of our priorities to highlight relatable and positive role models for young people.

With the help of the VRP, learn about different support services available to young people and promote these both in Big Conversation workshops and through a social media campaign.





SECTION 3: REHABILITATION AND PREVENTION

We spoke to 198 young people about the topic of Rehabilitation and Prevention across 10 engagement events.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Many young people expressed the need for more rehabilitation and prevention measures to address issues like drug addiction and reoffending cycles in their community. It is important that these services are locally based, and wherever possible utilise lived experience professionals.

"All the rehabilitation places are either booked up for months or are private and not everyone has the financial funds for that. Need more support in the community."

"There is not enough awareness around rehabilitation facilities there are available and where they are – When I needed help, I didn't know where to go."

The importance of relationships and support networks was shown in our research. Lived experience mentors were chosen as the most beneficial intervention for successful rehabilitation and prevention, while lack of support from social workers, family and friends was highlighted as the most harmful.

"Family kicking you out is the worst thing that could happen because you need that network of support around you if you're going to get your life back together."

"You wouldn't listen to someone reading out of a textbook, it needs to be someone who knows what they're talking about for real."

"There needs to be more people talking about lived experience, so can hear their life story, factor and barriers that they faced."

Young people discussed strained relationships with police and authorities. Areas of friction included understanding of mental health and negative stereotypes of young people. This has created distrust between authorities and some young people, making rehabilitation and diversion from crime more difficult.

"Police at pride is uncomfortable based on history with queer people and people of colour".

"The Police don't treat me like I'm innocent until proven guilty, the police have called me a gypsy when arresting me."

Many young people felt that stigma, shame and judgement from others including peers, family and the community are barriers to seeking help and successful recovery and rehabilitation for many young people. This could include exclusion from jobs and development opportunities.

"It needs to be more focussed on mental health and getting professional help from people who really understand."

"It's hard not to go back to your old ways when others don't understand and treat you differently because you're an addict."

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE WEST YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

Prioritise support for locally based services that utilise lived-experience professionals for both rehabilitation and diversion initiatives.

Invest in programmes that offer young people lived-experience mentors. This was the most favoured method of support.

Work with the Youth Commission on a campaign to build trust on both sides of the relationship between young people and police and authorities.

Promote the view that young people with experience of the criminal justice system should not be stigmatised and isolated from the community.

Ensure that professionals, from all services, who work directly with young people are properly equipped to handle a range of topics including understanding mental health and anti-bias training.

Ensure existing support services are well-signposted and easily accessible to all young people

FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Work with the VRP on a campaign to develop stronger and more productive relationships between police & authorities and young people, breaking down negative stereotypes on both sides of the relationship.

Continue work to break down the stigma and isolation surrounding young people with experience of the criminal justice system.

More greatly include the voice of lived experience in our Big Conversation on Rehabilitation and Prevention.





SECTION 5: DRUGS, GANGS AND KNIFE CRIME

We spoke to 341 young people on the topic of Drugs, Gangs and Knife Crime across 8 engagement events.

WHAT WE FOUND:

We found that young people are highly concerned about the impact of drugs, gangs and knife crime across West Yorkshire. It has led to many young people feeling unsafe in their communities.

"You duck if you hear a noise because you're so used to gang violence on your doorstep."

"There's been a lot of violent incidents some leading to deaths and there's been so much it's led to anxiety within the community. At the same time, it's made the community numb to these types of incidents."

In some areas, knife violence has had a high impact on the mental health of young people and the wider community. We heard how there is not enough meaningful aftercare or support for victims, families and the wider community when violence occurs.

"I have experience with knives and gangs, you just get groomed into it and there's nothing you can do at a young age, not if you are from around here."

"I'm too scared to go past areas in my community due to area/postcode war."

"Knife crime is rapidly rising in my area, and it is making people feel unsafe and anxious."

"Schools and council seem not to care enough about the youth's wellbeing especially those who have experienced gang violence or been affected by it."

More 'safe spaces' in the community where young people can go to escape the violence on the streets are needed. These should be positive places that can provide opportunities and alternative routes to young people.

"There needs to be more safe spaces for young people to go, there are not enough about."

Drug use has become highly normalised with large amounts of people using them especially on weekends and in the 'party scene'. Young people reported this often leads to disputes and violence. Some also reported being drawn into crime unwillingly.

"Films and Netflix series like Top Boy glamourise drugs and make them look like a good idea."

"People don't understand how serious selling drugs are, they think they're hard because they're a 'drug dealer' but they are actually being taken advantage of and are being used."

"Drugs are common and accepted. Even those who are normal and functioning it's not a surprise for them to do some coke or weed on the weekend."

Amnesty boxes were highlighted as a valuable solution to knife crime, with many feeling the anonymity would encourage hand-ins by removing barriers such as fear of repercussions. However, we also found that boxes must be accompanied by education to ensure they are understood and used correctly.

"Young people would be more likely to hand in their knives in places like the boxes if they knew they wouldn't get done for it."

"Knife amnesties are not widespread like they only had them at Huddersfield carnival and not day to day."

Young people explained that creative outlets, such as recording music, helped them to deal with the impacts of such serious violence. More opportunities to express themselves and be listened to by professionals and decision-makers are needed.

"Need to channel energy into more positive outlets such as music instead of drugs."



OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE WEST YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

Work with the Youth Commission to develop a campaign for young people impacted by drug, gang and knife crime to share their experiences in creative ways.

Deliver an amnesty box campaign to provide a safe way for people to dispose of knives. This needs to be accompanied by public information on the boxes, how to use them, and where to gain further support.

Support community-based youth organisations to provide safe and secure spaces for young people to get off the streets and escape gang violence.

Provide greater signposting to existing victim support services. And work alongside young people, including the Youth Commission, to reduce barriers faced in accessing these services.

Utilise social media to deliver a campaign targeting drug, gang, and knife crime, highlighting the harms caused and where to access support.

FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Work with the VRP to develop a campaign inviting young people to creatively share the impact of drug, gang and knife crime on their lives. This will both raise awareness and give us further insight into the harms caused.

Include within our Big Conversation more discussion around the mental health impacts of violence. Ensure to follow these conversations up with signposting to available support services.

Be the voice of young people in advising the VRP on how to make support services more accessible to young people impacted by serious gang and knife violence.

CONCLUSION: TAKING THINGS FORWARD

We are extremely grateful to all the members of the West Yorkshire Youth Commission, local partners and the Violence Reduction Partnership who have been involved in making this piece of work a success.

Through their 'Big Conversation' peer research with over 1300 young people, the Youth Commission has managed to reach and engage with a hugely diverse cross-section of young people across West Yorkshire. They have made particular efforts to hear from those whose views are often overlooked. This peer-to-peer process is of enormous value, both as a piece of research and as an engagement exercise.

Our hope is that the West Yorkshire Youth Commission will be further developed as a channel for engaging young people in the work of the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership. As shown through the project, the WYYC can help bridge the gap between young people and authorities.

They can provide youth-centred advice on a range of violence and exploitation matters affecting young people. They also have an important role to play in the development and evaluation of the recommendations they have set out in this report. Over the next phase of the project, the WYYC will work closely with the VRP and partners to implement and address the recommendations in this report.

TESTIMONIALS

"It is absolutely critical that we understand the lens through which young people experience life in West Yorkshire, and how we can work better together to protect them from harm. The findings and recommendations of the Youth Commission will help shape the partnership response to serious violence, putting their voice at the heart of our approach. It ensures organisations are tuned into the barriers, challenges and concerns, but crucially it allows them to recognise the type of action required."

Ch Supt Lee Berry, Director of the West Yorkshire VRP

"The members of the West Yorkshire Youth Commission have shown great determination and passion, using their position to support the safety of young people across our communities. I care deeply about inclusion, and we can only tackle serious violence effectively if we listen to those it affects, working together to arrive at the solutions."

Alison Lowe OBE, West Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

"It was very impressive to hear about the breadth of work the young people involved with the Youth Commission had undertaken, and the eloquence with which they expressed themselves."

Jackie Gilbank, Lived Experience Engagement Lead, Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office

"The Youth Commissions Big Conversation was a good event and I was amazed at how the young people fed their opinions to the group. I was present at some of the workshops and did some of the community-based work with them too. Tom, who spoke about addiction is one of our guys and he has significantly grown through the works with Leaders Unlocked. I would like to compliment Leaders unlocked work and hope that their good work continues as I saw how the young people were empowered in their process. Also, the findings of this type of work are useful to organisations like ourselves as we plan and deliver our Intervention & Diversionary work for young people."

Niraj Mistry, Reflections Yorkshire CIC

"Working with the Youth Commission has opened so many doors, especially ones where it's clear I as a young person, can make a difference."

Theo Peaker, West Yorkshire Youth Commission Member

APPENDIX 1:

**West Yorkshire Youth Commission
on Violence & Exploitation**

What matters most to you?

**The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit
wants to hear your views**

Issue I talked about today: _____

Please tell us your current opinions and experiences of this issue in your area:

My idea to address this issue is:

Your area: _____

Thank you for sharing your views

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APPENDIX 2: OUR SUFFOCATING DILEMMA

Seven months ago, I found myself sharing this very room we are in today with a group of like hearted people. Some are here with us now, others were unable to make it. All of which however were, like myself, immensely impassioned by the current nature of the surrounding communities. Our Insightful journey has blossomed, as a result of our hunger for sustainable change. My job this evening is to accentuate our ongoing dilemma that suffocates our region.

If you're curious about what I'm referring to, then fortunately for you, your curiosity keeps you safe. Your innocence, your shield of inexperience that acts as a partition between 2 very contrasting worlds. The justified naivety that sets you apart from the everyday reality of the concrete Jungle. What predicament am I referring to you ask? The violence + criminal activity that constrains its foot upon the neck of our children of tomorrow.

In his captivating book "The Great Prayer" Ervin Seale shared with us that. "The body of the ideal self is concealed in the mood which fathers it, just as the tree's body is concealed in the seed". Essentially, this supported my idea that young people are a product of their environment and whatever dynamic that surrounds them, nurtures their future self. However, that's just the thing. These children fighting for survival in what I previously and will continue to refer to as the Jungle, are not at all being nurtured and that is our problem.

Instead, they need to be seen, stable and supported. Their need to seek a sense of belonging is leaving our children susceptible to grooming, manipulation and coercion. Their vulnerability is played on by Ego driven dictators who exploit our young people by making them feel worthy. However, these dictators are just simply in pain. For whom we must carry compassion for. They have usually gone through, or are still going through, very traumatic experiences in their lives. Their inability to regulate and express their emotions from their trauma builds up pain and this hurt eventually conjures up rage. With most of them coming from an underprivileged background, they feel deprived. As though they were set up for failure. As though this game we call life is not at all equal and that many above them were given a head start.

Where we underprivileged come from, we were taught if the rules are rigged, then we ought to break the game. These individuals who you may refer to as criminals, were at one point in time just children who endured a lot of physical and physiological pain. They are currently faced with detrimental circumstances because institutions weren't built for individuals like them.

The average young person is struggling and in pain. For those caught up with the burden of gang affiliation, most feel they can't open up to loved ones- If they're fortunate to have any. Yet they know they can't fake their emotions to those who know them best, so instead they avoid them by striking a disconnect. Now this person is dealing with everything going on by themselves, secluded & isolated from any means of reparation. For them, it hurts to be disconnected from family, but opening up hurts more. For many, their family dynamic is in fact a catalyst for their current circumstances. Whether that be the family's absence or the suffering & pain they once, or still do expose you to.

To many these people are just statistics. They're just facts and figures. Many will go home at the end of their day, forget about life and sleep peacefully...So picture this. You're in a deep sleep. You're dreaming blissfully. All is well & you and your best friend are happier than ever. I want you to picture your best friend for a moment...In this dream, you do everything together: holidays, movie nights and day trips. You're happy because you can tell your best friend anything & you know they know they can confide in you- which they do...Then things start to change. You don't hang out as much as you used to. They no longer confide in you and things don't seem at all that great anymore. Then one day, your best friend enters an acute phase of psychosis.

You jolt up out of bed and realise (sigh of relief) - it was just a dream.

Except it wasn't. And not only is this person your best friend but it's your 15 year old brother, who had been suffering in silence for some time now as a result of drugs and gang affiliation.

See many sleep and wake up feeling rejuvenated but for others, people like my brother, go to sleep and awake in a nightmare. Desperate for a way out, clinging onto the last bit of ambition of escapism. By any means necessary. By. Any. Means. Necessary. Hustling in the only ways you know how. The concrete Jungle. Like animals in a food chain, getting it out of the mud. Eat or be eaten.

My brother was lucky enough to have a supportive network of people to fight for him when he could no longer fight for himself. But for people less fortunate than my brother, they desire a way out. It is natural for us to indulge in the illusions of our mind. The illusions of our desires, or at least what we think we desire. Yet their misconceptions force them to believe this cycle is inescapable. Making them unaware that their only restrictions are within. The self-imprisonment of their own mind. Oblivious to the fact that they are the ones with the key.

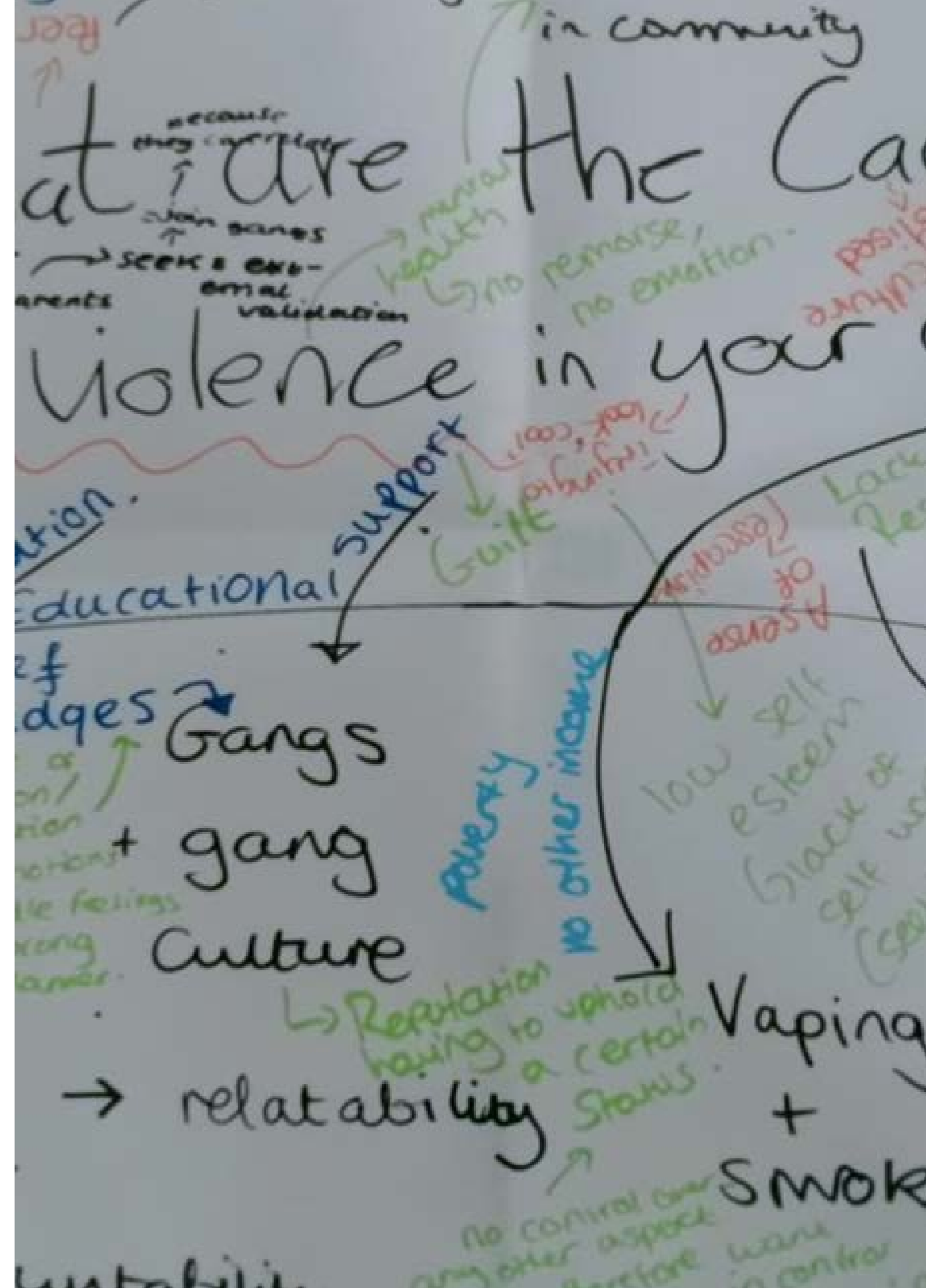
So how do we move forward? The answers are simple, yet so over complexed buried under the stubborn ideas that our community will forever remain this way. In order to prosper, we must make it our mission to strip back and reform the misconceptions of crime. We must do everything in our power to de-glamourise these narratives. After all, what we focus on is the energy that will begin to cultivate our lives.

It is my calling to re-establish what it means to be a part of a community. I hope myself & the rest of the Youth Commission will have your continued support with our undertakings. As I'm sure I speak not only for myself when I say, I will do whatever it takes to bring about a refreshing positive change.

We must build solid, trusting foundations for connection within communities in order for relationships to thrive. We must re-establish bonds between members of the public and establishments such as the police force. Ridding anyone- dimensional prejudice views certain individuals may have of others. As well as implementing solid educational systems and influential structure in order to invite opportunities for those at a less advantage to most.

Penultimately, we must become collaborative and encourage each West Yorkshire Citizen to do the same. For true transformative power does not take place in isolation it occurs through teamwork. We need to be exposed to healthy & constructive forms of celebration in order to progress. Our young people need visuals. We need charities and campaigns to promote peace and make a visible & tangible change in order to instil belief in the idea that our communities really do have the potential to flourish.

Most importantly we must advocate harmony. Where peace abides, everything of that which is good must thrive. Everybody had power. I will do everything in my power to promote peace and heal our region. What will you do with yours?



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Inner North East Youth Activity Fund Consultation



The Communities Team consulted with **143** young people in the Inner North East area of Leeds.

Young people were asked what activities they would like local councillors to fund in their own communities.

Top activities:



Activities taking place either inside or outside...



Majority of provision taking place locally...



Ensure activities are fun, challenging & create friendships...



School holidays most popular time for activities...

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Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

Report author: Zahir Lunat

Date: 10 June 2024

For decision

Community Committee Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

Purpose of report

1. The report provides the Inner North East Community Committee with an update on the Community Committee Youth Summit.
2. The report provides the Inner North East Community Committee with an update on the Youth Activity Fund Consultation.
3. The report asks the Inner North East Community Committee, that consultation with young people, conducted via the Youth Summit and Youth Activity Fund survey, informs the Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2024/25 financial year.

Main issues

4. Each Community Committee has been allocated a Youth Activity Fund which it is responsible for administering. The Youth Activity Fund has been made available to provide local activities for children and young people aged 8-17 years across the city.
5. The Youth Activity Fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. Children and young people are involved in the funding process and advise Community Committees on the activities they would like to take part in, in their respective areas.
6. The Youth Activity Fund can provide money for activities that offer opportunities for play, arts, sport and culture, which enable young people to have fun, get creative and have new experiences both after school and during the school holidays.

7. Youth Summits are an opportunity for young people aged 8-17 years living in Leeds to learn about local democracy, as well as influence the decision making of the Youth Activity Fund, by taking part in a consultation exercise that informs the Community Committee's budget spend.
8. Building on a commitment to engage and involve children and young people in decision making in their own communities, young people get involved in choosing which activities should be supported by the committees.

The Future of Youth Summits

9. The pandemic provided us with an opportunity to reflect upon the Youth Summit model and consider how we adapt responses and approaches to meet the needs of young people in our respective communities, as well as reviewing the aims and objectives for the Community Committee Youth Summits.
10. Following meetings with officers from the Communities Team, the Voice & Influence Lead for Children & Families and the Youth Service, a standardised baseline approach was agreed in 2022, that set out clear aims and objectives, as well as demonstrating measurable and specific outcomes.
11. These aims and objectives were subsequently agreed with our Executive Board Member, Community Committee Champions and Community Committee Chairs and discussed with Children & Families Sub Groups. These same aims and objectives were applied to Youth Summits in 2023.

Aims/Objectives from the Youth Summits and Youth Activity Fund Consultation

12. Standardised baseline for all Youth Summits/Youth Activity Fund consultation:
 - Age range of young people 8 – 17 years (links to the Youth Activity Fund Budget delegation to the Community Committees).
 - Opportunity to learn about local democracy & take part in the decision-making process/influence Youth Activity Fund Budget spend for the Community Committees.
 - Promote the Youth Council and the various Youth Matters Groups throughout the city.
 - Build relationships with schools/partners and provide an opportunity for networking.
 - Consult with as many young people as possible (hybrid approach) by ensuring that alongside the Youth Summits, other YAF consultation is coordinated (i.e., via online consultation/Breeze Summer Events).
 - Ensure we are engaging with a diverse range of young people from different backgrounds and not just young people who are academically inclined, or naturally engaged with these types of events.
 - Provide feedback on Youth Summits/other consultation methods via a "You Said, We Did" Youth Summit Report, that clearly outlines in each respective committee area, exactly what projects have been funded, or proactively commissioned from the Youth Activity Fund Budget.

How we Measure Success

13. Standardised baseline for all Youth Summits/ Youth Activity Fund consultation:

- How many young people have been involved in the physical summits?
- How many young people have been involved in other forms of Youth Activity Fund consultation?
- How many schools/organisations have been involved in bringing young people along to the Youth Summits and/or involved in any other consultation?
- How many projects have been funded, or proactively commissioned from the Youth Activity Fund Budget as a result of the Youth Summits/and or Youth Activity Fund consultation?
- Has the “You Said, We Did” Youth Summit Report been prepared and delivered?

Reflections from the Youth Summits/Youth Activity Fund Consultation

Youth Summit

14. Localised conversations have been taking place regarding the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit, in accordance with the Children’s Champion and the Finance Sub Group.
15. As we appreciate and understand that each community is different, the specific arrangements for the summit have been worked through, using a collaborative approach and progressed by officers in the Communities Team, the Voice & Influence Team and the Children’s Champion, with the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit taking place on Thursday 7 March 2024.
16. A key objective for the Inner North East Community Committee is that we engage with a wide variety of young people and that this engagement reflects the true diversity of the area, not just young people who are academically inclined, or naturally engaged with these types of events.
17. With this in mind the Communities Team attended the SEND Youth Summit, alongside the Voice & Influence Team, to consult with young people that have special education needs & disabilities. At the SEND Youth Summit which took place on the 14th November 2023, the Community Committees engaged with 36 young people that have special educational needs & disabilities, from Green Meadows Academy, Brigshaw Partnership, John Jamieson, Oulton Academy and West SILC: [SENate Evaluation 2023 \(cloudinary.com\)](#)
18. Another key objective for the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit is that we promote the Youth Council and the various Youth Matters Groups throughout the city. This was done at the Youth Summit event on the 7th March 2024.

19. Primary schools continue to find it easier to make the commitment to attend the Youth Summits, which is understandable, although at the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit we had representation from two Secondary Schools. All wards have been represented by schools and organisations that make up the committee area.

20. At the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit, we engaged with about 70 young people.

Seven Child Friendly Leeds wishes for the city was covered by the Youth Summit /engagement with the young people:

21. **Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out and have fun -** Children and young people have time and opportunities to play, hang out and have fun across the city. They feel safer as there is less crime, vandalism and litter.

22. **Children and young people express their views, feel heard and are involved in decisions that affect their lives -** Children and young people have a greater awareness of the different ways they can share their views and ideas. They know how to influence change within their school and community. They have access to support and training to develop their skills and confidence to enable them to have a voice and influence.

23. **Differences are celebrated in Leeds so children and young people feel accepted for who they are. They do not experience bullying and discrimination -** People in Leeds have a better understanding of diversity and therefore celebrate differences in abilities, ethnicity, family background, language, religion, sex and opinions. Children and young people feel accepted, included and valued. They have a greater awareness of their rights not to be bullied or discriminated against and know what to do if it happens.

24. **Everyone takes more action to protect the environment from climate change -** Children and young people have a greater awareness and understanding of what actions are being taken in Leeds to address the climate emergency and protect the environment. They know how they can get involved and make a difference.

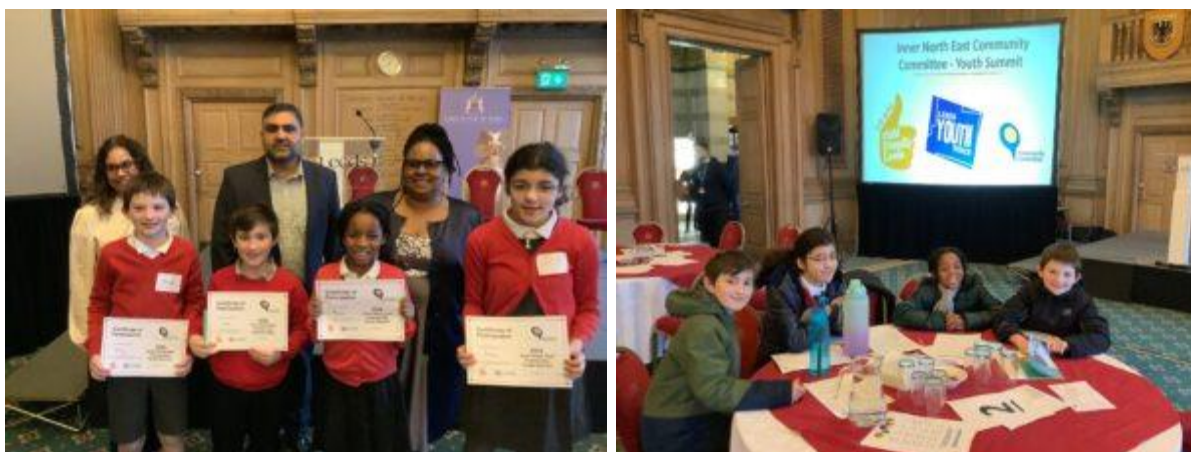
25. **Children and young people know about different things to do and places to go across the city. They enjoy different cultural experiences including art, music, sport and film -** Children, young people and families feel there is better promotion and communication of fun and particularly free things to do and places to go within the city including events, activities, groups, cultural experiences and days out.

26. **Children and young people have the support and information needed to make healthy choices. They have opportunities for regular physical activity -** Children and young people know about different opportunities to take part in physical activity and are supported and encouraged to join in. They have access to the information they need to make healthy choices and have healthy and safe relationships.

27. Leeds is an inclusive city for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities - Children and young people feel there is more awareness and understanding of different disabilities and that there are more activities and places to go that are accessible to all

Testimonials/Feedback from the Youth Summit

28. Today, the Year 5 and 6 Junior Leaders from Moortown Primary School visited the Leeds Civic Hall to attend the Inner North East Youth Summit. It was a great day where the children had the opportunity to meet and hear from councillors, ask questions and give their say when thinking about things they would like to change and improve about their local area.



We even got to sit in the chambers with Leeds City's Mayor and asked her questions on the microphone, "How many candidates were there for mayor?" "It can depend, sometimes there are 4, 2 or even just 1!". The pupils were in a room with lots of other Junior Leaders from around our locality, so it was great to meet them as well.

29. School Councillors from Chapel Allerton Primary School attended the Inner North East Leeds Youth Summit on the 7th March 2024. They represented the school brilliantly and showcased how much they knew about Democracy to everyone who was there. They sat in the Council Chambers and met the Lord Mayor and asked her lots of questions. They then grilled our local Councillors by asking questions such as 'How are you taking climate change seriously?' 'How are you going to get more children involved in politics?' 'How hard is to manage all the things you have to do? They also took part in an activity to help our Councillors decide how to spend part of next year's budget on youth activities for children and young people. This wasn't as easy as they

thought it might be!. The teacher who attended was very proud of their School Councillors and how they seized the opportunities that the day offered.



30. As a result of feedback from the previous year some of the young people suggested that the shopping activity task was more tailored towards pupils of primary school age. So, this year pupils from Carr Manor Community School took part in Child First Framework Development consultation run by West Yorkshire Violent Reduction Partnership (VRP).

The Child First approach is all about putting children's voices at the centre of everything VRP do, involving them in decisions whenever possible. This involves seeing children as individuals, recognising their strengths and building positive relationships. VRP know there are fantastic examples of this work across West Yorkshire, so they wanted to build on this to create a co-ordinated, consistent approach so all services a child comes into contact with will work in this way. Pupils enjoyed the session and contributed towards co-producing a framework which would also involve other children from across West Yorkshire outlining what Child First looks like in practice.

Youth Activity Fund Consultation

31. Alongside the physical Youth Summit, the Communities Team also created a consultation survey for young people, as another objective is that we, "consult with as many young people as possible (hybrid approach), by ensuring that alongside the summits, other consultation is coordinated; for example, online consultation, Breeze Summer Events": <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/H5X5TG/>
32. This online survey has been circulated far and wide throughout the committee area and has been created using some new & innovative ways of engaging with young people, such as creating a QR code that directs young people straight to the survey, after being scanned with a Smartphone.



33. The Inner North East Community Committee received 143 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey. The vast majority of these were completed online, however some of the survey responses were completed in paper format at the Breeze Summer Events in 2023 and at the Youth Summit event.
34. The consultation survey ran from July 2023 until the 31st March 2024, with the feedback from young people collated. This will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend for 2024/25.

Measurement of Success

35. Below are some key facts and figures from the Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit and Youth Activity Fund Consultation. These are provided in response to the standardised baseline measurement of success, agreed with Children's Champions and Community Committee Chairs.

- 70 young people have been involved in the physical summit.
- Over 100 young people have been involved in other forms of Youth Activity Fund Consultation.
- 8 primary schools and 2 secondary schools have been involved in bringing young people along to the Youth Summits and/or involved in any other consultation.
- 13 projects have been funded, or proactively commissioned from the Youth Activity Fund Budget as a result of the Youth Summits/and or Youth Activity Fund consultation.
- The “You Said, We Did” conversation took place at the Youth Summit & the Youth Summit Report will be discussed with appropriate audiences.

36. The report, referenced as the Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report, is the Community Committee “You Said, We Did” Youth Summit Report outlined above. Further conversations will take place with young people at appropriate opportunities over the coming months, regarding the Youth Summits and Youth Activity Fund Consultation, after the report has been discussed with the Inner North East Community Committee.

Lessons Learned

37. The proposal is that all feedback from the Community Committee Youth Summits will be analysed, with a review taking place once all the events have finished, in a Community Committee Youth Summits: Lessons Learned meeting, with the Executive Board Member and Children’s Champions.

38. A report will also be taken to the Community Committee Chairs Forum.

39. As we are keen that we continue to work closely with the Children’s Champions to develop the Youth Summits across the Community Committee areas, these conversations and feedback will help inform the Youth Summits in the next municipal year.

Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey Recommendations

40. The consultation surveys submitted by young people from the Youth Summit and online survey in the Inner North East Community Committee area, suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2024/25:

- a. Youth activities on offer in a mix of local venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities offered away from the local area and a mix of indoor and outdoor activities
- b. Majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the school holidays and on the weekends
- c. Ensure the activities are fun, active and create new friendships. Good quality staff should be delivering the events.
- d. Popular activities include.

1. Sports (Football, Swimming, Basketball, Netball)

2. Outdoor Adventure
3. Drama
4. Dance
5. Music
6. Cooking

41. It is recommended that any projects funded by the Inner North East Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund, focus on these key themes and activities in 2024/25.

42. To ensure that the Inner North East Community Committee can make an informed decision when being asked whether they support funding for projects from its Youth Activity Fund, the Communities Team will advise the committee if the project meets the priorities identified by young people as a result of consultation that has taken place.

Appendix 3: Infographic outlining the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey

Appendix 3 is attached with this report.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

2. Community Committee Chairs, Children's Champions and Community Committees have previously been consulted on the Youth Summit proposals and Youth Activity Fund survey.
3. The survey has been promoted far and wide across the Community Committee area, with publicity being posted on the Community Committee Facebook page, publicity being sent out to all school & cluster contacts, youth groups and any other organisations that are funded, or work with young people in the Community Committee area, as well as being circulated to local Councillors and the committee mailing list.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

4. All Youth Activity Fund funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

5. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for Youth Activity Fund funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
 1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
 2. Best City Plan
 3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 4. Children and Young People's Plan
 5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

6. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Youth Activity Fund funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

8. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Youth Activity Fund applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusion

9. The Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund consultation survey position and invites committee members to use the consultation to inform its Youth Activity Fund spend for 2024/25.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to note:
 - a. Reflections from the last 12 months (paragraphs 16 – 32).
 - b. Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey (paragraphs 33 - 35).
 - c. That the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2024/25.
 - d. That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2024/25.



Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

Report author: Zahir Lunat – Localities Officer

Date: 10 June 2024

For Decision

Inner North East Community Committee - Finance Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25.

Main issues

2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g., safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.

5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
8. In the Inner North East Community Committee this means that the money for Chapel Allerton, Roundhay and Moortown will be administered by the Inner North East Community Committee.
9. It was agreed at the Inner North East Community Committee March 2018 that CIL monies for Chapel Allerton, Roundhay and Moortown would be spent in the Community Committee ward that it was generated in. At the INE Finance Sub Group meeting on 9 July 2020 it was agreed that decisions for CIL needs to be agreed at the relevant ward meeting or by contacting the 3 Ward Councillors. The exception is if the funding is over £25k it needs to be agreed at INE Finance Sub Group and ratified at INE Community Committee meeting.
10. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
11. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.

12. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
13. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of wellbeing and youth activity budgets and regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Community Committee. Alongside the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities and Environment to take such decisions.
14. The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when the following 'minimum conditions' have been satisfied:
 - a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken.
 - b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors).
 - c. Details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for members' information.
15. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.
16. Wellbeing Fund applications and Youth Activity Fund applications are considered at Finance and Policy Sub Group meetings, a sub group of the Community Committee. This group comprises a nominated Elected Member from each of the wards in the Inner North East Community Committee; Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay. The sub group makes the recommendations to award funding for projects which is then ratified by the Inner North East Community Committee.
17. Members are asked to review the minimum conditions as set out in **paragraph 14** of this report, consider whether any amendments are required and approve such conditions for operation in 2024/2025. These conditions would need to be satisfied prior to an urgent delegated decision being taken in between formal Community Committee meetings in respect of the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets and also the use of the CIL Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee.

18. The Inner North East Community Committee Finance Sub Group would like to make Members aware that in future years there may be a decrease in funds allocated to the ward pot funding due to the reduction in Wellbeing Budget over the last 5 years.
19. Until the UK left the European Union, the EU's State Aid rules controlled how UK and discretionary EU funding was provided to enterprises and entities that engage in economic activities. Now the UK has left the EU, it is no longer bound by the State Aid rules and has developed its own domestic subsidy control regime, The Subsidy Control Act 2022. As the Subsidy Control Act 2022 has potential implications for the Community Committees as funding bodies, a 'subsidy control' assessment will be undertaken on all funding requests received by the Community Committees.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2024/25

20. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was **£63,230.00** **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£84,825.05** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. **£38,866.61** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2023/24 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore **£109,188.44** A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
21. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.
22. Community Committee is asked to note that, at the time of writing the report, there is currently a remaining balance of **£38,640.99**.
23. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2024/25

INCOME: 2024/25	£63,230.00
Balance brought forward from previous year (Projects from 2023/24)	£84,825.05
Less projects brought forward from previous year	£38,866.61
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£109,188.44

Area wide ring-fenced projects	£
Ward Pot (Included 3 x £7k injection per ward as at 01.04.2024)	£56,809.53
Community Engagement	£2,000.00
CCTV (Chapeltown)	£3,000.00
Total spend: Area wide ring-fenced projects	£61,809.53

Area wide ward projects	£
Summer Bands in the Park 2024	1,650.00
PHAB	1,162.92
Irish Arts & Cultural Activities and Events	1,925.00
Connecting Nature	4,000.00
Total Spend:	£8,737.92
Remaining Available Balance:	£38,640.99

24. Project Title: Chapel Allerton Arts Festival - Café Run
Name of Group or Organisation: Chapel Allerton Festival
Total Project Cost: £1,320.00
Amount proposed: £850.00 (WB) 2024-25
Amount agreed: £450.00
Wards covered: Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay

Project Description:

The Café Run is a fringe event of the Chapel Allerton Arts Festival. Artists perform at independent venues in the Chapel Allerton village on rotation throughout the Saturday afternoon of the Festival weekend. The Café Run has been running successfully since 2017 and began as a way to bring music to local venues around the area during the Festival weekend, helping to provide a festival community atmosphere in the village and creating more performance opportunities for local artists. To date, the Café Run has provided performance opportunities for 32 artists across 12 independent venues, with a further 8 artists/groups lined up for 2024.

In 2023 we worked with the Leeds Refugee Forum to create a performance opportunity for singers from the local sanctuary seeking community as part of the Café Run. The singers performed as the 'Sanctuary Seeking Singers' at local community arts venue,

Seven Arts. The event created a space for talented performers to showcase their music and celebrate their culture and provided a safe and welcoming space to bring people together and connect sanctuary seekers with their community. Wan, one of the performers, said after her performance: “Thank you so much for the opportunity today. Thank you for such a beautiful day! I want world to see we are skilful and talented people not just coming to burden or seen as useless people.”

We are seeking funding to develop this relationship further with Leeds Refugee Forum and artists from the local sanctuary seeking community to provide performance opportunities at the festival. The Ushingi Band is part of Leeds Refugee Forum who help refugees and asylum seekers in the city rebuild their lives. The Ushingi group was set up originally by Opera North to help and support musically gifted refugees and asylum seekers, however funding for this has now been stopped. This year we are working with the Leeds Refugee Forum and the sanctuary seekers themselves to develop a performance featuring both band and solo performances from the Ushingi group. There will be 2 performance opportunities, once at Seven Arts as part of the Café Run, and once on the Main Stage at the street Festival with an audience of approx. 1800 local people from Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown and surrounding areas. Funding will enable us to pay the Ushingi artists and fund a backing band to support the performances.

We are also seeking funding to support the sustainability of the Café Run for years to come by investing in much needed equipment. The grant will allow us to buy two busker amps for artists to use during the Café Run who don't have their own. We have previously rented amps or had to borrow them from local venues, which is unsustainable, and the cost adds up each year. Investing in two amps means artists will be able to use them for years to come. High quality amps will also improve the quality of the performances and the experience for the musicians.

Due to a rise in costs, increased competition and difficulty getting grants, this funding will be invaluable in providing essential infrastructure for the Café Run and supporting a worthwhile project with the sanctuary seeking community in Leeds. We are committed to keeping the event free, and as one third of the festivals income is donations, there is a lot of uncertainty in relying on good weather and donations.

Delegated Decisions (DDN)

25. Since the last Community Committee meeting on the 26th February 2024 the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:

Wellbeing

Project Title: Irish Arts and Cultural Activities and Events

Name of Group or Organisation: Irish Arts Foundation

Total Project Cost: £3,750.00

Amount proposed: £1,925.00 (Wellbeing) 2024-25

Amount agreed: £1,925.00 (Wellbeing) 2024-25 (21.03.2024)

Wards covered: Chapel Allerton and Moortown

Project Title: Connecting Nature

Name of Group or Organisation: The Conservation Volunteers, Hollybush

Total Project Cost: £8,200.00

Amount proposed: £4,000.00 (Wellbeing) 2024-25

Amount agreed: £4,000.00 (Wellbeing) 2024-25 (21.03.2024)

Wards covered: Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay

YAF

Project Title: Meanwood Park Community Tennis Programme

Name of Group or Organisation: Leeds Community Tennis Programme (LCC)

Total Project Cost: £2,058.00

Amount proposed: £1,230.00 (YAF) 2024-25

Amount agreed: £1,230.00 (YAF) 2024-25 (21.03.2024)

Wards covered: Moortown

Project Title: Breeze in the Park 2024

Name of Group or Organisation: Breeze, Leeds City Council

Total Project Cost: £5,650.00

Amount proposed: £3,800.00 (YAF) 2024-25

Amount agreed: £3,800.00 (YAF) 2024-25 (28.02.2024)

Wards covered: Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay

Declined Projects

26. Since the last Community Committee meeting on the 26th February 2024 no projects were declined:

Ward Pots Budget (incorporating skips) 2024/25

27. The total available for spend in the Inner North East Community Committee in **2024/25** including carry forward from previous year was **£56,809.53**. There is currently a remaining balance **£55,291.53** detailed in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2: Ward Pots 2024/25

Ward Pots	£	Ward Split		
		Chapel Allerton	Moortown	Roundhay
Ward Pots	£56,809.53	£13,786.60	£18,270.32	£24,752.61
Windrush Project	£300.00	£300.00		
Friends of Gipton Woods Website	£750.00			£750.00
Chapel Allerton Allotment Gardeners Association	£228.00	£228.00		
Lidgett Lane Allotments	£240.00			£240.00
Total Spend	£1,518.00	£528.00	Nil	£990.00

Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£55,291.53	£13,258.60	£18,270.32	£23,762.61
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Youth Activities Fund Position 2024/25

28. The total available for spend in the Inner North East Community Committee in 2024/25 including carry forward from previous year was **£38,527.64**.
29. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£6,030.00** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 3**.
30. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£32,497.64** in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

TABLE 3: Youth Activities Fund 2024/25

	£
INCOME: 2024/25	£33,112.00
Balance brought forward from previous year (Projects from 2023/24)	£15,209.64
Less projects brought forward from previous year 2023/24	£9,794.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£38,527.64

Ward Projects	
Roundhay Park Summer Tennis Camps	1,000.00
Meanwood Park Community Tennis Programme	1,230.00
Breeze in the Park	3,800.00
Total	£6,030.00
Balance remaining	£32,497.64

31. YAF projects for consideration and approval

Table 4: YAF Projects

Name of Project	Organisation	Ward Area	Amount
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Chapelton CMC- Play Scheme	Chapelton CMC- Play Scheme	CA	£1,451.00
CYDC Real Chance Health Multi Sports 2024 Camp	CYDC	CA	£2,500.00
Feel Good Holiday Club	Feel Good Factor	CA	£2,763.00
LDM Basketball	Let's Do More CIC	CA	£1,228.00
Meanwood Community Youth Theatre	Brave Words CIC	CA,MT, RH	£1,110.00
Meanwood Olympics	InterACT Church and Community Partnership	CA,MT,	£1,233.00
Moor Allerton Play Scheme	Moor Allerton Play Scheme	MT	£863.00
Multi-Sport Activity Camp with Swimming	Leeds City Council Active Leeds – Scott Hall Leisure Centre	CA,MT, RH	£4,725.00
MVUF Environment Summer Playscheme	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm	CA,MT, RH	£4,378.00
New Horizon Summer Youth Project	New Horizon Community School	CA,MT, RH	£762.00
Prince Philip Centre Play Scheme	Prince Philip Centre Play Scheme	CA	£1,482.00
RJC Dance 2024-25 Dance Camps	RJC Dance	CA	£6,520.00
Skating at Roundhay and Potternewton	LS-TEN	CA,MT, RH	£1,705.00
Total			£30,720.00
Available			£1,777.64

Capital Budget 2024/25

32. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is now **£16,848.00** total available to the Inner North East Community Committee. Members are asked to note the Capital allocation broken down and summarised in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5: Capital 2024/25

	£
Available Balance 1 April 2024	£12,348.00

Injection – April 2024	£4,500.00
Remaining Balance	£16,848.00

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2024/25

33. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is now **£54,591.95** total available to the Inner North East Community Committee. Members are asked to note the CIL allocation broken down by ward and summarised in **Table 6** which includes spend.

TABLE 6: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2024/25

	INE (£)	Chapel Allerton	Moortown	Roundhay
Balance as of 1st April 2024	£77,104.95	£18,830.45	£10,604.95	£47,669.55
Chapel Allerton Allotment Gardeners Association (Replacement of Toilet Facilities)	£6,750.00	£3,375.00	£1,687.50	£1,687.50
Chapel Allerton Festival Lights	£5,763.00	£5,763.00		
Roundhay Tennis Courts	£10,000.00			£10,000.00
Remaining Balance	£54,591.95	£9,692.45	£8,917.45	£35,982.05 (£15,982.05)

34. Roundhay ward has an available CIL balance of £35,982.05. From this £20k has been earmarked for Gledhow Playground Improvements which would leave a remaining balance of **£15,982.05** after the spend.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

35. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

36. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

37. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

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

Resources and Value for Money

38. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusion

41. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

Recommendations

42. Members are asked to consider/approve:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) (paragraph 20).
- b. Wellbeing/YAF proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 24).
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 25).
- d. Details of the projects Declined (paragraph 26).
- e. Details of Skips & Ward Pots (Table 2) (paragraph 27).
- f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 3) (paragraph 28 - 30).
- g. YAF Project for Consideration (Table 4) (paragraph 31).
- h. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) (paragraph 32).
- i. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) (paragraph 33).

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