

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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Date: 16th February 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)

COVID-19 update

3. At the time of completing this report and since the last report in September 2021 to Jan 2022, West CNT have had 11 Staff who self-Isolated and for the same period we have had 14 Staff tested positive for COVID. Annual Leave and some general sickness absences are still affecting some of the service delivery.

General Staffing

4. We have had some new colleagues who have started including a new Chargehand and Assistant Chargehand into Zone 15 which is Pudsey, Calverley, Farsley, Farnley & Wortley.

I am reviewing and will continue to look at how best to deploy resources into the area to effectively deliver the services we provide.

5. We still have a vacancy to fill for 3 days and the advert for this is scheduled to go live next week. A further Monday – Friday Environmental Operative has been offered a post within Zone 15 and subject to references will start with us early February 2022.
6. Conversations are taking place regarding the Bawns and we are looking to deploy some existing Enforcement resource to assist with the ongoing issues with waste in gardens, Fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, contaminated bins, missed refuse collections etc. and I will update the Committee as soon as we have an action plan in place on how our services can best tackle the issues.



Tyersal Lane Fly-tipping Asbestos



Tyersal Lane- Fly Tipping



Bonfire Night – Arson Risk Waste removal
Referred to Specialist Enforcement Team

7. Over the last few weeks, we have used some additional resource from other teams to assist with some of the larger cutting jobs, path clearances and de leafing to help the team catch up.
8. The new chargehand Sally-Anne Ridley is now in place on shift 2 and has hit the ground running and she is very keen to make a difference which is a credit to her hard work and determination to make the area cleaner and better for us all. Russell Hirst started as the Assistant Chargehand last week and is keen to understand the area and deliver the service.

Street Cleansing

9. We have fitted the additional bins in the Pudsey area which were paid for by Councillor Seary.
10. We have also completed some large cutting and ginnel jobs.
11. De-leafing has been difficult at times due to staffing levels and break downs of vehicles and plans to change and improve this for next year are in hand. It was my first De- leafing in the

area, and I could see some changes to the maps were needed. The knowledge of the current team working within that area has been key.

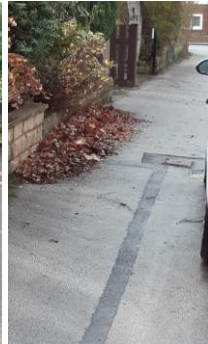
12. I have inspected the area and visually noted streets and locations of importance; I have now arranged for the maps to be updated and I have added a lot of streets which were missing off the maps that needed to be swept. With the help and support of the Councillors and other local community groups letting me know of streets that needed to be swept we are in the final stages of completion.



Pudsey De-Leafing



Delph De leafing - Lane Pudsey



Calverley De-Leafing

Enforcement

13. Enforcement are officers carrying out site visits but 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.

14. There are still some delays in hearing court cases. Most cases I believe are still being dealt with and some recent results have been disappointing.

15. We have also had an increase of Waste in gardens and localized Fly-tipping which our officers are dealing with, we are also experiencing some delays in work in-default in some ongoing cases which we are working with our contractors to resolve.



Bawn Gardens WIG -ongoing



Bawn Walk – works for housing to carry out property repairs



Service information

16. 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 tele: 07562 439 539
- Victoria Whalley is the West Area Manager: Victoria can be contacted on: victoria.whalley@leeds.gov.uk tele: 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 tele: 07891 272746.
- Johanna Taylor – Enforcement Officer. Johanna can be contacted on 0113 3782145 or 07891 272749. Johanna.Taylor@leeds.gov.uk

Community work

17. We have 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.

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

19. We have provided additional equipment for volunteer groups, which has been a huge success. We will continue to support our local community groups and individuals where needed.

Gully Cleansing – Update from Eleanor Jordan (Highways Maintenance Area Officer (Drainage))

Covid 19

20. Since my last update in October 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 of the operatives are fully vaccinated, meaning these individuals still have to isolate if they come into contact with someone with symptoms.

Staffing

21. I currently have two vacancies, and one operative on light duties meaning they are not able to undertake gully cleansing activities. This results in us currently having 85% of staff at work. We have just interviewed for the attendant vacancy and have an individual

undertaking a trial with us tomorrow; and the driver's vacancy is currently being advertised and is due to close on 31st January. We do have internal interest for the latter post from our immediate team and if successful it would mean we will have another attendant vacancy to fill.

22. I do have a rolling advert for gully tank attendants and have received three new applications since the shortlisting process so recruiting another attendant shouldn't be quite as time consuming as the last couple of exercises have been.

Cyclical Clean

23. We remain 6 weeks behind schedule as a direct result of the ongoing pandemic, spending 5 months at 40% capacity in 2020, and operating at 85% capacity since August last year. Since my last update we have averaged less than 60% of teams at work daily due to annual leave, sickness, drivers undertaking winter maintenance duties and the vacancies. There are spending restrictions in place meaning I am having to use overtime to make up teams sparsely.

24. I appreciate that since my last report there have only been minimal changes to gully cleansing figures for 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. However, we are now entering our final two wards so we will start to see some movement in the number of gullies left to attend within the Outer West over the next couple of months.

25. This delay also means cycle four will also be delayed by approximately 6 weeks.

Planned Works

26. Stanningley Bypass, which equates to 418 gullies in all three Outer West wards, is scheduled for a full closure at the end of February, early March. The closure application has been submitted and our external Traffic Management partner has been notified of the dates. I will be in touch separately with further information once this closure application has been approved. I have invited other partners to utilise the closure. Both of my contractors will also be on site meaning that any stuck/broken lids and non-runners will be freed/replaced/investigated during the closure.

New Supervisor

27. You should have all received my email advising that I recruited Baz Ali to my substantive post as Operations Supervisor for Gully Cleansing, which I'm sure you'll all agree is excellent news! Baz brings a wealth of Operations knowledge. He's been in post just over three weeks now and is getting to grips with our Gully Smart software and managing a city-wide service as opposed to a zonal one. I know you have all worked closely with Baz

previously when he was the CNT Team Leader for Outer West and he already has solid working relationships and mutual respect with/for you all.

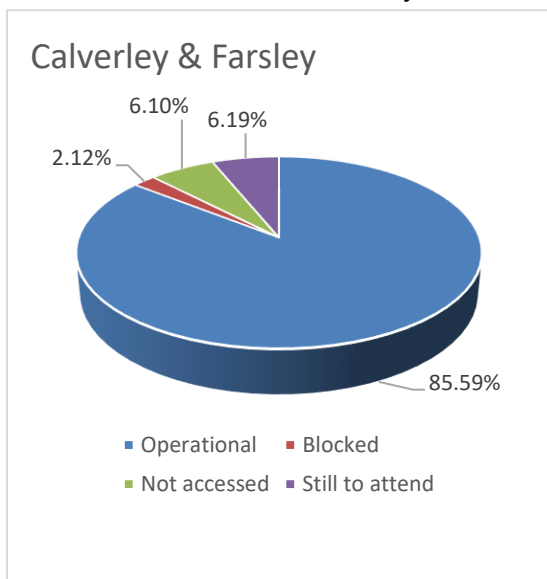
28. When Baz is up to speed I will utilise his traffic management knowledge and start to tackle the non-runners that our contractors cannot access for safety reasons. Over the course of the next 12 months, we should start to see these figures decrease.

29. Baz's arrival also means I will be able to fully devote myself to my new role as Highways Maintenance Area Officer for Drainage now that I'm not responsible for the day-to-day management of the gully cleansing service. This means I will be able to better plan the cyclical cleanse and concentrate on reducing the number of non-runners we have across the entire city.

Ward Updates

Calverley & Farsley – 4441 gullies

30. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3.

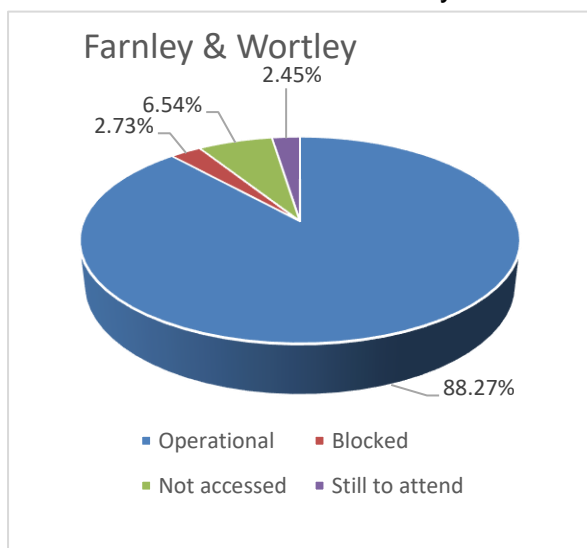


Of the 2.12% (94 gullies) blocked:

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	32	6	38
Cover replacement	0	2	2
External problem report	6	1	7
Investigate	0	17	17
Jetting	0	3	3
Main line clean	9	4	13
Pot design change	4	1	5
Rectify unknown fault	2	0	2
Release lid	0	1	1
Root cutting	0	1	1

Farnley & Wortley – 4645 gullies

31. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3.

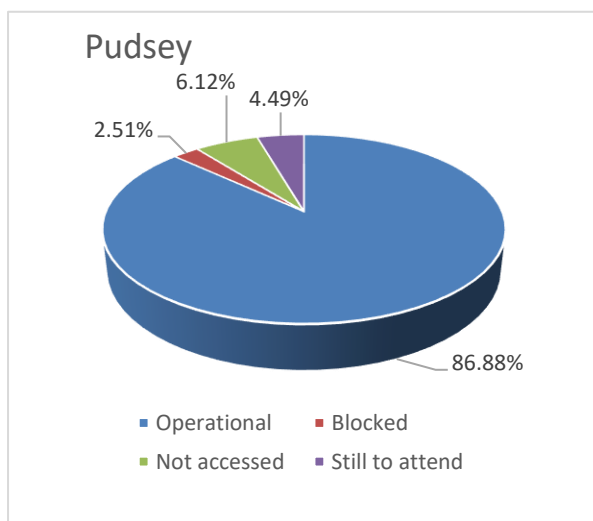


Of the 2.736% (127 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	9	4	13
Connection excavation	57	7	64
Cover replacement	0	2	2
External problem report	6	1	7
Investigate	1	15	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 – 3629 gullies

32. This ward has been visited in Cycle 3.



Of the 2.51% (921 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	4	1	5
Connection excavation	48	5	53
Cover replacement	0	1	1
Dig out	0	1	1
External problem report	7	0	7
Hedge cutting	3	0	3
Investigate	0	1	1
Main line clean	3	1	4
Pot design change	7	2	9
Rectify unknown fault	3	1	4
Refer to client	0	2	2
Root cutting	1	0	1

33. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group

34. The latest Outer West Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group took place via Microsoft Teams on 6th January 2022, following a reschedule from December. The meeting was attended by officers from both Parks & Countryside and Housing.
35. Parks & Countryside provided the group with an update on the Wellbeing projects approved by the Committee in 2021, and also developments on all the current / recent case work affecting Outer West. This included the recent completion of natter benches, Farsley War Memorial maintenance work, and the refurbishment of the play area at Pudsey Park.
36. The group used this opportunity to discuss potential plans for the upcoming year, including In Bloom groups and options for additional gardener resources.
37. The Housing team updated the Sub-Group on a variety of workstreams, including progress with the Green Guardian Scheme, fly-tipping initiatives in the Bawns, and changes to the bin collection system at Valley Road Flats.

Community Safety – Update from Inspector Phillip Gill (West Yorkshire Police)

38. Since the last meeting an application was made from WYP to the Outer West Community Committee for some funding to assist in additional patrols to target anti-social behaviour and speeding across Outer West. I am delighted that we were successful in that application and have already achieved some positive results. On top of this, funding was secured from the Violent Reduction Unit to assist in providing extra resources to tackle violent crime across the whole West, including the Outer area.
39. The below are the current priorities for the 3 wards, however these can be reviewed and altered if there is a wish from the local community.

Pudsey

40. Priorities for Pudsey ward:

- Anti-social behaviour in and around Pudsey Bus Station and the nearby vicinity.
- Anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in Queens Park.
- Anti-social driving and offences relating to the fatal 4.

Calverley & Farsley

41. Priorities for Calverley & Farsley ward:

- To target the use of anti-social, off road motorcycles and quad bikes in Calverley & Ravenscliffe Woods, by working in Partnership with Bradford East NPT, Operation Steerside & Leeds Off Road Bike Team. Officers will utilise Anti-Social Behaviour & Road Traffic legislation in a zero tolerance enforcement style.
- To target speeding & anti-social motorists on Bradford Road from Dawson's Corner to Thornbury Roundabout, by conducting hi visibility patrols of the road and the deployment of ProLaser to capture & deter offending.
- To tackle residential burglaries by conducting hi visibility patrols, targeting & disrupting known offenders and delivering of crime prevention advice to residents.

Farnley & Wortley

42. Priorities for Farnley & Wortley ward:

- Anti-social behaviour on the Whincovers/Butterbowls
- Anti-social behaviour and drug dealing on the Heights
- Drug dealing on and in the surrounding areas of Cow Close Road

43. Over the last few months, we have used funding from the VRU to increase patrols around the Lowtown area of Pudsey to tackle the increase in violent offences on a weekend. I am pleased to report that these patrols have worked, and we have seen a reduction in calls for service.

44. We have also had some real focus on the ASB across the centre of Pudsey and worked with partners including youth services to prevent ASB. This partnership working along with some positive action against key offenders has clearly made a difference to the ASB and this focus will continue in the build up to the summer months.

45. We have used the funding from the OWCC to increase our proactive work around traffic related offences and we have seen a number of traffic reports submitted for offences including speeding, no seatbelt and using a mobile phone. Since the beginning of November, across the 3 wards we have made 22 arrests for offences of drink/drug driving.

46. We continue to target drug dealers and have expected a number of warrants resulting in positive outcomes. On the 20th January 2022, a warrant was executed at a property in Farnley that resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of drugs and cash. A male and female were charged and remanded to custody for the offence.

47. We also continue to issue crime prevention advice to local residents across the Outer West and have visited a number of addresses, handing outdoor and window alarms. We have also held some events to secure mark bicycles to try and prevent the theft of these.

48. As well as issuing crime prevention advice, we have made a number of arrests of burglary offences across the wards. In December 2021 a 36-year-old local male was sentenced to 33 months in prison for Burglary offences.

49. If anyone has any information they want to share with us, please email outerwest@westyorkshire.police.uk or report to crime stoppers. Any intelligence in relation to drug dealing, drink driving, criminal handlers or other criminality will be appreciated and acted upon accordingly.

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

Covid-19 Update

50. The pandemic continues to impact significantly on local wards with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Leeds City Council, Third Sector organisations, volunteers and Elected Members, encouraging those who have not done so to take up the offer of a free Covid-19 vaccination.

51. Advice on where to get a Covid-19 vaccination in Leeds can be found here.

- <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics/>

52. How to stay safe in Leeds and advice on any support required can be found here.

- <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Lateral Flow Tests

53. There is a current limited supply / shortage of Lateral Flow Test due to a surge in demand over the Christmas period. These are currently being limited to NHS, Social Care and Key workers. The government have ordered more supplies to meet this demand.

Leeds City Council Contact Tracing Service

54. As infection rates continue to increase across our wards the contact tracing service numbers continue to rise as outreach teams contact local residents who have not responded to a positive Covid-19 offering support and advice if a vulnerable citizen. Below are the pre-New Year figures.

Wards	Referrals
Adel & Wharfedale	25
Armley	24
Bramley and Stanningley	19
Farnley & Wortley *	27
Kirkstall	42

Little London/Woodhouse	30
Pudsey *	16
Weetwood	29

Living with Obesity-Children-Young People-Families (Adults)

55. As difficult as it has been to move onto other priority topics during the coronavirus epidemic Public Health Officers, Local Care Partnerships and Third Sector organisations are starting to plan an obesity strategy in local wards where there are deprived local neighbourhoods such as Farnley & Wortley.

Context

56. This is a project lead by Leeds City Council Public Health Locality and Primary Care Team in the West, East and South of the city within the 10% most deprived electoral wards where it is felt appropriate.

57. Public Health Needs Assessments have identified obesity in local populations as a significant health issue of increasing severity across all deprived wards:

- 1 in 10 children in reception are obese which increases to
- 1 in 5 children in year 6 (10-11 yrs. olds)

58. We are combining forces and resources to replicate a shared work programme across the city with fellow Public Health Officers and Partners across the city. We want to collaborate to benefit from synergy, economies of scale and joint funding to achieve our objectives.

Complexity

59. The environment factors that influence that weight management are highly complex involving multiple components. Seven of the main factors are:

- Societal Factors
- Food Production
- Food Consumption
- Biology
- Individual Psychology
- Individual Activity
- Activity Environment

Pandemic

60. We know through our work with the support hubs across the city it is our poorest citizens who have suffered the most in terms of health, poverty, and disadvantage due to the wider social determinants of health. They are most likely to be sedentary, have low levels of

fitness, struggle with weight management and have had many of their problems amplified by the coronavirus pandemic.

61. Covid-19 lockdowns have impacted on local resident's physical activity levels as many opportunities became unavailable. High consumption of cheap and poor-quality food stuffs high in fat and sugar has increased. Motivation to live a healthy lifestyle has deteriorated through low mood and declining emotional health.

Partners

62. Colleagues are essential for this long-term plan to succeed. Public Health recognise how much quality work is currently being undertaken. Our first and most important question will be "How can we help you recruit local people into your activities?"

63. We will all be working with GPs, Weight Management Organisations, relevant Commissioned Services, Statutory organisations, Local Charities, Sports Clubs (Professional & Amateur) GPs, Local Care Partnerships, Public Health Departments, Schools, Universities, Councillors, and many more interested parties.

How we work

64. We understand a 'whole system approach' is required considering the seven domains listed above which impact on a families' ability to maintain a healthy weight. We will list the city-wide plans and their leads in case they are of use to practitioners in their weight management work in terms of referral, signposting, support, and advice.

65. However, we want to narrow our approach to primarily focus on filling gaps where we identify them in provision. We will revisit these at six monthly intervals. This may be for example free healthy living activities outside of school time such as locally based cooking sessions. We will look to secure funding for these. There are some examples below that we have already identified.

66. Local Community Asset Based interventions where local residents can have a say in the design.

67. Something must change on the ground and be highly visible for local residents e.g., more Fun Family Activity Sessions. We will avoid plans we just can't measure and do not produce anything tangible for parents and children. For example, more fun physical activity and healthy cooking sessions would be viewed as a success.

68. We will specifically focus in a practical way on filling gaps in provision. A strong example of this is increasing the number of healthy eating and cooking sessions available to families such as HENRY (Healthy Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young) and other appropriate healthy living interventions such as Flourishing Families.

69. We want to examine the food environment and where local families shop and support them to access affordable healthy food on a weekly basis.

70. We don't want to interfere with your work programmes with unwanted and redundant advice, but we do want to help you promote your activities and listen to your advice so we can co- design new interventions with local families.

71. With this in mind we would like to produce a ward directory that GPs, Social Prescribers and Clinical Weight Management services can refer into.

For more information, please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Training for those delivering Healthy Cooking and Physical Activity Sessions

72. If local providers wish to run the above to support local residents then there is guidance and training available. Please find below the latest training webinar details available for partners delivering food and or physical activity sessions. These sessions are an interim measure until we can get back to full day face to face sessions. The session last for 90 mins and will be delivered via Teams.

73. The webinar will cover:

- Refresher on the Making Every Contact Count approach
- Eating Well Key Messages
- Moving More Key Messages
- Food Hygiene Key Messages
- All sections will acknowledge the challenges we are facing during the pandemic.
- By the end of the session participants should have an increase understanding of the principles of healthy eating, safe food practices and the importance of being physically activity.

74. For further details or to book a place please contact Charlotte Abbott: Charlotte.Abbott2@leeds.gov.uk

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

75. 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.

76. The OW HAP is part of a wider Tenant Engagement Framework and one of the ways Housing Leeds involve tenants. 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'.

77. OW HAP has continued to play an important role in supporting communities impacted by COVID and prioritising funding application that help community groups and community activity in response.

78. The OW HAP continues its approach to welcoming shorter applications for lower amounts of funding for this financial year.

Membership

79. 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

80. 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 i.e. 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

81. With the lifting of Covid restrictions the Outer West HAP had its first hybrid meetings, with a combination of people in a room and those joining online.

Your Voice Leeds

82. HAP members receive an invitation to join the new HAP members webpage on Your Voice Leeds. This is just for HAP members so we can share ideas, suggestions for projects or for the team to consult with HAPs about updates or changes.

HAP Budget 2021/22

83. Outer West HAP budget for 2021/22 is £37,347.09 plus the underspent from last year of £9,582.11 so the total budget for Outer West is £46,929.20. The amount of budget available after the HAP meeting held January 2022 is £12,028,15.

Projects approved for funding 2021/22

84. At the HAP meeting held 3rd November 2022 the following projects were approved:

- OW.11.2122 Bawn Lane – Metal hoop barrier to stop small vehicles driving down pedestrianised area.
- OW.16.2122 Heights Drive Wortley – Metal hoop barriers to stop cars parking on the grassed area and churning it up.
- OW.17.2122 Marsden Court – Gardening tools for group to support tenants getting out in the garden to combat isolation.
- OW.18.2122 Highfield Green - planting of 6 cherry blossom trees on green to make it look pleasant.

85. At the HAP meeting held 19th January 2022 the following projects were approved:

- OW.21.2022 Tofts House Close Pudsey – to install a bench to give elderly resident a place to rest before continuing up the steep hill with their shopping.
- OW.19.2022 Amberley Way Wortley – installation of bollards to prevent cars driving on to the pedestrianised area.
- OW. 08.2022 Billey Lane Wortley – install gate, bollard, hooped barriers, and signage to prevent quad bikes getting on the land and churning up the grass, ASB and other unlawful activities taking place here.

86. There are several HAP projects in development that will be developed to present at future HAP meetings.

87. 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.

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

88. Teams had been hybrid working until the announcement was made in December for staff to work from home where possible. The majority of staff have been working at home during this period with some continuing to work in the office for their own individual reasons. In light of the most recent changes we will be looking at staff recommencing the hybrid working arrangements that were in place, with a mixture of both time based in the office and working from home.

89. Everyday Housing Management functions continue with staff currently completing the final walkabouts of this financial year.
90. Due to Covid environmental work completed by Community Payback was suspended but this is due to start again so the team are looking to identify any suitable work for the team to do.
91. In addition to Community Payback there is also a new social enterprise which has been set up called The Silk Mill. We are able to refer work into this similar to what we may refer to Community payback so again the staff are looking to identify any suitable work.
92. In terms of this time of year environmentally things tend to be quieter as vegetation has not started to grow, this gives Housing Officers opportunity to address any issues which may not be visible once vegetation begins to grow in Spring.
93. We continue to have good working relationships with our colleagues in Cleaner Neighbourhoods in order to resolve issues such as fly-tipping. The team also work closely with the enforcement officer from Cleaner Neighbourhoods to address issues such as abandoned vehicles and other issues which impact on the wider environment.
94. During this time of year work is completed by our colleagues in grounds maintenance, these are known as 'winter works'. Most recently the team have completed works to Blakett Street and Mount Tabor Street. The work is to bring the area back into line with the specification required, the teams have also tidied up some shrub beds in the area.
95. Anti-social behaviour continues to be tackled. The case officer from LASBT who previously worked with the team has now left and the team are now working with a new officer. We have regular meetings to go through cases and it provides good opportunity to share information.
96. The Housing Manager attends tasking meetings with the police every six weeks, this multi-agency meeting gives good opportunity to discuss what is happening across the ward and share information.
97. Part of the last update outlined work that was ongoing at Claremont Grove, all residents have now received a comprehensive update via letter which also provided advice on how to report criminal matters.
98. There have recently been incidents in the Rycroft area with youths getting into the tower blocks and the Housing Office are working alongside the police to try and resolve these issues.
99. As mentioned in the last update the work was due to start at the Rycroft blocks on the new ground source heat system, this work has now commenced.

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

100. 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.
101. ASB continues to be an issue in the Heights East and West. Charlotte has written to all occupants asking they do not let any unknown people in, she has asked if the Police can provide additional patrols and they have agreed to do this. Details have been provided to Claire Smith, Head of Service; Safer Neighbourhoods and ASB, so the Leodis Team can assess whether they can get involved to resolve the matter.
102. 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.
103. Quarter 1, 2 and 3 walkabouts were completed, with next ones due in February/March 2022. Housing Officers are reminded to feedback to Members and residents that attend.
104. Green guardian scheme underway and 17 referrals being made with 5 showing as completed and one refused the GG. Housing Officers reminded to use the referral process as needed and swiftly. Housing Officers to check their referrals to ensure completed.
105. We are now making referrals to the Skill Mill, a social enterprise providing entry level training and employment for young people by giving them the opportunity to work as part of a team and build up their life and work skills.
106. Block inspections continue to take place with a monthly audit to identify any training needs.
107. A concerted effort continues on have self-seeders removed with several already removed by colleagues in the Action Team.
108. Whincover Drive Garage Site - the garages are now all in VOID, fenced off and secure. Works can start soon. No dates provided as at 21/12/2021.
109. Parks and Countryside have provided a price to lay stones on the footpath off Cobden Road.
110. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes, with several quick wins observed, i.e., green space behind the Heights Drive shops.
111. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights east and The Heights West has been investigated with process submitted and start date expected March/April 2022.
112. A price for a deep clean of the Hopper Head and lifts in The Heights east and The Heights West has been requested – chased up to ensure completed.

113. The handrails on the steps leading from Snowden Close has been replaced.
114. Several referrals have been made to have leaves on the footpaths removed to prevent slippages.
115. Fencing on Stonecliffe Drive to prevent off road vehicles using the area as a cut through has been completed.
116. Fly-tipping and side waste continues to be an ongoing issue on the Bawn Estate and a partners meeting has been arranged by Sharron Almond for the 2/2/2022 to brainstorm resolution ideas to resolve this matter.
117. 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.

Employment and Skills – Update from Keri Evans (Senior Manager)

Universal Credit

118. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit due to unemployment as of November 2021 in the Outer West Community Committee area is 3,212. This is an increase of 80% since March 2020, which is reflective across all wards due to the impact of Covid-19. There is a small decrease of 30 on the previous month.
119. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) ceased at the end of September 2021, and there was an expectation that a number of people would have been made redundant which would have subsequently increased claimants to Universal Credit, which has not come to fruition in the latest release.
120. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Outer West Community Committee area:

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		Oct 2021		Nov 2021	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,226	8.1%	41,609	8.0%
Outer West	1,783	4.0%	3,242	7.2%	3,212	7.1%
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	712	4.9%	701	4.8%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	1,502	9.8%	1,482	9.7%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,028	6.8%	1,029	6.8%

**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

121. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Outer West Community Committee area.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr - Dec)	2020/21 (Apr - Dec)	2021/22 (Apr - Dec)	2020/21 (Apr - Dec)	2021/22 (Apr - Dec)	2020/21 (Apr - Dec)
Outer West	649	598	176	156	185	364
Calverley & Farsley	111	100	40	39	40	78
Farnley & Wortley	409	333	94	81	105	170
Pudsey	129	165	42	36	40	116

122. Employment and Skills reinstated face to face support, activities, and delivery from September 2021 with a continuation of a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

123. During April – December 2021 9,387 people accessed the Service, 649 of whom were from the Outer West, an increase of 9% when compared to the same period last year.

124. The service has supported 2,563 people into work, during April – December 2021, 176 of whom were residents from the Outer West, an increase of 13% 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.

125. Between April – December 2021 the service has supported 2,397 people to improve their skills. From the Outer West, 185 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 49% when compared to the same period last year.

126. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. A large team of Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

127. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 7 Jobcentres across the City. All Jobshops are now fully open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include City Centre and Armley Community Hub.

128. There is also a pop up Jobshop at Pudsey Community Hub on Mondays, 9:00 to 5:00. The Community Hub Mobile bus is now running Monday-Friday with the schedule visiting 4 wards including Farnley and Wortley as follows:

- Mainline Social Club, Pudsey Road LS13 4LS, Monday 13:00 – 15:30 and Wednesday 9:30 – 12:00
- Butterbowl Public House, Butterbowl Drive, Leeds LS12 5JQ Monday 9:30 – 12:00
- The Hanover Arms Public House, 65 Lower Wortley Rd, Leeds LS12 4SL Wednesday 13:00 – 15:30

129. Employment and Skills Service has been successful in securing additional funding from DWP to support disadvantaged young people (15-24) in Leeds. The programme will support 1,600 young people up to end December 2023, who are NEET or risk of becoming NEET; and from WYCA that focuses on residents that are ineligible for ESIF programmes and will prioritise on supporting underemployed residents in low paid, low skilled jobs as well as those at risk of redundancy. Both programmes are in addition to a number of programmes that have been enhanced and expanded to respond to the challenges of Covid-19 and the changing labour market

130. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in response to Covid-19 through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online face to face and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence. For the 2021/22 Academic Year 135 courses are also planned for on-line delivery, city-wide. In the Outer West, 12 courses, including English and Arts and Crafts, are planned at 6 different venues.

131. Leeds Adult Learning Summer 2021 saw a range of activity across the city to raise the profile of learning and engage Leeds. Activity included a community engagement / marketing campaign, a summer programme of taster courses and a partnership approach with family learning supporting the delivery of the Council's Healthy Holiday programme.

132. Developing You, a 10-week Health and Wellbeing and Employability course which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For residents living in Outer West the courses are being delivered at the Armley Community Hub and for those unable to attend a new online course is available.

133. Following a successful funding bid to the Leeds Community Foundation, a bespoke Developing You programme, Learning Disabilities Pre-Employability Project is being developed. A collaboration between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response will deliver a 12 week programme which will include work readiness and health and wellbeing modules. The first cohort is expected to start in April 2022.

134. Over 202 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors:

Hospitality Sector:

- A Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aimed to upskill individuals to successfully enter the hospitality sector through providing practical experience within Leeds City College's café and restaurant facilities. The programme provides an opportunity for participants to be signposted to work trials and interviews with employers.
- A Christmas recruitment fair took place on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 held at the Engine Room at Leeds Bid, 265 people attended.
- The service is continuing to work with HMP Wealstun and the Leeds Hotels and Venues Association around the recruitment of ex-offenders into the hospitality sector.
- Held McDonalds Breakfast Events at the Briggate store to support the recruitment of 30 vacancies, further events are planned in 2022.

Health & Social Care Sector:

- Working in partnership with the Leeds Health and Care Careers Narrowing Inequalities programme which aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or under-represented communities in Leeds. This is to improve access to long-term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education, and training.
- Leeds Health and Care Careers is working alongside the [Healthier Working Futures](#) project, a new partnership of health, care and third sector partners who have received funding from the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund. The project aims to engage over 600 unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) supporting them onto a health and care career path via innovative engagement programmes delivered by a team of third sector organisations.
- Engaged with 468 people in the West to support the recruitment to the newly built mental health unit, Red Kite View. Local residents secured roles at the unit, directed to social care roles via Leeds City Council's We Care Academy or engaged with further employability support through the Leeds Employment Hub.
- Jobsfairs were held in October and November 2021 at the Leeds Kirkgate Market with 45 Employers / Training Providers, 790 people attended.

135. Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF) will take place at Leeds First Direct Arena on Monday 7th February 2022. Schools and partners have been offered

opportunities to block book timeslots to bring groups of young people. Promotion about the fair including resources to use with students and any Covid-19 updates will be delivered to schools through various channels throughout the run up to the event.

136. Leeds Apprenticeship Website is under development and will allow people to identify employers and training providers who offer Apprenticeship opportunities and programmes in Leeds. A promotional campaign is planned, with the new website going live in mid-February 2022.

137. Following a number of requests from schools the service is currently working with colleagues in Children and Families Service and with careers practitioners to develop and deliver a career progressions event for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The event which will be the first for the city will be held at Leeds First Direct Arena in June and will be open to all young people who have additional needs, and teaching staff, parents and carers will be encouraged to attend. There will be information about opportunities post 16 including training, jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships, and volunteering opportunities.

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

Quarter 3 2021/22

Introduction

138. 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.

139. 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 3 2021/2022.

Current Cameras in the Outer West Area

140. At the current date, the Outer West Community fund a total of 11 cameras covering the Outer West area.

GDPR – Information Sharing

141. 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 3 - Outer West Cameras incidents (1st Oct - 31st December 2021)					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation				Alarm Activation	
Animals				Animals	
ASB	4			ASB	4
Cash In Transit				Cash In Transit	
Drugs				Drugs	
Enforcement	1			Enforcement	1
Fire				Fire	
Health & Safety	4	2	1	Health & Safety	7
Police Operation	1		8	Police Operation	9
Public Order	4	4	7	Public Order	15
Road Traffic				Road Traffic	
Sexual Offences				Sexual Offences	
Suspicious Events				Suspicious Events	
Theft				Theft	
Travellers				Travellers	
Weather				Weather	
Metro	1			Metro	1
Total Per Month	15	6	16	Total sum of incidents	37

142. 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.

143. 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

144. 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. 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.).

145. 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)

146. The service is continuing to return to normal following the pandemic and we are really pleased to be making such a difference to the lives of our customers.

147. Customers can now access all our hubs services in person, and we are now welcoming many partners back in to do surgeries.

148. Friday the 21st January saw the first of our hub events in the area, at Farsley Community Hub, where in addition to raising around £60 for Love Farsley via a tombola, refreshment stand and community bake off we were able to provide a great community event with a presence from the police community support officers, housing, money buddies, the local writers group and a local artist. The event also coincided with our weekly Storytime and we provided a pop-up job shop and some library reading challenges.

149. Following the success of this event we are already planning similar events at each of the Outer West hubs and are hoping that we will be able to put these on as regular events throughout the year.

150. We now provide a pop-up job shop each Monday at Pudsey Community Hub which is being well attended by customers and has already had some success in helping people back into work.

151. We continue to reintroduce our regular events with each hub now hosting a weekly Storytime and monthly digital drop in where our librarian team are on hand to provide advice and assistance on all things digital.

152. We are launching as digital health hubs where we are working with NHS partners and others to help their customers, which they signpost to us, to use digital access to improve their health outcomes.

153. February will also see the relaunch of our reader group offer and we are hoping that each of our sites will be able to have at least one active readers group operating from them.

Community Centres

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

154. Swinnow Community Centre has been very active over the last few months, and is currently offering the following programme of events:

- Monday to Thursday - Prince's Trust 9.30am /3pm 16/25 years
- Monday - Karate 6.30pm-7.30pm 6yrs/Adult
- Tuesday - Clubsize 6.30pm Adults
- Wednesday – Leeds City Council Youth Group/Cooking Group 3.30pm / 5pm 11/14 yrs, Irish Dancing 6/7 pm Adults
- Thursday - I.P.T.C Theatre Group 5pm/ 6pm kids 8/15yrs, 6.15pm /7.15pm Adults
Intermediate Line Dancing 8pm /10pm Adults
- Fridays – Dinky Club 9am-10.30am 0/5yrs
Leeds city council Job Club 4pm/5pm 16yrs plus/Adults
- Freedom Friday 6.30pm/8.30pm 8/16yrs, also Olivia's Art Class (running alongside Freedom Friday)
- Saturday – Irish Dancing 2/4yrs 9.30am/10am, 10.15am/11am 4yrs upwards



For information on any of the above groups and activities, the centre can be contacted on 0113 2566576

Farnley Community Centre – Update from Peter Allison (Chair of Committee)

155. Farnley Community Centre has in recent years become what could be described as an underutilised building and often overlooked and forgotten about within the community that it is intended to work within. Following the appointment of 5 new committee members, which make up two new Trustees and a Chair to the board, they have worked to bring the centre back into the community and begin its revitalisation to serve its community.

156. Christmas was the first opportunity to re-establish the centre, and the team quickly set to develop a Christmas event. Having built a Santa Sleigh on the evenings of the 16th &

17th December, the team drove around the entire ward of Farnley & Wortley distributing joy, happiness & a plentiful supply of treats, accompanied by Santa and his trusty Elves!

157. Saturday the 18th December, a Christmas Family Fun Day event was held at the community centre, which had 129 children turn up to see Santa in his grotto & receive their gift from Santa. The event included an extensive section for arts & crafts and refreshments, cakes, buns, tombola & handmade reindeer food cones, amongst other items. The number of visitors through the community centre's doors on the day was more than 400, again receiving fantastic reviews and feedback.

158. Since the beginning of the year, the centre has welcomed back Money Buddies for their weekly Wednesday sessions and the Mums 'n' Tots group.

159. Following recent events in Farnley following reports of an attack on a 13-year-old, the community centre responded to the community's concerns. It reached out to a self-defence instructor who, along with the centre, has provided the time & space to provide two 3-week blocks of self-defence workshops for girls & boys aged 11-18 at no cost.

160. Weekly Boxercise sessions on a Thursday evening have been made available to the community at no cost and is open to all.

161. Friday sees the Leeds Youth Service running from the centre, who have recently inquired about the prospect of extending the group sessions by 2 hours to now give two sessions for varying age groups.

162. It is hopeful & anticipated that the centre would be looking to work with other organisations to offer a broader range of services to the community, including BARCA, Leeds Food Bank, Community Hub etc.

163. The team will now be looking to hold regular seasonal events (Platinum Jubilee, Easter, Halloween etc.), in addition to having weekly events on Wednesday evenings that will offer a diverse range of activities that will be open to the community as a whole.

164. The centre is looking to expand its community reach and re-establish itself. The centre will be looking to re-furbish & build an extension to enhance further what they can offer to the community that it is proud to work within and with a very proud and enthusiastic team behind it.

Community Engagement: Social Media

165. **Appendix 1 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.

166. The report covers the last 3 months 1st Nov 2021 to 31st January 2022. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of 1,295.

YAF Online Consultation

167. The Communities Team are currently running an online Youth Activities Consultation, with the aim of engaging with young people between 8 and 17 years across the city, and providing them with a safe, anonymous way of voicing their opinion on future spend on youth activities.

168. In Outer West Leeds, a digital poster has been created, and shared online on the Committee Facebook Page, as well as mailing list contacts.

169. The survey link has also been shared with Youth Service contacts, school cluster groups, local youth groups, elected members, as well as both Scout and Guide contacts in the area, in order to maximize exposure and include as many young people as possible.



170. The results of the online consultation will be shared with elected members at a future meeting and will inform spending priorities and decision on the Youth Activity Fund.

171. The link to the consultation can be found below, and members and the public are encouraged to share this with any appropriate young people aged 8-17 years in the Outer West area. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete, and is initially planned to be open online until the end of March.

[Youth Activities Questionnaire 2021/22 \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/OSCECI/)
[HTTPS://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/OSCECI/](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/OSCECI/)

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

172. The community committee support team has promoted public schemes relating to the Jubilee via Facebook, including the 'Queen's Green Canopy Scheme', and also the 'Let's Create Jubilee Fund', created by Arts Council England.

173. **The Let's Create Jubilee Fund** is now open to voluntary and community groups to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

celebrations in June 2022. You can find out more information here: [Let's Create Jubilee Fund | Leeds Community Foundation \(leedscf.org.uk\) / www.leedscf.org.uk/grants/lets-create-jubilee-fund/](https://www.leedscf.org.uk/grants/lets-create-jubilee-fund/)

174. The deadline for applications is Monday 28th February 2022 and the applicant needs to be a voluntary or community group.

175. Applicant organisations are encouraged to work in collaboration with an artist, creative or cultural organisation, though this is not essential.

176. **The Big Jubilee Lunch:** Pop 2-5 June in your diary for #TheBigJubileeLunch - the royal party that'll be right up your street! #SaveTheDate and pick up your free pack now: www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch

177. The Outer West Community Committee has also ringfenced £7,500.00 of wellbeing money to support June celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

179. 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

180. 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

181. 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

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

Risk Management

183. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

186. 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.