

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner North West Community Committee  
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood)

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## **Inner North West Community Committee Update Report**

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### **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.

### **Updates by theme**

#### **Children and Families: Champion Cllr Pryor**

3. The Children & Families Sub- Group has met several times to finalise the youth engagement workshops for Schools in place of the YAF summit. 7 Schools across all 3 wards have responded positively. The workshops will take place in Schools during January and the beginning of February. The priorities identified by young people will be used to influence the YAF spend for 2022/23.

#### **Environmental: Champion Cllr Garthwaite**

4. The anti-graffiti project is ongoing in the Thornvilles. The Universities have offered additional support for the Big Clear Out Project 2022 and the first planning meeting will take place in January

### **Health and Well-Being: Champion Cllr Walshaw**

5. November/December A pop-up vaccination centre is planned at Oblong Community Centre for the 6/7/14 December.
6. Winter Planning: Cold weather presents risks to certain groups and living with Covid-19 can add and pose additional risk to those who are clinically and socially vulnerable. This includes: Pregnant Women, People living with frailty, People with long-term conditions, Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, Children under 5 years

*Becoming a Workforce Winter Friend*: Anybody working or volunteering in Leeds is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the nine-evidence based, high impact interventions to support their colleagues, service users, friends and families stay safe. The short 15-minute animation is [available to watch here](#), and is being refreshed for 2021, due to be launched mid-November. It includes information and signposting for influenza vaccines (being updated to include COVID-19 too), checking medications, keeping your home warm, physical activity, hot food and drink, and social connectedness.

*Winter Wellbeing Checklists*: to support winter friends and the wider workforce to have proactive conversations about winter, [Winter Wellbeing Checklists](#) are available for adults and for children and families. They are a useful tool to help those 'at risk' of illness due to cold weather access available key support and services.

7. Vitamin D: Around one in five people in the UK have low levels of vitamin D, especially older adults, pregnant and breastfeeding people, infants and people with darker skin. Vitamin D is essential for good health. It affects people's bones, teeth, muscles as well as mental health and immune systems. The winter shorter hours of daylight and sunlight does not contain enough UVB radiation for our skin to make vitamin D. Public Health have developed a short animation to promote these key messages as part of the winter plan.

The resources we have are as follows:

8. The short animation: <https://youtu.be/xWHAGS-26aE>
9. Updated information on the PHRC website, including the video and links to other resources (under *Eating Well*): [Public Health Resource Centre](#)
10. Printed copies of the [public-facing BDA Fact Sheet](#) available at the PHRC, with easy-read versions in development

### **Updates from Key Services**

### **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Headingley & Hyde Park + Little London & Woodhouse Wards**

- **Top 10 job types**

Count of REFVAL	Column Labels		
Row Labels	Headingley & Hyde Park	Little London & Woodhouse	Grand Total
Fly Tip	91	58	149
Flytipping	16	21	37
Footpath Sweeping	5	11	16
Graffiti	45	15	60
Litter bag collection	19	4	23
Litter Complaint	11	11	22
Road Sweeping	14	11	25
Rodents	9	6	15
Scheduled Bulky Collection	48	29	77
Waste in Gardens	30	10	40

- PSPO: First priority of the team has been to bring the PSPO to an enforceable standard with more signage and warnings to residents and landlords in order to begin patrols. The first area targeted has been the Headingleys and the Estcourts where enforcement proceedings have now begun. To date 143 1st warnings and 23 section 46 notices (final warning) have been served. Parking obstruction is causing issues with missed bin collections which in turn brings enforcement work to a stop until rectified. The team is in communication with waste management to rectify these issues.
- Street Cleansing: First priority is the clearance of bin areas which is a massive task. The aim is to lock up unregistered bin yards which are being used as dumping grounds rather than to house wheelie bins. The team has identified 50 problem bin yards which are being worked through..
  - The team are also carrying out regular cleansing, such as litter picking, emptying litter bins and removing fly tips.
  - Over the bonfire period the team cleared fly tipping and flammable waste in order to keep the community safe .
- De-leafing: The team is on track to have the majority of leaf fall swept and cleared before Christmas. The number of parked cars in some areas is preventing the machines from sweeping, it is hoped to clear these following the end of term when the majority of students should leave the area for Christmas.
- Enforcement and Education: The service has struggled with staffing levels over the last year due to promotions and sickness. In the New Year, the team will be staffed with 2 officers for the wards which will help with enforcement of the PSPO and tackling environmental issues. Education based Street Wardens are also now working in the area engaging with residents around behaviour change mainly around side waste and waste in gardens.
- New Team Leader: Connor Webb: [connor.webb@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:connor.webb@leeds.gov.uk) or 07891273498

## Housing Leeds

11. Annual Home contacts: The new annual tenancy check in programme has launched, this check takes place either face to face, on the telephone or online dependent upon

the tenant's circumstances. Letters/emails have been sent to a pilot group of 1000 tenants who have been chosen to have an online check-in with a 50% return rate.

Priority visits have been identified for those classed as vulnerable and local teams are working to organise these to ensure they are OK and have the correct support in place.

#### Estate Management and Walkabouts:

All walkabouts have been arranged and dates confirmed, ward councillors and tenant representatives are invited to attend. Grass cutting has now ceased for the year and contractors are commencing winter works.

#### Block Inspection and High Rise Feedback:

Weekly Block Sweeps are carried out on all High Rise blocks. These inspections assist with improvement works such as identifying repairs. Anyone wanting to get involved or become a Block Champion should contact housing: [housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk)

Low Rise Block inspections are also being carried out on a quarterly basis.

#### Fire Safety:

Daily stage 1 fire safety reports are received from cleaning contractors and actioned. Monthly stage 2 fire safety checks are also carried out with all findings reported.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour:

There has been a reduction in the number of complaints related to noise nuisance since lockdowns were lifted

#### Moor Grange Court – Weetwood:

Moor Grange Court is currently being surveyed as one of the next blocks to have the new Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP) installed. This work should start in the New Year.

## **Housing Advisory Panel**

### 12. Update on projects funded by the Inner North West HAP

The Inner North West has a new Tenant Engagement Officer, Amena Khaliq. In terms of HAP Bids, there is a current one for a lighting column in the Weetwood area and a few potential HAPs for a bin store and a potential garage site.

## **Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks No Update Due**

### **Project updates:**

### **Money Buddies**

### Figures from April 2021 to November 2021

Centre	Attendances	Target	Clients seen	Financial Gains
Opal	17	94%	44	£58,449.78
St Pauls	16	94%	48	£57,710.11
Meanwood	34	94%	72	£43,437.12
Little London	11	92%	126	£191,449.47
Woodsley Road	13	92%	16	£42,053.56
Heart Café	30	88%	49	£10,127.47
	<b>121</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>£211,788.04</b>

### Case Studies:

**Case 1:-** Jordan Townsend MD/DR-297 client called in to a centre referred to us by local PCSO as he had had his wallet stolen and he had no money for two weeks he has no money for food and has two children. He also has rent arrears so would like some help with this he has an arrangement to pay these but this is leaving him short on a weekly basis. A debt appointment has been booked for the client and a food voucher has been issued to see him through to the next benefit payment.

**Case 2:-** AD/ND-526 - Client separated from her partner 2 years ago which then left her having to claiming benefits and he left her with the debts. She has three dependent children. Client has debts with catalogues which she now can't afford to pay. Some debts are taken out of her benefits, this is leaving her with no money to pay essential bills. She has over £6,000 worth of debt including £1,900 of energy debt so when she tops up she is having a deduction for this debt before any credit, this client was put on breathing space to allow her to organise her situation and apply for a Debt Relief Order which will clear her debt and give her a clean break to start again. Client was issued a family fuel voucher to top up her electric. She said she was very grateful and at least her "children would be warm tonight".

**Case 3:-** AD/JO-284 -Client was referred to us by a social prescriber as Client suffers from long term health condition and disability that, has prevented her from working for more than 2 years as a result of this she has incurred debt. Client was unaware that she would be eligible for any disability benefit but now she has a support worker helping her to claim what she may be entitled to. Client lives in private accommodation and Universal Credit does not pay enough to cover for her outgoing bills and food. Client has a debt appointment booked and was issued a fuel voucher to help her have power till her next payment is due. Client is waiting to be rehoused by the council which should help her situation when this happens.

## The Elders Project

The group is meeting every Tuesday in the morning for the drop in. Conversations are taking place around bonding as a group where they are sharing culinary skills and cooking dishes from different cultures.

In partnership with Hyde Park Source the group is designing the Secret Garden at the back of the Centre (see plans). The build has started and it's going to be a very tranquil place for the group to have activities in once completed.

In the afternoon we have the Pilates class with an average attendance of 10/12 people all over 50 years, People are all from a diverse background. They exercises are mindfulness and stimulating. At the end they have a bit of a social over Tea/Coffee.

We are working with Pamela Crowe a local artist who has been commissioned as part of Leeds 2023 Year of Culture to run a word press for the Hyde Park and Headingley area. We have met this week with the plan to explore publishing a book about the area the group live in with the theme around belonging. This is very exciting as we have people with various skills from the group who have shown a lot of interest going forward. **Watch this space!!**



The Group trying Lancashire Peas



The Plan for the Secret Garden at the back of the Cardigan Community Centre

## Social Media

13. Between 10<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 The Inner North West Facebook Page top Facebook post was Christmas Bin Collections posted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December which reached 68 people with 9 engagements. The average reach for most posts is between 30-50. Total page likes = 643 up 13 on the previous period. Total page followers= 839 up 26 on the previous period.

## Corporate Considerations

## Consultation and Engagement

14. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information

## Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

15. 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

16. 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:

17. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30

18. Best City Plan

19. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan

20. Children and Young People's Plan

21. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

22. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

23. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

65. 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**

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