

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer West Community Committee
[Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley]

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Date: 8th November 2021 **To note**

Outer 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

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team – Update from Sharron Almond (Area Manager)

3. This report is in relation to work completed by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for both street cleansing and environmental action.

COVID-19 update

4. Since the last report in August, West CNT have had 3 staff who have tested positive for COVID and 6 new instances of self-isolation. We have 1 Enforcement Officer who is still doing limited visits until an updated Covid risk assessment is completed. This work is however being covered by other officers who are completing site visits. Annual Leave and some general sickness absences are still affecting some of the service delivery.

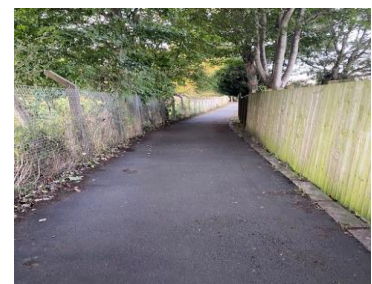
5. The service is now back to full working hours for street cleansing staff, and we will continue to have the additional unit at Henshaw depot, this is for staff to keep social distance due to the number of staff working and using the welfare facilities at lunch times. This has caused some issues within the depot around parking and a health and safety meeting is being held soon to address the new issues brought to light around staff safety, this will not affect street cleansing activity.

General Staffing

6. I took over the management of Zone 15 with the added ward of Farnley & Wortley, so now cover 3 wards including, Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, and Farnley & Wortley. With this move, 3 staff transferred across.
7. A recruitment campaign for CNT is ongoing. Once this is completed, we have some additional resource we could tap into following this recruitment. Over the past few weeks, we have used some additional resource to assist with some of the larger cutting jobs in the area to help the team catch up.
8. In the August update, you were informed that we now have a vacant Chargehand position and interviews are scheduled this month to fill this vacancy.
9. Currently we have a member who is absent from work due to sickness in Zone 15. Cover is being provided using overtime where possible or moving staff from other zones when needed.

Street Cleansing

10. We have fitted some additional bins in the area which are being paid for Councillor Seary.
11. We have also used CEL on some of the larger cutting and ginnel jobs to clear the backlog created over the past months.



12. We are now well on our way with the planning of our de-leafing rota, and with the addition of Farnley and Wortley this year the team leader has worked with the local Cllrs using their knowledge and experience of the area to plan the de-leafing maps as this has never been officially mapped or planned out in the past. The Team Leader will provide updates to Councillors.
13. We are still experiencing some backlog issues with business support staff who are managed centrally which is outside of our Directorate, these issues have been addressed within business support management directly.
14. We have also had several issues where litter bins have been vandalized and where 2 have ended up in water courses, 1 at the Pudsey Road reservoir where the bin had been thrown in the water at the deep end of the reservoir. This has now been retrieved and the bins have been cleaned and are back in service. The 2nd at Rodley Canal has also been restored.



Enforcement

15. Enforcement Officers are carrying out site visits but are still aware of social distancing and not entering properties unless necessary. Enforcement Officers are still working remotely but visiting the office regularly and are in contact with Team Leaders.
16. There are still some delays in hearing court cases. Most cases I believe are still being dealt with out of Leeds and some recent results have been disappointing which Chris Chamberlain will be addressing with legal in the hope to do some work with the Magistrates to improve convictions.

Service Changes

17. From the 5th July, the changes to CNT management arrangements took place in West Leeds. These changes were included in Jason Singh email in early June. The changes came about a service review in February 2021.

18. There have been several changes at management level, these reductions were made to effectively manage and deliver the financial savings across environmental services as part of the 2021/ 2022 budget:

- Stacey Rockcliffe leads the CNT Citywide: Stacey can be contacted on: stacey.rockcliffe@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 07562 439 539
- Victoria Whalley is the West Area Manager: Victoria can be contacted on: victoria.whalley@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 07891 279 600.
- Sharron Almond is the Outer West Team Leader. Sharron has responsibility for street cleansing and enforcement. Sharron can be contacted on: sharron.almond@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 07891 272746.
- Johanna Taylor – Enforcement Officer. Johanna can be contacted on 0113 3782145 or 07891 272749. Johanna.Taylor@leeds.gov.uk
- From now on Chris Chamberlain will no longer be involved with the Outer West. Chris has now moved across to manage a specific team to investigate and deal with fly tipping citywide.

Community work

19. We have existing work being completed across Outer West with the support of the various Litter Free Groups and their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by all the CNT team.

20. We will continue to support this work by providing purple bags to community groups which are delivered by our CNT staff to the nominated bag holders and then collecting the waste, when left at the side of serviceable litter bin.

21. We have also provided additional equipment for some of these groups. We will continue to support our local community groups and individuals.

Gully Cleansing – Update from Eleanor Jordan (Gullies Operational Supervisor)

Covid 19

22. Since my last update in August the Gully Cleansing Team, which usually functions with 20 operatives (10 teams) across two shifts, has been operating with Covid-19 measures in place in line with government guidance. Not all the operatives are fully vaccinated, meaning these individuals still have to isolate if they come into contact with someone with symptoms.

Staffing

23. I currently have two operatives who are on long term sick and one vacancy, meaning we currently have 85% of staff at work. This vacancy is about to be re-advertised following an external candidate giving backward a week before they were due to start in

post in September and no other candidates were appointable in the original recruitment exercise. Assuming there are no further hold-ups this post should be filled by the beginning of December.

Cyclical Clean

24. We remain 6 weeks behind schedule as a direct result of the ongoing pandemic and spending 5 months at 40% capacity last year. Since my last update we have averaged 60% of teams at work daily due to annual leave, sickness and the vacancy. There are spending restriction in place meaning I am having to use overtime to make up teams sparsely.

25. I appreciate that since my last report not much (if anything) has changed in two of the Outer West wards. This is because our main focus has been to get into the wards in the other parts of the City that have had very little attention in the last 2.5 years.

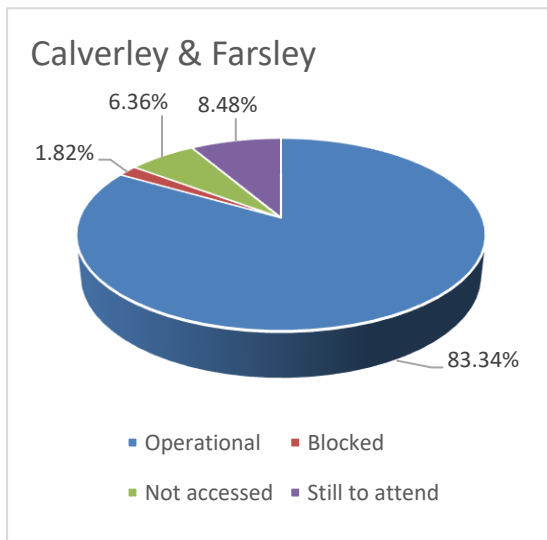
Planned Works

26. We are scheduling Stanningley Bypass, which equates to 418 gullies in all three Outer West wards, for January. Ring Road Farsley (83 gullies) will be serviced before the end of the year.

Ward Updates

Calverley & Farsley – 4448 gullies

27. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3. Of the 1.82% (81 gullies) blocked:

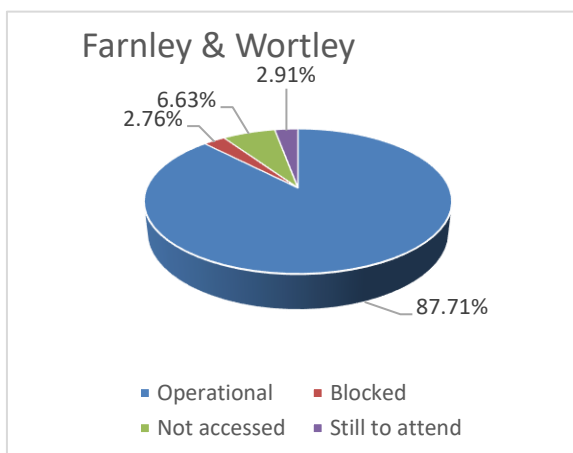


Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
NOT KNOWN	1	0	1
CCTV survey	2	0	2
Clean	2	0	2
Connection excavation	34	6	40
Cover replacement	0	3	3
External problem report	4	1	5
Investigate	0	9	9
Main line clean	9	4	13
Pot design change	4	1	5
Rectify unknown fault	2	0	2

Farnley & Wortley – 4646 gullies

28. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3 although we still have a bit of outstanding work that we need to programme in.

Of the 2.76% (128 gullies) blocked:

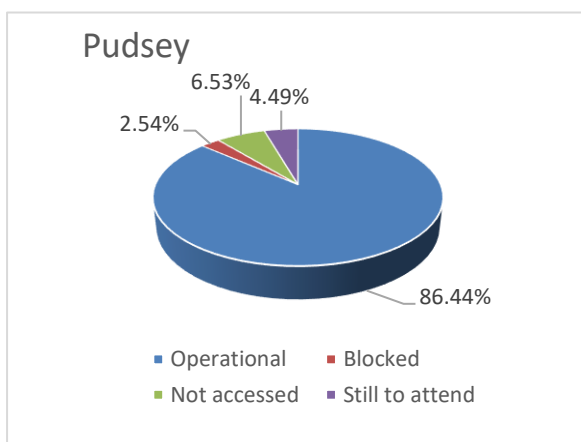


Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	9	4	13
Connection excavation	57	9	66
Cover replacement	0	2	2
External problem report	5	1	6
Investigate	2	14	16
Main line clean	2	3	5
Pot design change	2	4	6
Rectify unknown fault	13	0	13
Root cutting	1	0	1

Pudsey – 3627 Gullies

29. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3 although we still have a bit of outstanding work that we need to programme in. As predicted in my last report, the number of blocked gullies has fallen from 100 to 92.

Of the 2.54% (92 gullies) blocked:



Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	4	1	5
Connection excavation	46	5	51
Cover replacement	0	1	1
Dig out	0	1	1
External problem report	9	0	9
Hedge cutting	4	0	4
Investigate	1	1	2
Main line clean	3	1	4
Pot design change	7	2	9
Rectify unknown fault	3	1	4
Refer to client	0	2	2

30. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Jordan – Eleanor.jordan@leeds.gov.uk 07595211067

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Update from Jon Hindley (Public Health)

Pop Up-Vaccination Centre planned for Farnley

31. A pop-up vaccination centre is being planned for Farnley to help more local residents get vaccinated and stay safe this winter. Once a suitable venue has been agreed dates

will be set and it will be promoted by door knocking outreach, leafleting and targeted local social media and groups in the area. The venue is likely to be Old Farnley and District Community Association, LS12 5AA.

Leeds Big Chat in Pudsey

32. Despite the weather, some very insightful chats were had, and it was a very worthwhile afternoon for the Pudsey Team who undertook it. The results will be published later when all the events across the city have taken place. More details about the Leeds Big Chat can be found below.

33. We know that as a city, only thinking in terms of a big city when planning health and social care services is not effective. Big Chat on tour will be having conversations with citizens, groups, communities, and children to seek advice and insight in planning services. What works for people in Beeston will be different to what people in Pudsey want. Hearing directly from our people in local areas will help the planners and decision makers understand what is working, what needs improving and what works. There will be conversation makers ('chat starters') and decision makers to listen to.



34. September and October 2021 saw the Big Chat return. The Big Chat on tour was slightly different due to Covid. Teams went out in smaller groups in a Covid safe and risk assessed way. It engaged with people at markets and shopping centres as well as within online forums, as this sometimes works better for local residents, local community and children's groups. If you would like more information, please contact; Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk or go to <https://healthwatchleeds.co.uk/our-work/bigleedschat/>

Leeds City Council Contract Tracing Service

35. The outreach component of this service is delivered through our trusted commissioned third sector partners (Barca in the West), many who have worked in their communities and geographical areas for over 25 years. This service has over a 48% success record. It helps local residents track contacts they may have had if they test positive and offers isolation advice and help. The service is highly flexible and is proving a strong model for work of this nature.

'Would Like To Know More' Sessions - Leeds City Council Public Health Resource Centre

36. Leeds City Council Public Health Resource Centre are offering a number of free sessions currently in webinar form due to the coronavirus epidemic. Please note all the sessions are recorded so if you miss the event you can catch up at your leisure.

37. Currently on offer to attend or catch up at a later date:

- **Getting Ready for Winter:** Autumn and Winter Vaccinations: Covid-19 & Influenza - Webinar (Thursday 4th November 2021 12:30pm to 2:00pm)
This webinar will look at the Phase 3 Covid-19 and Influenza vaccinations and how the council and health partners address health inequalities in ensuring every citizen has equal access.
- **Young People Gambling & Gaming-A Webinar**
(Wednesday 3rd November midday to 1:00pm)
Examining participation in young people in these activities, how prevalent is it? And investigating possible solutions).
- **Mental Health in an Unequal World:** Covid-19s impact-A Webinar
(Friday 8th October 11:00 am to 12 noon midday)
Join or listen to Gabrielle Obeng Nyarko and delegates as they examine the impact of people living in a nonequal world. This essential topic is explored as the World health Organisation report 970 million people, 13% of the world population may be facing mental and emotional health problems at one time.

38. You can watch all previous training and webinar videos here:

- [Leeds Public Health Training - YouTube](#)

39. To access more information please click on the link below.

- [Want to know more about ... \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#)

40. If you have recently attended a WTKMA session and would like a copy of the slides, please e-mail phforall@leeds.gov.uk to request them.

Housing Team – Update from Sophie Roberts (Housing Manager – Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley)

41. The Pudsey team continue with hybrid working, with some days in the office and some days at home. It has been nice for the team to see their colleague and we continue to feel the benefit of this way of working.

42. We are currently in the middle of completing walkabouts for quarter three. There have been several staff changes within partner departments and the team are working hard to build new working relationships with these teams to get positive outcomes. We have been working closely with Cleaner Neighbourhoods to resolve environmental issues in both wards and we are very appreciative for the hard work of the team.

43. Anti-social behaviour continues to be reported and we continue to work with residents, colleagues in LASBT and the local NPT to try and resolve issues quickly. The case officer from LASBT who covers the area is due to leave shortly and the team will be working alongside a new case officer. We will continue to work together to resolve issues locally.
44. It was recently raised by residents at Claremont Grove that there were concerns regarding anti-social behaviour. The Housing Officer and Housing Manager attended a coffee morning alongside the new Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant to discuss concerns and offer advice. There are still outstanding issues that Housing is working on. Once resolved an outcome letter will be sent to all residents.
45. Coffee mornings have taken place at Retirement Life schemes in the Pudsey ward. Following the coffee morning at Rycroft Green several outstanding repair issues have been resolved, in addition a morning of action was arranged for the communal garden to be tidied up.
46. The Housing Officer and Housing Manager recently attended the pre-start meeting regarding the ground source heat pump. We are currently awaiting the start date for the work, but the start date is imminent.

Housing Team – Update from Andrew Sheader (Housing Manager – Farnley & Wortley)

47. The Wortley Housing Team continue to work from home but are now remobilised meaning Housing Officers are out on the patches they manage on a weekly basis. Wortley/Pudsey Office has opened for staff to work from, operating a booking system with a maximum of 10 person for both offices.
48. Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as concerns relating to the environment, doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted. Quarter 2 Walkabouts have been completed and Q3 walkabouts will take place between October and December. Outcomes will be fed back to Ward members within 10 days of the walkabout date.
49. Fly-tipping continues to be an ongoing issue in the Farnley & Wortley area, and we have identified a number of hot spots which we are working closely with Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Neighbour Housing services to look at measures to find solutions to minimise the impact on residents and the local community.
50. Housing Officers have also been reminded to report Fly tipping and Graffiti removal via the LCC website. Housing Officers have also been advised to report Self-seekers to West North West Environmental Action Team.
51. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Service Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting the projects to HAP for

consideration and we expect that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

52. Hotspots identified, Bawn estate, Billy Lane grassed area, grassed area behind Nutting Grove Terrace estate and Gamble Hill Rise garage site (looking to install security lighting to prevent fly-tipping and repeat vandalism of garage doors and fly-tipping in the garages themselves).
53. HAP bids continue to be submitted and one example is to have the area opposite the Heights Drive office re-fenced.
54. The Heights East and The Heights West parking areas need painting (the parking areas and the Emergency hatched area). The Housing Officer has been asked to get prices and submit an OWONW Environmental Budget Allocation budget request for repainting.
55. Housing Offices have been busy populating the Winter works spreadsheet for Parks and Countryside to consider completing this works over the coming months. No guarantee has been provided for the work to be completed but we want to ensure that the Farnley & Wortley area has plenty of referrals. These include no man's land areas and areas of encroachment that can be costly to deal with.
56. Complaints regarding the cleanliness of Gamble Croft and Grange, this has been raised with the Team Leader for the area who has advised resources issues has impacted on the cleaning service provided to residents. Andrew Sheader visited the blocks on the 14/10/2021 and found them to be well managed, clean and no significant issues were found.
57. The Green Guardian Scheme is now up and running in the Wortley area in conjunction with Groundworks Leeds to tackle untidy gardens of vulnerable tenants. Referrals are taking between 6 to 8 weeks to action. Two gardens on Whincover Road and Whincover Drive will be completed this week.

Housing Advisory Panel – Update from Rukhsana Mahmood (Neighbourhood Officer – Tenant Engagement)

58. The OW HAP is part of a wider Tenant Engagement Framework and one of the ways Housing Leeds involve tenants.
59. The aim of the HAP panel is:
 - To use HAP funds to support a range of community and environmental projects in line with the Council and local priorities.
 - To work closely with local housing and other council teams to help review and monitor the delivery of local services and help shape services that meet the local community's needs.

60. Within the Regulatory Framework the 'Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard' requires all social housing providers give tenants a 'wide range of opportunities to influence', and be 'involved in the formulation of their landlord's housing related policies', and the making of decisions about how housing related services are delivered'.

61. OW HAP has continued to play an important role in supporting communities impacted by COVID and prioritising funding applications that help community groups and community activity in response. The OW HAP continues its approach to welcoming shorter applications for lower amounts of funding for this financial year.

Membership

62. The panel has 7 tenant members with 4 tenant vacancies at present. There are 3 ward members representing each ward in the area. These are Councillor Trish Smith (Pudsey), Councillor Andrew Carter (Calverley & Farsley) and Councillor Ann Blackburn (Farnley & Wortley).

HAP priorities

63. The current HAP priorities are outlined in the 'plan on a page' below:

- To enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including those that address littering, dog fouling and overgrown shrubs & trees.
- To support projects that give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of health & wellbeing including mental health & social isolation.
- To support community cohesion projects and engagement projects that address social problems ie ASB, burglary, drugs and domestic violence
- To support projects that assist tenants affected by Universal Credit and other welfare reforms, budgeting, numeracy & literacy skills, jobs and skills projects.

Meetings

64. Over the last 18 months HAP meetings have been held online and this has had some advantages as several HAP members have found it easy to join the meetings. Also, it has helped the service reduce costs of running meetings at a time of significant budget pressures. Online meetings have also reduced everyone's travel time and reduced the administration supporting HAP. Due to the lifting of Covid restrictions we are going to be holding alternate meetings face to face and online.

HAP Budget 2021/22

65. The **Outer West HAP budget** for 2021/22 is **£37,347.09** plus the underspend from last year of **£9,582.11** so the total budget for Outer West is **£46,929.20**.

Budget Summary Sheet 2021/22		Totals
Outer West		
Budget for 2021/22	£	37,347.09
Carry Forward from 2020/21	£	9,582.11
TOTAL 2021/22 BUDGET	£	46,929.20
Approved Budget Spend 2021/22	£	20,748.82
Available Budget (Balance)	£	26,180.38

66. A second round of 'Parenting Programme' course was funded last financial year. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions the team and the partners we work with were unable to run these eight-week courses. Therefore £2,216 was returned to OW HAP, which will be used on more current projects in line with local priorities.

Projects approved for funding 2021/22

67. **Gamble Hill Rise Garages** – Lighting column £3989.39. To prevent anti-social behaviour around the garage site. The lighting is controlled by a dusk to dawn photocell. The cost of the project includes the full adoption of the unit by Street Lighting and therefore all lifetime maintenance and energy cost for the unit will be covered by street lighting whilst it is in existence.

68. **Farnley Children's Centre Summer Activities** – £500. A number of activities took place for children and their families during the summer months which also helped to combat isolation improve community cohesion.

69. **New St Grove** - fencing £3,017.70 – to install security fencing to enclose the rear gardens of 20 bungalows as this was the point of entry for several attempted burglaries that had taken place.

70. **Swinnow Lane** – signage Flat numbers £1,240.00. Tenants living in the flats at Swinnow Lane had difficulty in receiving their parcels as the flat numbers were not visible from a distance. The flat numbers were installed to the side of the property so that they would be visible from a distance ensuring that the delivery drivers delivered to the correct properties.

71. **Swinnow Community Centre** – Outdoor equipment £1,480.98. To enable residents to access the centre and use the open space and take part in outdoor activities.

72. **Swinnow Community Centre** – Seaside Event £500.00. A seaside themed event for residents was held at Swinnow Community Centre from Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September.

73. **Meadowhurst Gardens** £5,460 – Cars parking in the bays and hanging over the edge obstructing grass cutters to cut the grass up to the edge the funding approved was to lay a tarmac strip so when cars were parked, they did not obstruct the grass cutting and the visual appearance of the area.

74. There are a number of HAP project in development that will be developed to present at future HAP meetings.

75. The Outer West 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.

CCTV – Update from Shaun Travis (CCTV Compliance Manager – LeedsWatch)

Quarter 2 2021/22

76. The LeedsWatch service is currently undergoing a review which is looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room, effectiveness of its cameras. The review is also to include a reporting strand which will serve to agree the way forward to provide information regarding CCTV to Councillors and Partners.

77. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Outer West area committee area, for quarter 2 2021/2022.

78. The Outer West Community Committee currently funds 11 cameras in the Outer West area.

79. 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:

Qtr 2 - Outer West Cameras incidents (1st July – 30th Sep 2021)					
	July	Aug	Sept	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation	0	0	0	Alarm Activation	0
Animals	1	0	0	Animals	1
ASB	4	1	0	ASB	5
Cash In Transit	0	0	0	Cash In Transit	0
Drugs	0	1	0	Drugs	1
Enforcement	0	0	0	Enforcement	0
Fire	0	0	0	Fire	0
Health & Safety	1	2	1	Health & Safety	4
Police Operation	4	0	8	Police Operation	12
Public Order	3	2	12	Public Order	17
Road Traffic	1	0	0	Road Traffic	1
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	Sexual Offences	0

Suspicious Events	0	0	0	Suspicious Events	0
Theft	0	0	2	Theft	2
Travellers	0	0	0	Travellers	0
Weather	0	0	0	Weather	0
Metro	0	0	3	Metro	3
Total Per Month	14	6	26	Total sum of incidents	46

80. 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 Outer West Area.

81. Following the recent announcement of the new Full Fibre Network provider being awarded to BT work will now commence to upgrade all CCTV cameras from analogue to digital. This will significantly improve the image quality and increased effectiveness of cameras in the Ward.

Requests for new Cameras

82. 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.

83. 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.).

84. 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.

Updates from Key Services:

Outer West Community Hubs – Update from Jason Newman (Community Hubs Manager)

85. The service continues to return to normal following the pandemic and we are now providing all our normal services. In addition to our services our partners are beginning to return to site and events are beginning to happen.

86. We have launched a job shop service at Pudsey Community Hub each Monday where there is a member of staff available to help customers with job searching, CV's, interview skills etc.

87. Week commencing the 15th of November will see the reintroduction of our story and rhyme times which will be at the below times each week

Pudsey	Mondays	10:30 – 11:30
Calverley	Wednesdays	10:30 – 11:30
Farsley	Fridays	13:30 – 14:30

88. We are also hoping to introduce digital drop ins where customers can come into our sites and get assistance from our librarians with any digital issues they may have.

89. The JESP program which makes use of the ESIF funding, supporting people in our communities to find work and supporting them through the initial stages of employment is continuing to embed and we have started to use our hubs in outer west to provide this service for local customers rather than them needing to travel.

90. From the 1st of November we will be moving to our new permanent opening hours. The Outer West Hubs and Libraries are now be open:

Pudsey	Monday	9am until 5pm
	Tuesday	10am until 5pm
	Wednesday	9am until 7pm
	Thursday	9am until 5pm
	Friday	9am until 5pm
	Saturday	10am until 4pm
Calverley & Farsley	Monday	9am until 5pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	9am until 5pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9am until 5pm
	Saturday	10am until 4pm

Leeds Libraries – Update from Andrea Ellison (Chief Librarian)

91. The Mobile Community Hubs that usually service areas within Outer West are still being used as Mobile vaccination centres in support of the citywide vaccination programme.

92. This situation is likely to stay the same until at least the early part of the new year.

93. The Libraries Service is hoping to get the Story Buses out across all areas of Leeds over the next couple of terms as a taster programme. The aim will be to encourage a love for reading from a young age, and support parents and carers to facilitate this.

Community Centres

Swinnow Community Centre – Update from Yvonne Allman (Centre Manager)

94. From the 30th August until 3rd September, Swinnow Community Centre held a week-long event on site called 'A Week at the Seaside'. This allowed children and families who have not been able to go to the beach to access the fun of the seaside in their own community.

95. The event included a wide variety of games, entertainment, bouncy castle, beach, face painting, performances and takeaway activity packs.

96. Over 220 people attended on a daily basis, and they were all provided with free food including sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, fruit and snacks, drinks, ice creams and lollies.

97. Bringing the seaside to Swinnow was amazing, the children absolutely loved it, and the event brought so much joy after the past 18 months of Covid, it was just what the community needed.

98. We would like to put this event on every year ending the school holidays with the seaside.

Community Engagement: Social Media

99. **Appendix 3 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with the latest information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page, along with the three ward-based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the area.

100. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

101. The report covers the last 2 months 1st Sep 2021 to 31st October 2021.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

103. 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

104. 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

105. 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

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

Risk Management

107. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

110. 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.