

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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for consideration

Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Environment: Councillor Mohammed Shahzad

3. A number of operatives positions have now been filled to complement staffing resource within the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
4. De leafing is under way and schedule for the team is still in place, a few issues have arisen during first couple of weeks relating to staffing up of the team and mechanical machinery issues. Priority work such as fly-tipping removal and bin emptying will still go ahead but litter picking is stood down and will only be looked at if of major concern.

5. RoTG (Recycling on the go) is now up and running in Chapel Allerton. A few teething problems with locations of bins but hopefully now all are in the right places. Bins are being used with very little cross contamination of waste.
6. Plans in place for the Christmas light switch on 18th November in Chapel Allerton. Staff working from 17.00hrs until 21.00 to empty bins/litter pick.
7. Enforcement – Nothing of significance to note.

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

8. 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 Chapeltown wants. 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.
9. September and October 2021 sees the Big Chat return. The Big Chat on tour is slightly different due to Covid so teams will be going out in smaller groups in a Covid safe, and risk assessed way to talk to people at markets and shopping centres as well as within online forums as this sometimes works better for residents, local community, and children's groups. If you would like more information, please go to <https://healthwatchleeds.co.uk/our-work/bigleedschat/>

Pictures of Leeds Big Chat volunteers out and about in local communities below.



10. The outreach component of this service is delivered through our trusted commissioned third sector partners (Orion Consortium, Health for All and Barca) many who have worked in their communities and geographical areas for over 25 years. This service has over a 48% success record. It helps 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.
11. The vaccination programme in Leeds is going well as we move into winter and we naturally spend more time indoors.
12. On Monday 13 September, the Government accepted the advice of the four chief medical officers (CMOs) to offer a single dose of the covid vaccine to all healthy 12-15-year-olds.
13. The NHS is working with partners and school immunisation services to deliver this in secondary schools and letters will start to be sent to parents or guardians of children aged 12-15 with further details from next week. They will also be asked to provide consent for their child to receive the vaccination, either through an online or a paper form. Children do not need to be registered with a GP or have an NHS number to be vaccinated.
14. At this time, CMOs advise that 12–15 -year-olds should be offered a first dose only, which will be of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, the only vaccine currently authorised in the UK for those aged 12-15.
15. The recommendation for those aged 12-15 at greater risk of serious COVID-19, or who are household contacts of severely immunosuppressed.
16. Those that have a specific immunosuppressive condition as set out in JCVI guidance should have three doses in their primary schedule. These will be arranged by their consultant or GP.
17. For further information please see these information leaflets: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people
18. Autumn and Winter Vaccinations: Covid-19 & Influenza -Webinar (recording available after the event) (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.

19. UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) becomes fully operational bringing together the health protection functions of Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace, including the Joint Biosecurity Centre.
20. The new agency will be responsible for planning, preventing, and responding to external health threats, including infectious diseases and chemical, radiological, environmental, and other hazards, as well as providing scientific and operational leadership at a global, national, regional, and local level in partnership with our stakeholders. You can read more about UKHSA [UK Health Security Agency - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

21. LASBT are now working normally in terms of visiting customers and being out in the community. Meetings are a mixture of Microsoft Teams and Face to Face and day to day working is a mixture of 2 days per week in the office and 3 days working from home.
22. LASBT currently has 38 active cases in the Inner North East area, these are across a range of case types and locations and there are no trends or emerging issues.
23. Highlight in this quarter was the successful application for 4 anti-social behaviour injunctions to combat beggars operating on the North Side Retail Park in Meanwood. A 5th application was held over following a verbal undertaking to leave the area.
24. Youth Injunction sought against one young person targeting several families in the Monet Close area of Meanwood, damage to vehicles and property, intimidation and threats all linked to a simple disagreement at school, awaiting court date.

Updates from Key Services

Tenant Engagement Update

COVID-19

25. While we continue to emerge from the various lockdowns the way we are working has changed considerably.
26. The team has recently been asked to assist again regarding potential door knocking duties on COVID Testing City-wide.

Engagement / Involvement

27. Continue to keep in regular contact with groups and involved residents in the area on at least a monthly basis.
28. One of the resident's groups – Button Hill has not yet really emerged and started meeting again.

29. Team Beckhill is to lose its Chair – Tom Chigbo. Have volunteered to assist in developing the group and gain a new chair.

30. Walkabouts have now recommenced. Quarterly.

Housing Office

31. Following Ben Scholes leaving the area Harpreet Basi has now taken over as the new Housing Manager.

32. Housing Officers now arranging walkabouts in the INE area. The walkabouts dates/times will be publicised on Facebook.

Housing Advisory Panels

33. INE HAP started the year in April with a budget of £34,039.11 (including a carry-over from last year of £4,302.11). In addition, a project for a couple of years ago, but not completed has been cancelled with the funding being returned to the budget (£3,016.00).

34. Spend up to 1 November 2021 - £23,666.96 leaving an available budget of £13,488.75.

35. There are still vacancies for Housing Leeds residents on the Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel

Community Payback

36. Since March 2020 teams from Payback have been unable to work in communities. They are currently in negotiation over a new contract.

Working in Partnership

37. Started to attend meetings / events in the community including the local community cafes/coffee mornings. Work being pick up from these.

Parks & Greenspaces

38. Woodland Creation - The seed collection initiative commenced in September and is now drawing to a close. This year there have been 12 collection points around the city for people to gather acorns, beech nuts, chestnuts, and conkers, including at Meanwood Park and Roundhay Park. The ranger team have been working with 300 volunteers and 1,000 children as part of organised collection activities. Preparations are in place to commence tree planting from the end of November with 52 sites identified for whip planting ranging from 0.1 hectares to 10 hectares in size in consultation with local ward members, community groups and residents. A list of sites for tree planting is due to be published soon and will be available on the Arium – woodland creation website. Rangers will be working with volunteers to help plant trees right through to the end of February and coupled with planting by gardening teams this will account for around 200,000 trees planted, as part of the plan to plant 50 hectares each year on council land. This will help

mitigate the effects of climate change, as well as benefit pollinators, wildlife and enable people to connect with nature with enhanced recreation value.

39. Love Exploring - A new 'Love Exploring' app was launched to bring parks across the city alive, engaging adults and children with their local parks and green spaces, inspiring them to get outdoors and be active, including at Roundhay Park and Meanwood Park.

40. Streetscene Grounds Maintenance. For the mowing season 2021 changes to arrangements for the cutting of grass adjacent to high-speed roads have been expanded. The largest element is to the mowing frequency of primary network roads which typically have a speed limit above 40mph and therefore by law require extensive traffic management each time operatives work adjacent to the carriageway. Grass cutting is now undertaken as an annual visit in late summer timed to reflect seasonal growth patterns aiming to encourage the formation of native wildflower species seed stock within the verge. Interpretive signs will be introduced in readiness for the 2022 growing season seeking to provide information about the benefits to biodiversity, particularly pollinators. Safety sight lines remain unchanged, and a review is underway to ensure that all sensitive locations have been addressed. All these measures will improve the sustainability of the mowing operation, moving closer to alignment with the national Plant Life campaign whilst providing improved habitats for urban pollinator insects and small mammals.

41. Bonfires. Due to the impact of COVID-19 national government guidance the six annual bonfire and firework events are not taking place this year including the one at Roundhay. A key aspect of this guidance is ensuring that people who attend these events demonstrate that they are at a lower risk of carrying COVID-19 and transmitting it to others, and that a limit should be made on numbers attending. To ensure that this could be delivered in an appropriate manner, the council would have had to put in place ticketed arrangements for each individual event. In addition, a substantial amount of supplementary infrastructure would also be necessary to control access and check COVID status and tickets.

42. Seasonal Bedding. In line with climate change aspirations, plans are in place to replace seasonal bedding on roundabouts and highway verges (often large traffic islands) with more naturalistic annual wildflower displays which provide colour as well as benefit pollinating insects. It was necessary earlier this year to replace seasonal bedding in community parks with wildflower displays due to operational issues associated with COVID-19. Where this has worked well, then this will also be considered as a future alternative to seasonal bedding displays. Bedding in major parks, cemeteries and crematoria will largely remain unchanged.

Local Community Hub

The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library

43. Healthy Holidays run throughout the Summer Holidays, up to 25 children attended daily with a range of culture and sport activities. Fresh fruit and hot cooked meal were provided each day.
44. 2nd to 6th August Women's Only Vaccine Clinic took place on Ground Floor at Reginald in partnership with the NHS.
45. 12th August Thackray Medical Museum did a pop-up stall outside Reginald Centre to promote the museum to the local community.
46. Saturday 25th September, Reginald Centre hosted a Flu Vaccination clinic, staff were on hand to publicise the work of the Community Hub and Library and collaborate with the community on what events and services they would like to see in the centre.
47. Fostering Recruitment team held a recruitment event on 5th October for supported lodging support within the community.
48. The Centre hosted a Digital drop in a part of Age Proud Leeds fest on 13th September which was well attended.

Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library

49. The hub has secured funding for a Money Buddies surgery to begin at Moor Allerton Community Hub for 12 months, providing the community with free confidential advice on financial well-being and energy advice an assisting with form filling.
50. On the 8th September the centre hosted a Family History event - Getting Started with Ancestry as part of the Age Proud Leeds festival which was very well attended.

Oakwood Library

51. The return of the self-facilitated reader group commences on 25th October 2021 further information to follow.

Chapel Allerton Library

52. The library hosted a sold-out children's theatre performance by Wrongsemble, the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Job shop update

53. Leeds City Council Job shops are a FREE support for anyone who is looking for employment. Our team are based within various Community Hubs across the city and support with everything from making a CV, applying for job vacancies, preparing for a job interview and MORE. They have a wide knowledge of where to look for vacancies and are skilled at supporting with Leeds City Council or NHS job applications. The team can also support with looking for an apprenticeship or how to access training courses that can help improve skills.
54. Customers wishing to access the support don't need to book an appointment; they can just visit the Job shop and have a chat with a member of the team about the support they need.
55. Anyone who is looking for work can access the support the Job shops can give- they don't have to be unemployed or on benefits- we can support anyone! Even those who work part time, may be on zero-hour contracts or even working full time and want to find a new job can come in and get support from the team.
56. One-to-one employment support programme has started where (if eligible- over 18, live in Leeds and have the right to work in the UK) a member of the team can work intensively with a customer over a 6 month period to help them find employment.
57. Over the last quarter- July to September our Job shop in the Reginald Centre in Chapeltown has seen a steady number of customers coming back in to access the Job shop support- recording 30 starts in July 15 in August and 23 in September. Since the delivery of our ESF funded work programme began in March the team at Reginald have recorded 25 new starts of customers who are now receiving the one to one intensive support.
58. Towards the end of July, we also re-established our Job shop support at Moor Allerton Community Hub 2 days a week and have recorded 10 new Job shop starts and 4 starts to our work support programme.

Project Development Work

Groups/activities/projects that are live

More Than A Coffee Morning

59. This is a face to face community group run by local volunteers and supported by the PDM. The PDM secured £2790 to enable to delivery of the group for 12 months. The group provides a safe friendly environment for local people, with the aim of reducing social isolation and promoting community cohesion. It also aims to

improve knowledge and understanding of how people can live healthier lives. The group launched on the 8th July.

Total number of individuals attended: 36

Average number of weekly attendees: 20

Total number of visits: 162

Chronic Pain Support Group

60. Funding was secured from local Cllrs for £772, and an additional £771.50 from the local PCN to deliver the group for 12 months. The group is a face to face, peer to peer support group combined with a 30-minute Pilates session. Its aim is to reduce social isolation and improve the mental health of people living with chronic pain. The group was launched on 13th September 2021.

Total number of individuals attended: 8

Average number of weekly attendees: 5

Total number of visits: 14

Groups/activities/projects in the development

Long COVID City Wide Support – Pilot in Chapeltown and Bramley

61. We are leading on a project alongside the Long Covid Rehab team, to develop tailored support groups for people in Leeds, living with Long COVID. Two pilot groups will be set up in Chapeltown and Bramley. Following that, additional groups will be set up across the city.

More Than A Coffee Morning 2

62. The hub is working with MTACM to set up a second Coffee Morning on Monday mornings, at the Reginald Centre. The group will provide another opportunity for local people to get together in a safe, friendly environment and take part in a range of activities including arts and crafts and digital skills sessions.

Diabetes Peer to Peer Support Group

63. The group is working with the Chapeltown PCN and residents to establish a peer-to-peer support group for people living with diabetes. The group will provide emotional and social support to anyone who wishes to attend.

Saturday Matinee Cinema

64. Reginald Centre staff are working with a local volunteers to set up a monthly cinema club at the Reginald Centre on a Saturday morning, free of charge. It will be aimed at young families in the local area.

After School Club

65. Staff are working with a local volunteer to establish a new after school club 1 day a week initially, and then extending to up to 3 days per week. The group will provide

a safe space for primary age children to go after school and get support with homework, take part in creative play and get a healthy snack.

ESOL Classes Reginald Centre, Compton Centre, and Moore Allerton Community Hub

66. ESOL classes are aimed to resume in January 2022 at 3 different venues in the East of the city.

Diabetes Community Engagement Plan

67. The hub staff are working with the Chapeltown PCN to develop and deliver a wide-reaching community engagement and action plan to address the levels of diabetes among residents within the Chapeltown PCN area. It will entail, community engagement and education events, developing a wide range of free exercise groups and activities and increasing skills and knowledge around cooking affordable, healthy meals.

Children's Dance Class

68. Staff are working with a local volunteer to set up a new dance class for children aged 7 -11, every Saturday morning at the Reginald Centre

Zumba

69. A Zumba class will start on 4th October at the Reginald Centre. It will cost £1 to take part. (This is now live and running every Monday from 5:30)

Yoga

70. Staff are working to set up a new yoga class to be delivered at the Reginald Centre. The group sessions will cost £1 to attend.

Update from Senior Localities Officer

71. The newly refurbished Hill Top Play area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Asghar Khan, on 15th October. The capital investment to reinvigorate the underused playground exceeded £80,000 and was funded by Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors (CIL/S106), Inner North East Community Committee (CRIS), Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel, Love Leeds Parks Fund, Wades Charity and Unity Housing. The project was managed by LCC Parks & Countryside and Groundwork Leeds with the installation of new play equipment and refurbishment of existing.

72. For the ribbon cutting event, the Lord Mayor was joined by the Chapel Allerton Councillors - Jane Dowson, Mohammed Rafique and Eileen Taylor, Executive Board Member for Public Health & Active Lifestyles - Cllr Salma Arif, funding partners, community partners and residents. The sun shone for the opening which was attended by lots of local children including the school council from Carr Manor Community School. There are some final additional items still to be installed

including picnic benches, litter bins and a balance beam, which should be in place soon. A further environmental enhancement will also take place on 17th November when school children from Alder Tree Primary and Carr Manor Community School will join the Chapel Allerton Councillors to plant assorted bulbs around the play area site.



73. Work is finally underway to construct an extension to the BAME Health & Wellbeing Hub. Funded by the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors with Ward Based Initiative funding, the scheme will create an orangery type extension that will not only create additional indoor space for activities at the day centre, but also better connect the building to the external space with landscaping and accessibility works, allowing users to enjoy the outside area and stay active. Weather depending, the works should be completed in the New Year and an official opening will be arranged.

74. Work continues in an effort to return the Mandela Centre to community usage. The sports hall at the centre still houses a Covid Testing Site providing important

access to testing facilities for local people, but partnership work has been taking place to explore alternative options so that the building can once again play host to important community provision. Leeds Islamic Centre have kindly agreed to allow the trial of a Mobile Testing Unit on their site as a possible alternative, which at the time of writing has been in place for a week. Public Health will monitor the progress and then make an assessment on the Mandela Centre testing facility. In the meantime, LCC Communities Team have worked with displaced community organisations to find temporary alternative venues for their provision and this support will continue until groups can return to the Mandela Centre.

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

76. 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

77. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

78. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

83. 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.