

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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For consideration

Inner 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:

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor David Jenkins and Councillor Denise Ragan

Small Grants

3. Public Health have been offering small grants for small organisations to impart health messages to those in culturally diverse communities. A total of eight grants were awarded with subjects covered that included, vaccine hesitancy,

domestic violence, illegal money lending, financial inclusion, healthy start, cancer awareness amongst others.

Food Resilience Tool Kit

4. The tool kit will be launched in September the link is provided here <https://foodwiseleeds.org/food-resilience/> The link also provides two webinars which took place in March and April discussing food aid provision.

HATCH and Big Leeds Chat

5. The Big Leeds Chat is back, and they need your help. They are looking for people to volunteer as *chat makers*. The BLC is our 'one health and care system' listening event which is an opportunity for them all to hear first-hand about what matters to local people and what they need to live a healthier life.
6. Chat makers play a key role at the events. They will be buddied with a senior leader, and will support them in instigating chats with passers-by, and making notes of the conversation. It's a great opportunity for you to meet a diverse range of people, with different stories and experiences to share. This year, instead of hosting one big BLC event in Leeds city centre, they are focussing on hosting smaller BLC events in different communities across the city, and with priority populations. HATCH member in partnership with Healthwatch will be hosting events in the Inner East area. If you would like to be a chat maker or to host a BLC please contact: abiola.ajijola@nhs.net

Covid Testing

Covid Vaccination

7. The NHS is continuing to work hard to vaccinate as many people as possible. The approved vaccines are, Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccines. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS.

Vaccination Delivery

8. As well as the vaccination centre at East Park Medical Centre, the vaccination centre and Infinity and Bilal Centre has been a huge success. The updated leaflets to distribute to community members is now available for collection. If you would like physical copies of the leaflets to distribute in the community these are available at the Bilal centre on Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm or Fridays between 2pm and 6pm.

Grab a jab at: 

First and second doses for people aged 18+, every Wednesday (10am – 7pm) and Friday (2pm – 6pm)

 **The Bilal Centre, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 3RD**



No appointment needed - just walk on in!

Vaccine Hesitancy- Faith Leader & Community Leaflets

9. Public Health have been in discussion with faith organisations and Covid information. A booklet has been produced and is available in twelve languages. The leaflet has a QR code on the back so the leaflet can be read out if people struggle to read. The link for the leaflet and audio is provided here:
<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/information-for-local-communities-about-covid-19-vaccine/why-we-think-you-should-say-yes-to-the-covid-19-vaccine/>
10. Hard copies are also available from the Public Health Resource Centre:
phrc@leeds.gov.uk

Women Only Vaccine Clinics

11. Public Health identified the need for women only vaccine clinics which have been set up in the Inner east and Inner South of the city. Public Health are supporting the clinics with staff going out onto the street to talk to local women to encourage them to take the vaccine. For further information contact Tina Leslie: Tina.Leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Inner East Domestic Violence and Abuse Workshop

12. The Inner East Community Committee received an update earlier this year on domestic violence and abuse prevalence and support in East Leeds. Councillors heard about the good work that had been developed in Seacroft to bring

organisations together to tackle this issue. As a direct result of that update the three Local Care Partnerships in Inner East have come together to host a workshop to share learning and strengthen our combined efforts around this issue.

13. The Domestic Violence and Abuse Partnership Workshop for HATCH, Seacroft and York Road Local Care Partnerships is due to take place on the 21st September. This interactive online workshop will help partners to come together to:

- Increase knowledge, awareness and the prevalence of domestic violence and abuse and learn about what help is available across the city
- Learn more about local organisations and partners who are tackling domestic abuse through a whole neighbourhood approach.
- Explore opportunities for the Local Care Partnerships and local organisation/business approach to addressing domestic violence and abuse in local areas.

Environment and Community Safety: Councillor Denise Ragan

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update

14. The team have been working hard to try resume somewhat of a normal service after what has been troubling times with the pandemic.

15. As indicated in the table below fly tipping is the most requested service within the last 3 months. We continue to try combat this issue and now that our Street Wardens are able to get out on the streets again, we are looking to push the educational part of the enforcement role. They have started this with letter drops and community engagement days. A recent example is the work they did at an event in Harehills Park. They were able to advise many people on how they should deposit their waste correctly and what to do if they have any issues.

Top 10 requests for June 2021 to September 2021

DESCRIPTION	TEAM	TOTAL	BURRIC	GIPHAR	KILSEA
Fly Tip	EIE	663	166	337	160
Scheduled Bulky Collection	EIE	443	145	120	178
Flytipping	EIE	199	95	81	23
Waste in Gardens	EIE	136	48	69	18
Litter Complaint	EIE	61	19	31	11
Bin not Returned	EIE	56	2	48	6
Overgrown Vegetation	EIE	42	23	10	9
Dead Animal Removal	EIE	36	15	16	5
Smoke from Bonfire	EIE	29	5	10	14
Footpath Sweeping	EIE	28	10	10	8

16. The fly tipping category is enforceable fly tips. This includes jobs that an Enforcement Officer has to deal with as part of their workload. These jobs do not include proactive work that they pick up and only reported jobs at this time.

17. The past three months have seen all staff return to work full time. Whilst we are still dealing with bouts of Covid across the teams but feel we are getting back to full capacity. We have seen increased litter levels across the Inner East and we are working as a team to try combat the issue.

18. We are looking to introduce more staff over the coming weeks into the Inner East area to assist with litter picking collections and waste removal from the streets. We have five positions to fill which are additional to the staff currently in the area working.

LASBT

19. LASBT East has 229 Active cases of which 111 are in the Inner East area. Cases are a mixture of Noise and Anti-Social Behaviour plus a small number related to Hate and to Domestic Violence and to date there are no set trends currently or new issues.

20. There have been re-emerging issues with youth ASB around Seacroft Shopping Centre in Killingbeck & Seacroft ward plus the youth nuisance in the Ascots' area of Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward. Both of these are in Tasking and are subject to the Protection of Personal Information Act.

21. The anti-social use of motor vehicles continues to be a city-wide issues as well as affecting the Inner North East and we are seeing to develop a city-wide Public

Space Protection Order aimed at tackling the anti social use of all vehicles be that in relation to cars, vans, quad bikes, scooters, e-scooters, motorbikes and off road bikes. We are currently building up our analytical data and hope to start online consultation soon. They have done a similar process in Bradford which is having some encouraging results. This would include the banning of car meets, rideouts, use of public green spaces for quads etc.

22. LASBT have submitted further ASB Injunction applications aimed at tackling ongoing ASB related to street drinking in the Harehills area and are looking at some closure orders for individual streets to combat both street drinking and drug dealing.
23. It is anticipated that the LASBT base at Deacon House in Seacroft will fully re-open to staff in September and that all aspects of the role can then be carried out by Officers.

Neighbourhood Policing Update

24. Operation Axlehaven commenced Friday 20th August and lasted for a week to support long term work conducted at Ascot Terrace, BRH ward. A dispersal order was in place over the weekend which allowed police to order youths acting in an anti-social manner to return home or leave the area. Intensive patrols were commenced supported by officers outside NPT, including mounted officers. A total of 12 youths were issued dispersal orders and two will be prosecuting for breaching the order.
25. This was publicised and supported leaflet drops and visits to local residents which developed information. Youths were also returned to their home address and parents were provided with advice. The operation and longer term problem solving has been supported by Housing, LASBT, and other partners.
26. Engagement events have become more feasible as restrictions have eased. Officers have attended in the exhibition van, complete with the Neighbourhood Policing Team mascot, at events including Breeze in Harehills Park, and smaller events in Banstead Park / Lincoln Green Road. This has enabled engagement with younger people and their parents, allowing officers to pass key messages relating to ASB and Child Exploitation. PACT meetings are due to resume in person, allowing police and community members to engage more directly.
27. Officers have continued to act on reports from residents relating to drug supply across Inner East Leeds, executing several successful search warrants in all three ward areas. The largest of these was on the Bexley estate in Gipton and

Harehills ward where an estimated £110,000 of cannabis was seized. Following successful drug warrants officers will continue to work with Selective Licensing and LASBT in order to target irresponsible landlords and where necessary use court orders to close addresses.

Children and Young People: Councillor Denise Ragan

Summer Reading Challenge

28. The Summer Reading Challenge is back and this year it has a very special nature theme, which has been developed in partnership with the Reading Agency and the World Wide Fund for Nature.
29. If you're looking for fun things to do with your family, take part in the Summer Reading Challenge where children can get involved with reading and learn about nature and the environment along the way. As part of the challenge, children and their families are encouraged to read six or more library books and take a trip to Wilderville through the 'Wild World Heroes' book collection.
30. All the books in the collection can be borrowed for free from your local library and children can collect a Wild World Heroes reward for every book they read. Everyone that completes the challenge will be awarded a certificate and a gold medal. Sign up to take part by visiting your local library or on the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).
31. Leeds Libraries are also on the look-out for people to share photos of themselves reading outside with nature to help spread the word. Whether you're reading in the garden, with your pets or in the park, we'd love to see photos of your family taking part in wild reading - get involved by using #LeedsWildReads on social media and tagging @LeedsLibraries.

Targeted Youth Provision

32. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill has benefited from the funding allocated through the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit. Youth Association and Youth Service have been working in a coordinated way across the ward supporting young people who are involved or at risk of getting involved in street / gang related violence. This innovative detached work is part of a wider violence reduction strategy for the city which has early intervention and prevention at it's core. Street League have also received funding from the VRU, a new provider for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill based at Football World on Cross Green Industrial Estate. Street League use football as part of a support package for young people who are referred to their programme via the Police and Youth justice system.

Healthy Holidays

33. Leeds City Council's Community Hubs & Libraries delivered Healthy Holidays programmes across Inner East from 2nd August to 3rd September. The programme aimed to provide children in Key Stages 1 through 4 who are entitled to Free School Meals with enriching cultural and sporting activities along with a hot meal at lunchtime. Activities included arts and crafts, story telling, cultural activities and performances from external providers such as Wrongsemble. Young people were also offered a full sport offer from Active Leeds and "ping pong for you" activity packs to take home to continue the fun and engagement with their wider family and friends.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Ron Grahame

Universal Credit

34. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner East Community Committee area that were unemployed in May 2021 is 10,664. This is an increase of 88% since March 2020, a decrease of 112 on the previous month. The increase in claimants is reflective across all wards due to the impact of Covid..

35. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) will cease at the end of September, and there is an expectation that a number of people will be made redundant which could subsequently increase claimants to Universal Credit.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2021		May 2021	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Leeds	23,618	4.6%	47,061	9.1%	46,061	8.9%
Inner East	5,658	10.5%	10,776	20.0%	10,664	19.8%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,068	11.2%	3,628	26.0%	3,590	19.5%
Gipton & Harehills	2,210	10.9%	4,785	23.6%	4,735	23.4%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,380	9.0%	2,363	15.5%	2,339	15.3%

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

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

Employment and Skills Services

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)
Inner East	2,040	3,832	616	1,326	1,008	1,743
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	683	1,355	209	520	333	645
Gipton & Harehills	952	1,723	286	583	485	751
Killingbeck & Seacroft	405	754	121	223	190	347

Priority Neighbourhood	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)
Cliftons, Nowells (B&RH)	88	156	25	49	40	74
Lincoln Green (B&RH)	76	184	27	66	46	87
Boggart Hill (K&S)	38	58	9	14	18	32

37. Covid has had considerable impact since March 2020, with closures of face to face services, the employment and skills delivery models were adapted and continued through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April 2020 – March 2021 10,071 people accessed the Service, 2,040 of whom were from the Inner East, a reduction of 47% when compared to the same period last year.

38. Across the city the service has supported 3,413 people into work, (April 2020 – March 2021), of whom 18%, 616 were residents from the Inner East, a reduction of 54% when compared to the same period last year. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport.

Leeds Employment Hub

39. A single point of contact for European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A large team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to eligible residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

40. The Service continues to be successful in securing ESIF funding that will now be in place until December 2023, supporting around 3,500 people per year in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The service and its partners will be spending in the

region of £2.7m in this financial year on the delivery of employment support programmes.

41. A further ESIF bid to support 15-24 year old Leeds residents has been submitted and the service expects to hear by the end of August 2021 if successful. This will replace two existing programmes that are due to finish at the end of December 2021.
42. ESIF programmes are predominantly focused on residents who are not employed. The service has therefore sought to gain funding for residents that are ineligible for ESIF programmes, supporting underemployed residents in low paid, low skilled jobs as well as those at risk of redundancy. Residents at risk of being redundant will be offered support beyond the limited statutory minimum offered by DWP and National Careers Service and residents seen as underemployed will be able to access services and support that to now have not been offered through ESIF and other mainstream support.
43. All Jobshops are now fully open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include Seacroft, Compton and Reginald and City Centre Community Hubs. The Burmantofts Community Hub will also be opening for two days a week (Wednesday and Thursday), commencing week of 6th September 2021.
44. Due to Covid the annual Leeds Next Steps event will not take place face to face this summer. The event usually held the day after GCSE results day, where young people can talk to local colleges and providers, get information and advice about post- 16 learning opportunities, individual courses, apprenticeships, and traineeships will be available on-line. Information from a wide range of schools, colleges and other providers will be available via the 'Start in Leeds' website.
45. Between April 2020 – March 2021 3,971 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Jobshops, 2,047 customers were supported into work and 292 were supported into training or further education. From the Inner East, 874 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Jobshops, 465 customers were supported into work and 52 were supported into training or further education.

Leeds Learning Hub

46. The service delivers and commissions adult learning (post 19) with courses designed to help adults take their first steps or re-engage with learning before progressing to accredited learning within community settings. This provision is targeted to the 20% most deprived super output areas with a focus on Priority Neighbourhoods. Our programme includes Family English, Maths and Language (FEML) provision designed for parents (or other carers of children)

with English and Maths needs or is for families where English is not the primary language. Often these courses are linked to schools or Children's Centres.

47. Over the last 12 months, new methods of delivery were developed to ensure learners could continue to access our courses. This included blended learning e.g. digital delivery through mobile phones coupled with home learning options, remote delivery options including outdoor learning, and the return to face to face learning when restrictions permitted with reworked COVID secure delivery spaces. The service also developed home learning resource packs to increase pastoral support, with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and those unable to access online programmes.
48. Developing You is a pre-employment support programme incorporating wellbeing and employability modules and targets unemployed Priority Neighborhood residents with mild to moderate mental health challenges. Due to Covid the pilot programme was delivered online during autumn/winter 2020.
49. For residents living in Inner East the free 10 week course will be delivered face to face at the Old Fire Station from Monday 6th September and at Nowell Mount Community Centre from Monday 13th September. For those who can't attend the face to face learning there will be online courses starting in October.
50. Between April 2020 – March 2021 the service has supported 4,857 people across the city to improve their skills. From the Inner East, 1,008 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 42% when compared to the same period last year. For Inner East, 109 courses, including ESOL, language for the classroom and digital skills, were delivered across 10 different venues in the 2020/21 Academic Year.

Employer Support

51. Over the last 15 months the Service has engaged with 384 businesses (33 large and 351 SMEs). The highest number of engagements have been within construction, health and social care, IT, and digital and professional services sectors.

Vaccinating Leeds Programme

52. The Service supported, in partnership with the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions for the Vaccinating Leeds programme. 90 Leeds Employment Hub customers

successfully passed the recruitment process, including HR checks and an initial training programme, 24 customers commenced work with the NHS in March 2021, the other customers were invited to join the talent pipeline to be put forward for other opportunities.

Kickstart

53. Part of the Government's Plan for Jobs 2020 launched in September. Employment and Skills is continuing to act as a "Kickstart Gateway", to help provide placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment. The programme provides funding to employers to offer 6 month placements for eligible businesses. Since January 2021, 391 placements have been approved with 140 placements filled.

Retail and Hospitality Sector

54. Developing a programme with employers, Leeds City College and The Engine Room, to provide taster sessions and upskilling support for participants in order to allow them to access opportunities in the sector. The initial programme is set to be delivered in September 2021, with a one week programme covering key skills in hospitality.

Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust (LTHT)

55. Working in partnership with LTHT to support the recruitment of a large number of Apprentice Clinical Support Workers and Apprentice Facilities Technicians roles within LTHT. Virtual information sessions to explain the role and application process are being delivered from September. Support arrangements are in place through the Leeds Employment Hub and targeted local promotion is being arranged.

Future Talent Leeds

56. The Future Talent Leeds conversation was launched on the 7th September 2021, aimed to hear the thoughts of as many people as possible to help shape the Future Talent Plan for Leeds. Recognising the jobs, skills and business landscape in the city has altered dramatically in recent years with changes to national government policy, the extra powers we have achieved through devolution, Brexit and Covid-19, we now need a skills and talent plan that is agile and works to support people and businesses across Leeds to thrive in the face of change.

57. The conversation will take place in two phases, with the first now live online at Future Talent Leeds running until Tuesday 28 September. The responses will then be analysed to shape a second phase of dialogue starting in November, with the final findings and recommendations to be fed into the Future Talent Plan.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

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

The Communities Team

Priority Neighbourhoods

Cliftons and Nowells

Nowell Mount Community Centre

59. Staff from the Communities Team helped the Nowells Community Group to secure a grant from Leeds Community Foundation's Harnessing the Power of Communities Fund. This funding is being used to buy in expert support from Leeds Community Spaces to help establish a local management structure for the centre in partnership with the Council. The aim is to ensure that local residents including young people are able to influence and contribute to the activity programme that takes place at the centre.

60. The new venue has been in use over the summer hosting the healthy holidays provision led by Learning Partnerships. The sessions have been well received by local families and have provided a great opportunity to invite the local community into the centre for the first time. The aim is to establish a regular programme of youth and community activities from September.

61. The programme is still in development but already includes, evening Youth sessions, Developing You, (a 10 week wellbeing and employment support programme); a domestic violence support group, community Bingo, Food Club and some new resident led-activities being supported by the ABCD Community Builder. The Childrens Centre team will also be running a range of activities for families with under 5's alongside some specialist support for Eastern European families from the Gypsy Roma Traveller service.

Lincoln Green

Food Club and Market Place

62. Family Action working in partnership with Zarach have opened a new food club in the ward. Based at Bridge Community Church the first session took place on 24th August and was well attended by over 40 families. The food club model is the same that operates out of Nowell Mount and Richmond Hill Academy, people become members and then get access to heavily subsidised food once a week.

63. The Market Place idea has been developed by Zarach, on the first session they held a school uniform exchange which proved to be extremely popular. The Market Place offer will vary depending on the season and the demand from people that use the service.

Park Play

64. Active Leeds have secured funding to develop a new project in Lincoln Green called Park Play. Park Play is a weekly Saturday morning outdoor play session for children and families – think Park Run but playing instead of running. The project has been supported by local ward members who have recommended £2,500 be allocated from the Inner East Youth Activities Fund. Funding will be used to employ a local play leader who will establish, promote and develop the session over the next 12 months. If the project proves popular then the model could be replicated in other parts of the City.

Target Wards

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Ebor Gardens Community Centre

65. LCC Asset Management have published a call for expressions of interest to take on a lease and the management of Ebor Gardens Community Centre - a process called Community Asset Transfer. Interest is invited from not-for-profit organisations to continue operating the building as a community centre.

66. The aim of this exercise is to identify a suitable organisation(s) that can revive this underused community centre and develop a sustainable activity programme which better meets the needs of the local community.

67. All information relating to the opportunity and the submission process is in the following link to the Leeds City Council website.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/commercial-opportunities/council-owned-land-and-property-for-sale-or-to-let/ebor-gardens-community-centre>

Public Space Protection Order - Bins Consultation

68. Wheelie bins being left on the street have a negative effect on the quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses in the local area. Putting a bin out for collection and returning it back to a resident's property is easy to do and assisted collection support can be provided for people who are unable to do this due to a disability.

69. Bins left on the street can cause:

- Obstructions for vehicles and pedestrians including wheelchair and push chair users
- Contribute to fly-tipping, littering and attracting vermin
- Look unsightly and can attract antisocial behaviour like bin dipping

70. A survey is currently being undertaken in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill to gather comments on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward area, north of York Road.

71. In this case, the Council proposes that the relevant householder must *'ensure all household wastes stored at relevant premises and/ or presented for collection from relevant premises shall be contained in receptacles and not be situated outside the boundary of the relevant premises other than after 6pm the night before collection is due, and returned inside the boundary of the relevant premises no later than 9pm on the day of collection'*

72. If the PSPO is introduced, it will give the Council powers to deal with persistent breaches which are having a negative impact on a community's quality of life.

Sports

73. Outdoor sports were one of the first activities to be permitted as we came out of lockdown in the spring. In BRH we have several regular football activities which are attracting large numbers of young people. Leeds United Foundation currently support 5 sessions a week in the ward at Saxton Gardens, Oxton Fields, Nowell Mount and (from September) at Shakespeare primary school. Since Lockdown ended a new community based session led by volunteers from the Leeds Swahili Association has taken off at Oxton fields. These sessions have grown with over 100 young people now registered and attending on a

Saturday and Sunday. Chapeltown Youth Development Centre (CYDC) have been providing support to volunteers in terms of DBS, safeguarding support and football coaching.

74. The group have approached BRH ward members to ask for some wellbeing funding to purchase equipment and a storage container to further develop this provision. Team GB's success at the Olympics has raised interest in BMX and skateboarding. Active Leeds have brought in partners from British Cycling and LS-Ten skate park to provide BMX and skating activities as part of the summer activities in the ward.

Healthy Holidays

75. The Council, third sector and schools have pulled together this year to deliver a comprehensive programme of healthy holiday activities during the summer. Funding from the government has been used to provide lunches and fun activities for children and families during the 6 week break. In BRH sessions have taken place across 9 sites in the ward:

- Richmond Hill Academy
- Shakespeare Primary School
- Cross Green Growing Together
- Leeds Mencap
- Learning Partnership (Nowell Mount)
- Complete Women CIC (Shannon Street)
- St Vincents Support Centre
- Burmantofts Community Hub and Library (Ebor Gardens)
- Compton Centre

76. The provision has proved popular with families who have enjoyed some of the varied activities on offer, including playschemes, trips, sports activities and outdoor fun days. Volunteers have played a big part in supporting these activities alongside local organisations and teams from the Council.

Highways and Public Realm improvements

77. LCC Highways are well underway with Phase 2 of the "mini-holland" scheme. Wider pavements, parking bays and the introduction of a one-way system will reduce traffic flows past Shakespeare Primary School and create a much more pedestrian and cycle friendly route between the Lincoln Green and the City Centre. As part of the consultation phase pupils from Shakespeare Primary school put forward their ideas to introduce some "playful elements" into the

design. Some of these ideas have made the final cut and will appear shortly on the green space opposite the school gates.

Gipton and Harehills

78. The multi-agency partnership relating to problem street drinking continues to meet – it has met seven times since the group formed late last year - to progress the issues associated with problem street drinking in and around Harehills' main arteries. This challenge is being taken up on a number of fronts. Focus is being given to disruption, which includes enforcing the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and serving two injunctions on the more troublesome street drinkers, with two more being worked-up.
79. In tandem to this approach, there is also a concerted effort to engage with this cohort of drinkers to address their complex needs around addiction. This work has been admittedly a slow-burn but genuine relationships are being forged under difficult circumstances by Touchstone's dedicated outreach worker (who has conducted over 14 visits to the Harehills area to date).
80. Allied to this, alcohol supply has sought to have been addressed through the continued defence of the council's Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) and the opposition of any new off licences (two have been declined in recent times). The derelict site on Compton Road has also been target hardened following work by Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team colleagues, as it was a magnet for street drinkers. Looking forward, the partnership wants to continue momentum.
81. Ward Members from both Gipton & Harehills and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill have committed to fund the Touchstone outreach for another year (with group sessions for this cohort looking to start in September) and colleagues in both the Police and the Safer, Stronger Communities Team are currently investigating legislation that could mean even greater legal powers to enforce against problem street drinking; this would be a nationwide first but requires some fine tuning, so watch this space.
82. Whilst it is still some time until Bonfire Night, the local multi-agency planning group has held three meetings since June. Preventative work takes place all year round but targeted outreach will commence from September when the schools re-open after the summer with input from both the Fire Service and the Police. This preventive work takes place in schools, at youth sessions, in community and faith buildings and via social media and radio. Some summer activities also took place via CATCH, Infinity Centre, Youth Service and others.

83. A commissioning round has been recently undertaken to identify diversionary activities from local youth providers over this key period and are highlighted in the Wellbeing report on the Community Committee agenda. Operational arrangements are being made for staffing on all key dates, including but not limited to 31st October, 4th and 5th November. Communications materials are also being developed. The group will continue to meet monthly and then more regularly in the lead up to the Bonfire Night period.
84. The Cleaner Neighbourhood Team are currently undertaking some targeted work in the Dorsets' area of Harehills in a bid to help inform residents about the need to dispose of waste correctly. The council's Street Wardens will help Cleaner Neighbourhood Team colleagues with a local letter drop.
85. Finally, the recently vacated Senior Localities Officer post for the Gipton & Harehills Ward has been appointed to. After a very competitive recruitment process, the preferred candidate is Ruth Tiernan, who comes from within the ranks for the Safer, Stronger Communities Team. Subject to service demand, it is hoped the new recruit can start in post in early Autumn. It would also be remiss not to note the huge contribution of the previous Senior Localities Officer, Grace Lawrenson, who has now moved on to a new role as a Senior Policy Development Officer in the council's Financial Inclusion Team.

Killingbeck and Seacroft

Summer Activities

86. Partners in Seacroft have been focused on delivering an extensive and exciting offer for children, young people and their families over the school summer holiday period. LS14 Trust, Fall into Place, Seacroft Community on Top and Chapel FM have all delivered Healthy Holidays programmes with activities and food. Activities have included dancing, a climbing wall, inflatable games, an animal showcase, radio, creative writing and the popular Playbox in Rein Park has reopened. LS14 Trust have also created and delivered thousands of activity packs for young people across the whole city. Dedicated volunteers are also providing food and activities in the Poole Estate.

Community Centres

87. The Denis Healey Centre is now back open with a full community offer which has been extremely popular. Seacroft Community on Top are providing a range of activities including stay and play, youth club, bingo, gardening club and bootcamp. Other groups are set to offer provision from the centre in the coming

months, adding to the offer, for example Space 2 will be recommencing the men's group and Streetwork Soccer will be recommencing Friday youth club. Additionally, in September the community gym is set to open.

88. This will be led by the local community and we anticipate it being a popular facility. The internal improvements to the centre have been very welcomed, and the community are enjoying the asset. External improvements are also underway.

89. The over 60s club are also recommencing at Cross Gates Community Centre, offering a weekly social activity to over 30 members.

Environmental Agenda

90. There is a lot of energy around improving the local environment amongst residents and partners within the ward. The Seacroft Wombles group continue to dedicate time to litter picking, and ideas around community growing and community orchards are being explored.

Seacroft Gardens Playground

91. The new playground continues to be a popular and busy site, with families enjoying it. The feedback from the community has been positive. Plans to celebrate the new asset, as well as the improved neighbouring community centre are underway.

Community Hubs Update

92. The Inner East Community Hubs, Libraries and Jobshops are now offering a full face to face service working to our updated risk assessment in a covid safe way. Enquiries are dealt with fully at first point of contact for all Council enquiries offering a seamless service for communities.

Library/PC Usage

93. Residents can freely browse for books in our libraries before taking home to read or use our seating area to read/study etc. Customers can still reserve books via our Order and Collect Service or book PC session (which can be extended if needed). Selection Bags are also available for customers to order, these have a selection of 6 books for adults or children ranging from crime, romance, key stages, picture books etc.

Job Shops

94. Our Job Shops are now working face to face, customers can access our full range of services including assisting with job searching, creating or updating a CV, completing job applications and preparing for interviews.
95. Job Shop staff are also working with customers on a new Job Shop Employability Support Programme (JESP). The Programme is built on existing local good practice to deliver an enhanced integrated employability programme for jobseekers and inactive people.
96. Job Shop advisors (Senior Customer Service Officers) work from a variety of community locations in priority areas of the City and target neighbourhoods with high levels of deprivation, unemployment, inactivity and high BAME populations. The programme will strengthen and expand links with small-scale community organisations and local authority Area and Housing teams with well-established links in BAME communities to overcome any cultural barriers to engagement.
97. All participants will have a named Job Shop advisor and dedicated support from a team of advisors who will maintain fortnightly contact. Participants will be supported for a minimum of 6 months. Where face to face is not possible a telephone call will be pre-arranged. The advisors will work closely with participants to build their confidence, raise aspirations and improve well-being, including mental well-being, through a combination of direct support and signposting to existing local provision.
98. Examples of activities and actions to be delivered to support the participant include:
- Budgeting and debt advice, better off calculations, support with applying for Universal Credit.
 - Offering housing, childcare or other specialist advice e.g. drugs and alcohol, or signposting to relevant organisations, as appropriate.
 - Digital skills training and setting up an e-mail account if participants do not already have one;
 - work related digital skills basics such as using word, excel, PowerPoint, skype, digital privacy awareness of do's and don'ts
 - Supporting participants to develop up-to-date job search techniques including using IT to search and apply for work, setting up a "Find a job" account (where

they have not previously done so); completing online application forms and using social media to seek work;

- Employability training: communication skills, self-presentation, time keeping, attitudes/behaviours at work, team building, working relationships, work related literacy and numeracy support; transferable skills;
- Careers information including self-employment advice
- Job sector-specific and/or vocational training including nationally recognised qualifications that are in demand with local employers
- Job search support (linking to existing provision where appropriate)
- Effective interview techniques, including mock interviews and feedback;
- Employer brokerage services relevant to the participants' needs
- Access to basic skills and ESOL training
- In-work support and any additional or creative activities that help to achieve the aims of the project.

Safer Sleeping Scheme

99. The Compton Centre community Hub continues to work in close partnership with the Children centres and Public Health in issuing Moses baskets bundles to vulnerable families. The scheme is able to respond quickly due to The Community Hub, children Centres and health professionals working together.

Project Development Work

100. In the first half of 2021- just over a 1000 hours of support has been given through the groups and projects. And this is from groups and projects that have started from scratch and did not exist before.

101. Fifteen different online projects have been delivered that are around Health and Well-being and there has been an increase in referrals from GPs and 3rd Sector which will hopefully lead to new projects.

102. Our popular coffee morning is restarted at the Polish Centre in August and is running weekly 10-12 every Thursday.

103. A working group is currently being brought together to look at new projects citywide, this group will also be tasked to begin to look at long Covid and managing these symptoms in a peer led way.

POMOC Virtual Drop-In Sessions

104. Sessions are running weekly in partnership with the Migrant Access Programme team and the Department of Work and Pensions. There are 3 sessions per week each lasting 2 hours for our Romanian/Roma and Czech/Slovak communities.

105. Our multi agency approach aims to support the residents with help to access Universal Credit, benefits. Increase support and engagement opportunities between EU nationals and services during the Covid 19 crisis. Also build their confidence and trust in local institutions and empower them to navigate local services and particular customer access support. This support also expand to include our Spanish and French communities.

Housing Leeds- Update from the Housing Advisory Panels (HAPS)

Update from the Outer East (OE) Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

106. The OE HAP are continuing to meet virtually every 8 weeks. There are 10 members on the panel we also have 2 friends of members who have a local connection to the area but cannot vote on any panel bids but can offer valuable local information.

107. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is well represented by two ward members, Councillors David Jenkins and Councillor Paul Drinkwater. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects. The current priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page'.

2021-22 Funding Priorities & Local housing Priorities

<p>Wider Community Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Partners to improve local services • Develop and make better use of community assets • Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces • Increase community activity and local residents involvement in decision making 	<p>Wider Community Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities • Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities 	<p>Wider Community Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support activities that make people and places feel safer • Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired 	<p>Wider Community Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
<p>Housing Leads Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure hot spots are tackled with wider agendas to address emerging issue • Empower tenants to seek improvements to their community via HAP funding and identity projects • Promote recycling 	<p>Housing Leads Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with wider agendas to offer a holistic service to tenants • Continue to offer specialist support to officers impacted by welfare reform and universal credit 	<p>Housing Leads Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with partner agendas such as the Police / LASBT to tackle emerging and on going issues on estates, especially in targeted areas 	<p>Housing Leads Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support applicants with digital inclusion (support those affected by Universal Credit) • Utilise wider support from in-house benefit and enhanced income workers and signpost to specialist debt support agencies (such as money buddies)
<p>HAP Priorities:</p> <p>Enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including initiatives which address: ASB with off road bikes, parking, fly-tipping, dog-fouling and overgrown shrubs and trees</p>	<p>HAP Priorities:</p> <p>To give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of health & well-being addressing social isolation, mental health, poverty and nutrition. Support children and young people by encouraging them take a meaningful place in the community.</p>	<p>HAP Priorities:</p> <p>Joint working with Council teams, other statutory service providers and voluntary organisations to address a range of issues including: off-road bikes, burglary, ASB, drugs, domestic violence, safety around schools and parking.</p>	<p>HAP Priorities:</p> <p>Assist tenants, especially those affected by universal credit and welfare reforms through projects including digital inclusion, getting work ready, budgeting and transport</p> 

108. The OE HAP in 2021-22 has supported 1 community and 1 environmental related projects since my last report in March 2021. Funded projects are:

1. Seacroft Wombles, Litter Pick Equipment £700
2. Barncroft Court, Renew Planters £1750

109. The Green Guardian garden scheme that was approved by the HAP in March is proving a great success. To date we have has 13 referral's for Seacroft/Killingbeck Ward for assistance with gardens for vulnerable tenants. We are receiving lots of positive feedback from tenants and praise for scheme.
110. Terry Casey the Chair of the OE and I have fitted a number dog waste bag dispensers around Seacroft popular dog walking areas. They have proved to be very well utilized and have helped significantly to keep the areas clean. We are now working with Seacroft Wombles to decide on more areas to fit additional dispensers. The dispensers were gifted to the HAP some years ago and have been in storage, unused, so it is good to finally make use of them.
111. The Outer East Neighbourhood Services Officer Louise Yeadon recently attended a meeting with tenants in Seacroft, housing office and Sue Hoey regarding the possibility of a community allotment in Seacroft funded by Climate Emergency grant. They will be looking at potential sites in Seacroft in the coming week and are looking to working towards a joint approach with all interested parties and organisations in the Seacroft/Killingbeck ward.
112. Louise am in the process of helping create a tenants group on the Poole Estate. She was approached by a tenant who has explained that there have been several incidents on the estate and felt a lack of community spirit somewhat after the last year. She plans to do some letter dropping across estate to ascertain the level of interest in the group, and arranging a meeting, restrictions permitting.

Budget Committed For 2021-22

Budget Summary Sheet 2021/22		Totals	2021/22 Budget Expenditure
Outer East			
	Budget for 2021/22	£ 34,848.75	7.40%
	Carry Forward from 2020/21	-£ 1,744.40	
	TOTAL 2021/22 BUDGET	£ 33,104.35	% available
	Approved Budget Spend 2021/22	£ 2,450.00	92.60%
	Available Budget (Balance)	£ 30,654.35	
	Indicative contributions	£ -	

Projects Approved in 2020-21 By Theme & Area

HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Environment & Housing	8	2	£ 2,450.00	7.40%
Health & Well-being	0	0	£ -	0.00%
Community Safety	0	0	£ -	0.00%
Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	0.00%
Outer East Total	8	2	£ 2,450.00	7.40%

Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
KillingbeckandSeacroft	8	2	£ 2,450.00	7.40%
	0	0	£ -	0.00%
	0	0	£ -	0.00%
Outer East Total	8	2	£ 2,450.00	7.40%

113. The HAP will continue to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

115. 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

116. 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

117. 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

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

Risk Management

119. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

122. 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.