

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner West Community Committee
[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

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Inner West 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 and Young People: Champion Cllr H Bithell, Cllr L Cunningham & Cllr C Gruen

3. The Inner West Children and Families Sub Group took place on 4th February 2020 at New Wortley Community Centre.
4. A presentation on Primary & Secondary school results was given by a LCC officer, alongside this, NHS attended to discuss the childrens dashboard and how referrals are made.
5. The next meeting will be in June, time, date and venue TBC.

Environment: Champions Cllr J Illingworth & Cllr A Smart – Update from Chris Chamberlain

Bramley / Stanningley and Kirkstall – Zone 14. Team Leader Wayne Tonks

6. In Bramley currently, there are numerous Enforcement investigations on-going, that range from Waste in gardens to Flytipping. With several legal notices being served under the ASB FOR Waste in Garden, three of which are due a decision as to prosecute the owner/resident.
7. There are numerous new bins requests, mainly on Town Street in Bramley, due to the unserviceable state of them, which is awaiting the new financial year to which we hope to replace some more.
8. There has also been several Duty Of Care inspections on Businesses due to complaints received for waste related issues, and legal actions have been taken under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
9. In Kirkstall currently, the main issues are Bins on the street that causes several letter drops to take place, which can be time consuming work for the Officer, Graffiti issues that we are still trying to discuss solutions with local Councillors and the Police, which is an overspill from Headingley and again overgrown vegetation's.
10. There have been several Duty of Care visits to businesses, mainly due to trade waste issues, that has resulted in actions being taken under both the ASB legislation and EPA 1990.
11. There has also been an arrest of a person on warrant for failing to clear the garden, after legal notices were ignored and the defendant failed to appear at court on the due date. This person is now due to re-appear in the very near future.
12. There is a case pending for Flytipping which is just waiting to see if the Fixed Penalty is paid before taking it further.

Armley – Zone 13. Senior Team Leader Chris Chamberlain

13. The zone continues to benefit from having 2 allocated Environmental Action Officers. Recruitment for the additional Environmental Action Officer is ongoing with interviews taking place next Friday. This Officer will work within the zone along with the proposed area for the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Headingley / Hyde Park and Little London and Woodhouse. The primary work of this Officer potentially is to deal with the PSPO legislation in the 3 areas and cover for any absences.

14. We currently have a vacancy for the Assistant Chargehand despite recruiting to this post in November, Unfortunately the successful candidate was offered another position external to the Council which he accepted. We are at the shortlisting stage of internal recruitment however, it is likely this will be advertised externally due to a lack of suitable candidates. There is also a new vacancy for a mechanical footpath sweeper as a result of retirement with the relevant paperwork being submitted to get permission to fill this as soon as we can. We have had one member of staff on long term sick who has now returned but all staff are now back to full duties. There is still one member of staff on maternity leave.

15. Since the last update, we have built a good working relationship with the New Wortley Community Centre Urban Task Force who we have supported by providing equipment, bags and waste removal. They have completed some really good projects in and around Armley Town St, Mistress Lane and Tong Road. We have also completed some partnership working with the Canals and Rivers Trust who have cut back a large area to remove some bushes and trees which was providing cover for anti-social behavior on the tow path off Canal Road. We removed all of the waste produced for them. The team have been approached by a member of staff from Wellington Place who want to complete some litter picking in and around the Gyratory and New Wortley area. Their first day will be 26th March where up to 25 people will complete a litter pick around the gyratory using kit provided by us. Unfortunately, we haven't been provided with the data from the engagement day so I am unable to update on this.

16. Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) work is still ongoing and progress is still good, however we have had to issue a fixed penalty notice for a property on Canal Road for failing to comply with the PSPO and there is a prosecution pending.

17. These are current prosecutions pending:

- Holdforth Close fly tipping – 1st hearing on 5th March.
- Back Barden Place fly tipping – Awaiting a court hearing date.
- The Gang fly tipping – prosecution pack being prepared ready to send to legal.
- Aberdeen Grove waste in garden – FPN issued but not paid so prosecution pack has been prepared. Awaiting court date.
- Gotts Park View waste in Garden. Recently paid an FPN but issues still ongoing. Prosecution pack being prepared.
- Raynville mount – Waste and dog faeces in garden. FPN not paid, prosecution pack being prepared. Work completed in default.
- Town St flytipping – prosecution pack prepared and will be sent to legal shortly

18. Good result with Broad Lane, Spar after several complaints were received regarding litter as a result of their business. They have agreed to make some alterations to the

side of the shop to prevent litter accumulating, routine litter picks for staff in place, ground maintenance visit regularly. Also placed some additional bins in the local area.

19. Oldfield Lane – private land with litter accumulating near to bridge. This has been referred to Network Rail after some confusion over land ownership. This is ongoing.

Inner West Environment Sub Group

20. The next Environment Sub Group is arranged for Thursday 19th March @ Fairfield Community Centre 10am – 12pm, an invite has been sent to all members of Inner West, officers from Parks & Countryside, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Waste Services, Highways & Housing will be in attendance to discuss work on going in the Inner West area.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr K Ritchie – update from John McKimmings

21. There are currently 81 open cases within the Inner West area.
The ward breakdown is:

Armley – 28

Bramley & Stanningley – 32

Kirkstall – 21

22. The predominant case type in this area is noise which accounts for 18 of the active cases. Whilst 9 of these cases are in the Kirkstall ward, none of the cases are linked, and a number of those are attributed to the student population in the Burley area.

23. There are 14 cases relating to threat/use of violence. 9 are within the Bramley/Stanningley Ward area. The only cases that have a linked theme, are a cluster of 5 cases in Bramley which all have an element of abusive/threatening behaviour towards LCC staff.

24. There are 9 cases relating to drug supply/misuse in the inner west area. Cannabis is the main drug issue in this area's cases, however there are 2 of note, relating to Class A supply 1 in Armley, and 1 in Bramley.

25. There are 4 cases classified under Hate Crime. 2 of these cases involve Asian Muslim Victims (Armley and Kirkstall), one is a victim of Asian Chinese origin (Kirkstall) and one in Bramley is a white British victim (accused is Black African).

26. Armley

27. Proactive monitoring of a suspended possession order relating to a notorious family on the Clyde Estate

Ongoing work being done to tackle the behaviour of 2 young males who are involved in criminality and appear to be involved in Child Exploitation – working with police, Social Care etc.

LASBT Operation Leodis are currently deployed in the Hall Lane area of Armley.

Injunction being pursued against an adult male from the Mistress Lane area for issues of drug supply.

Dealing with an assault issue on Wyther Park View – tenancy action to follow

Housing Caution to be served on female tenant of Armley Ridge Road in relation to abuse of LCC staff.

Dealing with issues relating to youth nuisance on Wyther Park Mount – targeting a resident, perpetrators unknown, liaising with Police and Local Schools.

Working alongside police to look at potential ASB linked to drug use at Burnsall Gardens

Community engagement has been done in areas where we have a number of cases including Wythers, Cedars and Little Scotland. The aim is to increase reporting confidence and see if any supporting evidence available from the community.

28. Bramley & Stanningley

29. Possession action being pursued at court in relation to threats/aggression towards staff on Broadlea Terrace, Bramley

Injunction being sought in relation to female council tenant on the Broadlea Estate for threatening and abusive behaviour towards Housing Leeds Staff.

Injunction being sought in relation to a male tenant on the Broadlea Estate for threatening his neighbour and LASBT Staff.

Injunction being considered in relation to a male ex-tenant of the Broadlea Estate for threatening and abusive behaviour towards Housing Leeds Staff.

Work ongoing with the community and businesses etc. to identify youths involved in recent spate of incidents of damage and missile throwing around Hough Lane and Bramley Centre – intervention planned with agencies and parents.

2 injunctions gained against a male/female couple believed to be exploiting a vulnerable adult who lacks capacity on Henley View.

2 YOS consultations pending for a male and female who have both breached Youth Injunctions to decide on the appropriate enforcement route. These cases also impact on the Kirkstall area due to behaviour on and around Cardigan Fields, and The Bridge retail area.

30. Kirkstall

31. Possession action ongoing in relation to a council property on Wolesley Road. This case relates to the activities of a number of family members including harassment, general nuisance, intimidating behaviour and criminality in the Burley area.

Community Protection Notice to be served on a council tenant on the Woodbridge Estate in relation to breaches of CPW relating to noise and abusive language.

Neighbourhood Response Team have been involved in assisting Leeds Federated Housing Association in recovering a tenancy in a sheltered complex on the Hawksworth Wood Estate.

S80 abatement notice served on a residential property on Redshaw Road Kirkstall following a large scale organised party which caused disturbance to a wide area, as far afield as the Armley Moor and Astons areas.

LASBT Officers have assisted Housing Colleagues in estate action days on the Sandford and Woodbridge estates.

Injunction in place and being monitored relating to threatening behaviour from a male tenant at Clayton Grange.

Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators – update from Mike Stevenson

32. Bramley & Stanningley

33. Bramley & Stanningley ward is set to receive a total of 4 CPAD units through this project. At this current stage there are 3 confirmed locations, with 1 location pending permission. The 3 confirmed locations are as follows, along with installation dates scheduled by Civic Enterprise:

1. Bramley Library – 02.03.2020 08:00
2. Bramley Villagers Club – 03.03.20 08:00
3. Broadlea Community Centre – 13.02.20 08:00

34. For each of these venues, Guardians have been appointed at each location to monitor the condition of the device. The 4th location, currently pending documents is The Old Crown Pub. Once I have these documents I can progress this final venue to installation stage.

35. Armley

36. Armley is set to receive a total of 4 CPAD units through this project. At this current stage there are 3 agreed locations, with 1 pending a decision. The 3 confirmed locations are as follows:

1. New Wortley Community Centre – 09.03.2020 8am
2. Travellers Rest Pub – 10.03.2020 8am
3. Lilac Cohousing – approved, installation date TBC

37. These 3 locations all have had Guardians appointed to check over the device on site each week. The 4th location was discussed as potentially Bramley Working Men's Club. I am still trying to get hold of management there, and will update as soon as possible.

38. Kirkstall

39. Kirkstall is set to receive a total of 4 CPAD units through this project. At this current stage there are 2 agreed locations, which are:

1. Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre – approved, installation date tbc
2. New Burley Club – approved, installation date TBC

Both of these venues have Guardians appointed to check over the device once a week.

40. Cardigan Fields area:

- Sheesh mahal – No asbestos report
- Viva Cuba – no asbestos report
- KFC – no permission from head office

41. Bright Horizons Nursery– I am currently speaking with Bright Horizons nursery on Kirkstall Rd as an option. They are directly opposite Cardigan Fields and are very interested in having one on their Kirkstall Rd wall. Currently pursuing permission from head office.

42. Lea Farm Road area

- Post office – no external wall space
- Fish and chip shop – no asbestos report
- Coop – refusal from Head Office to host the device (on any stores)

I am currently looking for an alternative venue in this area, and will update asap with any options.

Community Engagement: Forums

Armley Forum

43. The Armley Forum last met on 21st January 2020 at Armley Community Hub.

44. West Yorkshire Police provided their regular policing update for the area & Safer Leeds attended to discuss their service and how they can help in the Community.

45. Highways answered questions on measures to reduce speeding & rat running as this is a matter of public concern following recent accidents/incidents.

46. The next meeting will take place on 17th March 2020 at Armley Community Hub. Waste Services have been invited to discuss a double yellow line project to reduce missed bin collections as well as Connecting Leeds to discuss the A647 work and how it effects the local area.

Bramley & Stanningley Forum

47. The Bramley Forum last met on the 30th January 2020 at The Eric Atkinson Centre. West Yorkshire Police and colleagues from the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team were in attendance to discuss work carried out in the Bramley & Stanningley area and how to correctly report Anti-Social Behaviour.

48. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd April 2020, First Leeds & Connecting Leeds have been invited to attend to do discuss the A647 work. Also, Parks & Countryside to discuss any work/improvements due to happen in local parks.

Bramley Our Place Partnership – Broadleas and Fairfields – Update from Harpreet Singh

49. The Bramley Our Place Partnership was brought together to develop a local improvement plan for Bramley, focusing on the Broadleas and Fairfields.

The partnership is continually developing a work programme against the 3 identified priorities which will be underpinned by community engagement. These include;

- Children & Young People
- Community Safety & Environment
- Jobs & Skills, educational attainment (increased employment and more of the community in learning)

50. After taking review of the partnership in October 2019, a new pathway had been identified to deliver positive change in these neighbourhoods. The approach is being delivered by using the existing governance arrangements i.e. the Bramley Our Place sub group structures, to take a commissioned approach to delivering projects via funding from (but not exclusively), the community committee and other funding sources.

51. There has been increased momentum with the commissioning approach with members supporting 2 projects to the value of £51k. Funding for these projects has been sought from the Wellbeing fund, CIL and match funding from Public Health and Public Sector partners. These projects are a response to local consultation and developments by the partnership. One of the projects involves the remodelling of some of the highways infrastructure on the Fairfields Estate and the installation of traffic calming measures to deter speeding. Residents' complaints about speeding had increasingly intensified and were one of the main headlines at community engagement days and a number of consultation events held by members.

52. The partnership is also trialling a new approach by commissioning a research projects to study the existing food environment in Bramley. The follow up to the project would be to co-produce a food environment project that would help enable healthy food choices via either responsible Retailers pledges, a kitemark initiative or a Bramley Business incentives card for healthy choices. The development of this project has yielded new collaborations with closer working amongst all 3 sectors. The project has also secured funding from our public sector partners from our Bramley Business Forum.
53. The 3 sub-groups will continue to meet quarterly and work coherently to develop localised projects in line with the priorities of the partnership.

Community Engagement: Social Media

54. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page.

Town Centres Update – from Pete Mudge

55. Town Street is preparing a bright 2020 with numerous innovative additions being lined up. The all singing all dancing hub and library will be the latest addition offering over 20 services to local residents. The project started last year and is due for completion this Spring. Meanwhile along the street the shopping offer is getting ever stronger and recent additions include an attractive bakery and café and innovative store – watch out for samples on the street.
56. Hopefully you've noticed that street drinking is hugely reduced and police are now working to stop evening drug dealing on the street. The aim is to see this wiped away from Town Street in the coming weeks at which point work will begin on developing an evening offer for eating and socialising.
57. Day on day the community makes Town Street an ever more welcoming place for all ages. But the improvements will not stop, under new chairmanship the Town Team is finalising a range of attractions and new ideas are considered at each meeting. The Urban Task Force have finalised painting street furniture to give a tidy appearance along the whole street – with Yorkshire flags and a new coats of paint Town Street has ambitions to look its very best. This has been hugely helped by the Armley In Bloom team led by Mick Coulson. They have already made a big difference to the street and surrounding area including plants along the railings and small trees in tubs. This idea is now being considered for other areas of the Leeds.
58. Armley is investigating the potential for becoming Leeds' third Business Improvement District (BID) and discussions are underway to see what they want to see achieved.

59. At the January Town Team meeting, businesses and Ward Members met with overseers of the new bus route along the bypass. Businesses heard the work will run for the majority of this year and of course, being next to Town Street, businesses are eager to ensure the rich offer of the street is not interrupted through road closure and noise. Steps have been taken to ensure this is kept to an absolute minimum.

60. In Bramley, development of a Town Team enabling businesses to create an ever improved shopping area for them and residents has been a slow burner. But at last lift-off is underway and the business group is holding a meeting with the Councillors and appropriate Council officers in February.

Updates from Key Services

Housing Leeds – Update from Maddie Edwards

61. Inner West HAP

Budget for 2019/20	£54,466.78	
Carry Forward from 2018/19	£10,192.19	
TOTAL 2019/20 BUDGET	£64,658.97	

Approved Budget Spend 2019/20	£46,350.57	
Available Budget	£18,308.40	

HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Other funding confirmed/given in kind	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	31	17	£41,272.38	£46,350.57	71.68%

62. Bids Approved since last update

Address/Who	Scheme	Amount Awarded by HAP
Kirkstall	Clayton MSF's – Car Parking	£5,798.60
Bramley	Fairfield Family Cookery	£4,921.12
Armley	New Wortley Community Centre Improvements	£1,500
Bramley	Snowdens Notice Boards	£558
All IW	Parenting Programme	£2,516

63. Community Payback

HAP	Number of referrals	Open	Complete	Total number of team days taken
Inner West	46	18	26	66

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

65. 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

66. 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:

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

67. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

72. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.