

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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For Decision

Outer South 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:

Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

3. The Children and Families Sub Group took place on **Wednesday 16th February 2022** at 5pm, they discussed the outcomes of the fostering event in Morley. They also heard updates from Youth services, Leeds Playhouse and the Breeze team.
4. The sub group had initial discussions and will start planning for the 22/23 Youth Summit as soon as they have been given the go ahead.

Youth Services Update

Outer South Priorities October – December 2021 : -

5. Rothwell Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.
6. Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.
7. Morley South Ward – Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.
8. Morley North Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.

Action Taken All Wards:

9. **October Holiday Programme** - Youth Service SSE team delivered a diversionary programme during the October School Holiday Programme, the range of trips and local activities enabled young people to engage in a programme of fun, educational and physically challenging activities. Funding was secured via the Youth Activity Fund and supported by local volunteers. Feedback from parents and young people was positive.
10. **Bonfire Period** - The SSE Youth work team worked with Police and partners to prevent an increase in anti-social behaviour on the lead up to and during the Bonfire period, Youth Workers offered additional activities that enabled the young people to focus their energy into a positive. Young people were offered a range of local options from additional detached sessions, meals at local restaurants, sessions at local sports centres and trips to bowling & quasar. Overall the area was quieter over the bonfire period with the area seeing a reduction in young people related ASB reported.
11. **White Ribbon Campaign** – Young people were encouraged to support the White Ribbon campaign during Youth groups, sessions focussed young people around Domestic Violence, who are the victims and who are the perpetrators. Young people were keen to ensure there was a reduction in DV and focussed on pledging they would not be engaged in such behaviour. Some group members were able to recognise DV and took information and techniques to prevent and support victims.
12. **Tasking Meetings** – Youth Service staff continue to work as part of a multi-agency approach to addressing anti-social behaviour in the wedge, Advanced Youth Work Practitioners attend & support tasking meetings which focus on issues in local areas. The partnership enables young people related ASB to be identified, located, addressed and resolved.

13. **LGBTQ Groups** – Two new youth groups have been created in the SSE area to engage young people identifying as LGBTQ, the sessions enable young people to focus on issues they experience, options for dealing with situations and a safe space to meet similar young people. The sessions provide the young people with support for issues they experience and explore options to enhance their life.
14. **Anti-Bullying Week** – In November young people were engaged in the Anti-Bullying campaign, young people were encouraged to participate in a range of discussions, activities and arts & crafts to focus on their feelings, their experiences, techniques for dealing with bullies and artwork to send a message to bullies.
15. **Mobile Unit** – Youth Workers have been engaging young people across the SSE area utilising the mobile units in areas that have no buildings, sessions offer young people a safe place to go, someone to talk to and a range of sporting and educational activities. The mobile is located in areas where reports of groups of young people are congregating, Youth Workers focus on engaging and preventing any issues from arising whilst offering a range of positive activities.
16. **Alcohol Awareness Work** – Young people were engaged in alcohol awareness sessions in November, sessions seen young people tasked with challenges utilising the “beer goggles”, young people had to utilise the beer goggles and undertake an everyday task, young people were shocked to see how difficult some of the daily tasks were whilst using the resources. Group members focussed on different strengths of alcohol and the dangers posed with drinking.
17. **Mental Health Support** – Youth Workers in SSE have seen an increase in young people experiencing complications around their mental health, after coming out of lockdown, uncertainty regards the pandemic, changes in school and financial challenges in the home. Young people were displaying signs of anxiety, depression and sought an independent person to engage with. Youth Workers provided support, enabled the young people to explore the challenges and focus on potential solutions. Support with a high number of young people continues. Some of the group young people have been signposted to online/virtual support such as the Market Place safe zone, Kooth, Young Minds, Hope, RipRap, Mindmate, Night Owls website and Teen Connect.

Ardsley & Robin Hood - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.

18. Youth Workers were able to start a new project for young people in the Robin Hood area (Teen Green) an environmental project looking at engaging young people in gardening skills, gardening maintenance, growing, groundwork and composting. The Teen Green project takes place at the community Orchard in Robin Hood on a Wednesdays. The TARA have kindly given the Youth Service a large plot of the land to develop with young people. Youth Workers have seen a lot of young people from the Goldsmith estate and surrounding areas attend the session. During the session

Youth Workers have worked with young people discussing difficulties of socialising and dealing with parental concerns due to Covid and its restrictions.

19. Youth Workers have been responding to reports from the local community and councillors in the Ardsley and Robin Hood area of young people gathering in the parks by sending the ASB response team out on a Monday night to engage young people in positive activities. Young people were able to share their views on several issues including cannabis use, Covid, ASB and negative stereotypes of young people. Youth Workers were able to ensure that young people were fully informed about youth provisions that have reopened and projects in the local areas.
20. Tingley Youth Club continues to be a big success since the Youth Service was permitted to increase the numbers, Youth Workers have seen a steady flow of young people accessing the session having around 40 young people on a night and increasing every week. The session offers a range of educational, fun and development activities.
21. A new year six transition group was set up at Tingley Youth Centre following consultation with young people and the local community and partners. Young people in year 6 at primary school have been identified to have lost skills such as social skills due to been in lockdown for so long, reports from teachers from the Blackgates school have shown that the year 6 pupils are displaying immaturity for their age and this is not what they normally see. YR6 is open to all year 6 students in the area. The session provides an open access generic youth provision after school club for young people to engage with Youth Service to enhance their social skills. The plans for this group are to focus on transition work ready for the young people to move to secondary school. Since the group opened in October, we have seen around 30+ young people attending.
22. Youth Workers have been responding to ASB hot spots in the ARH ward, requests have been received from the local community, ward councillors and local NPT. This has seen Youth Workers delivering fire safety work, environment work, water safety work, delivering work around e-scooters and the law and completing park litter picks with young people.
23. Over the Halloween period the Youth Work team put on a Community event. "Sharna's house of Madness" was a Halloween party with a scare maze run by the Youth Workers, local volunteers and young people. Working with partners such as the community police team the team were able to create with young people and parents 5 promotional videos that went out on social media leading up to the event. The event saw 89 people attend; this was such a successful event the team will be looking to recreate it next year in other areas. This was also an opportunity to meet parents and engage new young people.
24. As well as the Halloween event we gave the opportunity to 21 young people to attend a trip to the Yorkshire Scare Grounds for a terrifying night of frights and fun.

25. Youth work team have also been working closely with the local schools in the area and have been delivering partnership work, the team have been attending early help meetings, child in need meetings and taking on one to one referral from the schools. Working with young people around gender identity, behaviour issues, family breakdowns, Mental health and substance misuse as well as sexual health focusing on porn use.

Morley North Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.

26. Youth Service have been working in the Drighlington area delivering a mobile session at the old library engaging with large numbers of young people. Group members are engaging well with the Youth Workers, focusing on sports, mental well-being concerns, discussions around Sexual health, drugs, and Covid have been undertaken.

27. Numbers at this group have started to reduce since summer, in contacting the regular members that did attend a lot of them have now got jobs are at university or college. Youth Workers have been targeting a new younger group who are now attending on a weekly basis. This session will be reviewed at the end of January and possible moved to a new location till summer returns.

28. The diversionary programme of activities for the week leading up to and on bonfire night. This decreased the number of young people engaged in anti-social behaviour in the ward, During the activities it gave Youth Workers the opportunity to informally educate young people around bonfire night and firework safety.

29. On the 5th of November Youth Workers took 15 young people for meal in Morley ward, the young people picked an Indian meal – the young people were picked over the week by the Youth Workers to be deemed at greater risk of been involved in ASB on bonfire night – taking them off the street on bonfire night to engage in a positive activity ensuring the young people where off the streets.

30. While these sessions were taking place a few Youth Workers could focus on detached work leading up to bonfire night – Detached work took place on the 3rd interacting with 20 young people in the Morley area and on the 4th 7 young people in the Morley area.

31. In total the Youth Service team worked with 141 young people from the Morley Ward in this one week thanks to the Diversionary funding given

32. On a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday youth work team have been delivering a drop in service for young people to gain access to the C-card 3 in 1 sexual health and relationship service. Giving young people free confidential sexual health and relationship advice and support as well as a place for young people to access free contraception as well as guidance on how to use them correctly. Due to the time that the town hall closes workers have not seen the large numbers that would normally as

the town hall now closes around the same time the high schools close. This service is open to all young people from all wards. The Monday session will be closed in the new year due to staffing capacity.

Morley South Ward – Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.

33. Using Police reports the Youth Work teams have been working to positively engage young people in the “hot spots” around the ward. Morley Skate Park, the town centre, Hesketh and Lewisham and Springfield Park have been targeted as well as around the Morley Asda area. The Youth Workers aim to focus on issues identified by partners and provide guidance, support and positive options available to young people at the locations.
34. Youth work teams have undertaken detached youth work sessions once a week, on a Wednesday focusing on the Lewisham Park/ Newlands and Denshaws area. Youth Workers have discussed issues with young people including the dangers of taking, being under the influence of drugs and alcohol, mental health, sexual health & hate crime.
35. Young people are eagerly awaiting the potential reopening of Lewisham Park youth club and are constantly requesting for information on the reopening. Youth Workers have been holding sessions outside the youth club with limited resources with smaller attendance, when young people have been asked why they have not been attending the response has been as follows.
36. The Friday Night Project delivered at Morley leisure centre continues to offer a sports and fitness sessions on a Friday evening, the session has been a big success and much needed in the area. Youth Workers are seeing numbers increase following the closure due to the Pandemic. At present around 15 young people are attending each week.
37. The diversionary programme of activities for the week leading up to and on bonfire night. This decreased the number of young people been antisocial, putting themselves at risk of danger from fireworks. During the activities it also gave Youth Workers the opportunity to informally educate young people around bonfire night and firework safety.
38. 1st November 2021 the Youth Service team engaged 29 young people in the Morley ward out on detached to invite them and their friends to the pizza party on the 2nd. On the 2nd of November 2021 the Youth Service engaged with 36 young people from the Morley Wards in a session. Young people were provided with Pizza from the local takeaway and were engaged in group discussions round bonfire night and fire work safety.

39. On the 3rd of November Young people from the Morley Ward were invited to Tingley Youth and Community Centre to take part in a make-up tutorial session. The session saw that 34 Young people attend.
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Rothwell Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

42. Youth Workers have continued to engage with young people on detached/outdoor sessions in areas around the Rothwell ward over this winter quarter. Youth Workers have discussed issues with groups such as anti-social behaviour and its consequences, fire work / bonfire safety, mental health, sexual health, and drug awareness.
43. Young people have remained positive with the sessions still being held in Springhead Park. They have participated in a range of activities including group work discussions, team games, board games, basketball, Nintendo Switch and regular hot chocolate!
44. Youth Workers also used the Youth Activity Funding awarded by the Outer South Community Committee to take young people on trips during the October half term school holidays. These included Lazerzone, Yorkshire Scare ground and Flamingo Land theme park.
45. Areas of reported anti-social behaviour in the ward were visited during the Friday evening detached session. These included the Morrison's/Commercial Street area, Manor estate playground area and the John O'Gaunts estate.
46. Discussions around the consequences of their actions took place with the groups of young people. They were also signposted to our outdoor sessions and YAF October trips.
47. In the run up to Halloween / Mischievous night / Bonfire night the Youth Workers delivered various group work sessions around staying safe, consequences of ASB, how to treat burns and general fire work safety. As part of diversionary activities for young people, the Ward Councillors paid for the park group to have a sports & pizza

night in Rothwell sports centre. They also funded a trip out for 30 young people to Lazerzone and bowling. This was a lovely gesture and the group enjoyed eating and socialising together indoors.

Youth Work Challenges:

48. Covid 19 - Changing guidelines has created complications for young people and staffing.
49. LCC buildings being closed (Lewisham, Windmill & Allerton Bywater)
50. LCC Buildings being taken over by community agencies that don't value Youth Work.
51. Staffing – Level of vacancies, Self-Isolating, Staff sickness, staff supporting other areas, and working from home.
52. Explaining and enforcing the COVID-19 restrictions with young people, in terms of mask wearing in buildings / mobiles and limited group sizes.
53. Large increase in Anti-Social Behaviour requests for Youth Service to respond to, with a depleted staff team.
54. Staff on long term sick, so having to rely on volunteers/casual staff members to keep provisions open.
55. Repairs / maintenance of buildings having to be reported by Youth Workers and for Youth Work staff being asked to be on site for repairs to be undertaken.
56. Youth Workers undertaking a higher level of administrative tasks / computers systems, This reduces the possibility of offering one to one support with young people.

Case Study 5 - Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward

57. A young person from the Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward has been facing social isolation due to being a young carer for his disabled sister. During the Covid lockdown the young person was required to take on more responsibilities to help his parents while they are working. Youth Worker took the young person on as a one to one case, although this was virtual at first. The Youth Worker would meet up with the young person and walk around the local area this sticking to Covid rules of out for 1hr of exercise a day. The young person has mentioned that they were struggling with their mental health but felt they could not approach their parents as the young person thought that their parents had enough to deal with his sister been in and out of hospital. Youth Worker spoke with parents with young person's permission and agreed that the young person will attend Tingley youth club no matter what and continue with the one to one support. Once the youth club was back open the young person was able to access more support from Youth Services and peer support from his friends. At the end of the first club the young person stated that this is the only time in the week that they felt they could be a teenager again and not be a nurse.

From this the Youth Workers have signed the young person up to the young carer's network and local carers support groups for extra support. The Youth Service will be helping the young person to attend youth work trips in the school half term. The Youth Worker in the group also spoke to their friends with their permission and explained their situation, from this 2 other young people now once a week meet up with the young person and they go for a walk. Youth Workers has seen a massive different in the young person over the weeks as they have stated that the young person is become more of themselves again.

Compliments

58. Compliments from Parent – Mum didn't think her son would be able to attend a youth group due to his ADHD- Young Person has been attending Friday sessions and has had no issues- mum is enjoying some down time knowing he is safe.

59. Police thanked Youth Service for the great work.

60. "Thanks for the bowling trip, it was great!" – Young person about the Bonfire night diversionary activities trips out.

61. "Oh it's so good to be inside again in the warm - the food is great too" – Young person about the Bonfire night diversionary activities session in Rothwell sports centre.

62. **Appendix 1** is the highlight report for the whole South, South East area.

Environment: Cllr Andrew Hutchison

Community Safety: Councillor Andrew Hutchison

Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update

63. All staff are now back to normal working duties and able to perform all aspects of their role. Their time is split between office working (minimum 2 days per week) and home working, in line with corporate guidelines.

64. LASBT South currently have 153 cases, there are 61 cases within the ward these are broken down below:

65. Current Open Cases:

- Ardsley & Robin Hood = 13 (4 opened between 01/11/21- 03/03/22)
- Rothwell = 14 (5 opened between 01/11/21- 03/03/22)
- Morley North = 17 (7 opened between 01/11/21- 03/03/22)
- Morley South = 17 (4 opened between 01/11/21- 03/03/22)

66. Breakdown in Case Type:

Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Misuse	1	0	0	0
Noise	5	8	6	3
Hate	1	0	2	0
Threats	2	5	2	2
Litter	1	0	0	0
Active (unknown)	1	1	0	1
Vandalism	1	0	0	
Rowdy	1	0	4	2
Verbal	0	2	1	3
Nuisance	0	0	0	1
Drug/Substance	0	0	0	2
Domestic	0	1	0	0
Alcohol	0	0	2	0

Ardsley & Robin Hood

67. The main theme for cases in this ward relates to domestic noise nuisance, there are no real trends and the ward hasn't raised any significant concerns. LASBT officers continue to work with partners and be proactive in their approach to anything that is highlighted as a concern.

Morley North

68. Morley North has recently had issues raised around youth nuisance in a local supermarket, this is something that has been raised at the area tasking meeting and the case officers are working with partners to investigate and tackle this behaviour. We will link in with youth services and look at diversionary activities but take into consideration any formal action needed. Domestic noise nuisance carries on the theme in this ward, 8 cases of the 17 have investigations ongoing relating to noise nuisance.

Morley South

69. Morley South has seen some proactive partnership working with the local NPT and Housing Leeds to tackle a recurring pattern of ASB in the ward. The case officer continues to liaise with the local ward Cllr and proactively manage the investigation which has highlighted some safeguarding needs. As above the concerns relating to youth nuisance within the ward are being proactively monitored and partnership working is key to tackling the nuisance before it escalates.

Rothwell

70. Again, the main caseload for this area is domestic noise nuisance, however it has recently been brought to our attention via residents and ward councillors that there are concerns relating to off-road bikes. The LASBT case officer is working with the local NPT and our police link officer to investigate and disrupt this behaviour by undertaking a number of interviews and visits, this will be followed by formal action when necessary.

Police Update

Staff Changes

71. Inspector Lucy Leadbeater has moved on within the force and Inspector Thomas Perry is the new Inspector for Leeds South. Inspector Perry wanted to take a moment to tell you a little more about himself. Inspector Perry has been with West Yorkshire Police for almost five years. Before he came to West Yorkshire, he worked for just short of ten years in Thames Valley Police, where his experience centred around Uniform Policing and Crime Investigation. His CID background involved volume and acquisitive crime, drugs supply and complex investigations into Organised Crime Groups.

72. On moving to West Yorkshire, Inspector Perry has worked at both Sergeant and Inspector rank in Leeds, as well as in Force Headquarters, where he helped to set up the Contact Management Unit (Force Control Room). Before joining the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Inspector Perry was a Patrol Inspector for Leeds East, working out of Stainbeck. In addition to these posts, he is part of the Force Cadre for Post-Incident Management, Coaching and Mentoring and Recruitment and Selection. He is also one of the force's PSU Commanders, with experience of managing protest and disorder. These are all skills that Inspector Perry hopes to use to enhance Neighbourhood Policing for your communities.

Serious and acquisitive crime

73. Below are the figures for November, December and January;

Ardasley and Robin Hood

	November	December	January
Burglary	9 increase of 5	4 decrease of 5	5 increase of 1
Robbery	0 no change	1 increase of 1	1 no change
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5 increase of 2	6 increase of 1	1 decrease of 4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2 increase of 1	2 no change	4 increase of 2
Hate crime	0 decrease of 1	4 increase of 4	1 decrease of 3
Hate incident	2 no change	0 decrease of 2	0 no change

Morley North

	November	December	January
Burglary	10 decrease of 3	4 decrease of 6	4 no change
Robbery	0 no Change	2 increase of 2	0 decrease of 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4 decrease of 1	5 decrease of 1	7 increase 2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2 no change	5 increase of 3	3 decrease of 2
Hate crime	3 increase of 1	1 decrease of 2	0 decrease of 1
Hate incident	0 no change	2 increase of 2	1 decrease of 1

Morley South

	November	December	January
Burglary	4 decrease of 1	5 increase 1	5 no change
Robbery	0 decrease of 4	2 increase 2	1 decrease of 1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2 decrease of 4	8 increase 6	4 decrease of 4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3 decrease of 8	7 increase 3	6 decrease of 1
Hate crime	1 decrease of 4	5 increase 4	1 decrease of 4
Hate incident	0 decrease of 1	1 increase 1	1 no change

Rothwell

	November	December	January
Burglary	10 increase of 5	8 decrease of 2	2 decrease of 6
Robbery	3 decrease of 1	0 decrease of 3	2 increase of 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6 no change	4 decrease of 2	6 increase of 2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4 decrease of 7	5 increase of 1	3 decrease of 2
Hate crime	4 decrease of 1	1 decrease of 3	1 no change
Hate incident	1 no change	0 decrease of 1	1 increase of 1

ASB

Ardsley and Robin Hood

74. November - There have been a total of 18 ASB calls, which can be categorised as follows; 2 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 3 x fireworks, 2 x neighbour related, 3 x nuisance motorcycle and 8 x youth related.
75. December - There was just one report of ASB in the month of December. This related to a nuisance motor vehicle on Forest Ridge.
76. January - There have been a total of 12 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 1 x adult nuisance (non alcohol related), 1 x adult nuisance (alcohol related), 7 x nuisance motorcycle and 3 x youth related.

Morley North

77. November - There have been a total of 16 ASB calls, which can be categorised as follows; 3 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 2 x fireworks, 1 x nuisance car, 6 x motorcycles and 4 x youth related.

78. December - There have been a total of 142 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 4 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 1 x neighbour related, 2 x nuisance car, 4 x nuisance motorcycle and 1 x youth related.

79. January - There have been a total of 12 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 1 x adult nuisance, 7 x nuisance car, 2 x nuisance motorcycle and 2 x youth related.

Morley South

80. November - There have been a total of 24 ASB calls, which can be categorised as follows; 3 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 5 x fireworks, 1 x nuisance car, 6 x nuisance motorcycles and 9 x youth related.

81. December - There have been a total of 12 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 2 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 1 x alcohol related, 3 x neighbour related, 2 x nuisance quads and 4 x youth related.

82. January - There have been a total of 12 ASB calls, which can be categorised as follows; 1 x adult nuisance, 1 x neighbour related, 1 x nuisance car, 8 x nuisance motorcycle and 2 x youth related.

Rothwell

83. November - There have been a total of 12 ASB calls, which can be categorised as follows; 3 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 1 x alcohol related, 1 x neighbour related, 2 x nuisance car, 2 x nuisance motorcycles and 3 x youth related.

84. December - There have been a total of 22 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 2 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 2 x alcohol related, 4 x nuisance car, 2 x nuisance quad bikes and 12 x youth related.

85. January - There have been a total of 22 ASB calls that can be categorised as follows; 1 x adult nuisance, 1 x fireworks, 1 x neighbour related, 2 x nuisance car, 11 x nuisance motorcycle and 6 x youth related.

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Priorities

Ardsley and Robin Hood

86. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

87. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1093 Osborne

88. NPT are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and low level drug use around the Oast House Croft, Leadwell lane and West Beck area of Robin hood following recent reports from local residents of increased drugs use. NPT will conduct high visibility patrols and take positive action where offences are identified. NPT will work in partnership with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to deal with persistent perpetrators. The team will also ask youth services to engage with local youths.

89. NPT have had some concerns raised by local residents and Cllrs in the Tingley and East Ardsley area regards off road bikes and road being driven in an anti-social manner in the area and damaging local green spaces.

Morley North

90. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 4053 Matthews

91. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer (s)- PC 3300 Sheldon, PC 4869 McLoughlin and PC 4335 Brown.

92. To target and take appropriate action against speeding vehicles, HGV restricted roads and illegal off road motorbikes and quads in and around the Drighlington, Gildersome and Churwell areas paying particular attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. NPT will conduct regular traffic operations including the use of speed measuring equipment to provide road safety advice and prosecute offenders using Road Traffic legislation and, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.

93. To conduct proactive patrols in areas in the Morley North area to keep acquisitive crime low. To conduct pop up contact points and give crime prevention advice. The area is enjoying very low crime rates currently. Yet the team are proactive in their efforts, not just reactive to events. So the Ward managers and PCSOs are conducting both uniformed and the PCs, some plain clothes patrols and will target anyone acting suspiciously for stop checks if they are concerned. NPT may, where lawful, use stop and search powers. This is to try and prevent and detect criminality, hopefully before it happens. This is 'bread and butter', policing, but Inspector Perry hopes this reassures you when you do see officers in your neighbourhoods and particularly if the officers look to engage with any of you whilst out and about late at night. The PCSOs are now setting up short notice contact points, often from the Exhibition Police Van which is dark blue and has police livery on it. So when you see the van parked up please do approach to say hello and/or discuss any local concerns you may have around policing matters.

Morley South

94. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 83 Martin

95. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4335 Brown

96. To disrupt and engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour within the local parks. NPT will use conduct high visibility patrols and where proportionate use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if necessary. NPT will continue to work in partnership with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the parks.

97. To target and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Morley area paying particular attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. NPT will conduct regular traffic operations including the use of speed measuring equipment to provide road safety advice and prosecute offenders using Road Traffic legislation and, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.

98. NPT will continue to act upon community intelligence in relation to the use and supply of drugs.

Rothwell

99. Lead Area Sergeant: - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

100. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 316 Owens

101. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial street, Rothwell, the town centre and Springhead park. NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.

102. NPT will look to tackle speeding and anti-social driving in and around fleet lane at Oulton, NPT will conduct regular traffic operations including the use of speed measuring equipment to provide road safety advice and prosecute offenders using Road Traffic legislation and, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.

Some examples of recent work done by NPT

Ardsley and Robin Hood

103. Youth services are still attending on weekly basis to engage with local youths at the Orchard in Robinhood on a regular basis.

104. NPT ran several speeding operation days in the area, on these days several people were caught speeding and tickets were issued. NPT will continue to run this operation on a regular basis in the area.

105. NPT continue to pay regular attention to the area in order to deter anti-social motorbike use and NPT have asked our Leeds district off road bike team to spend more time in the area also

106. Contact points - The PCSOs are now setting up short notice contact points, often from our exhibition police van which is dark blue and has police livery on it. So when you see the van parked up please do approach to say hello and/or discuss any local concerns you may have around policing matters.

Morley North

107. NPT's SID (Speed Indication Device) and the Pro Laser 'Gun', have been deployed at Wakefield Road, Bradford Road, Whitehall Road (Drighlington) and East View at Gildersome. NPY have mainly conducted these mid-morning and early evenings. These are the most relevant times and locations being raised at the most recent PACT meetings by residents. NPT are pleased to say that the incidents of speeding when officers have been in attendance have been extremely low, or zero.

108. NPT have been paying attention to the old Arkle Pub site at Springfield Avenue, Morley. The calls for service there seem to have ceased with our increased patrols there.

109. NPT have also been patrolling the Old Rugby Club at Drighlington, Wakefield the increase in patrols seems to be having an effect. The calls for service there seem to have ceased with our increased patrols there.

110. The Ward PCs and the local PCSOs have been conducting patrols in Gildersome to look for HGV vehicles in the exclusion zone. Officers who have patrolled have not found any committing offences when they have been present this last month. Just to note, HGVs can have access if they are making a delivery and when officers stop and check them, officers ask to see proof of this, we do not just take their word for it.

111. NPT are currently gathering intelligence on whom they think is riding illegal off-road motorcycles and quads. The calls for service seem to have dropped off for now. NPT will continue to monitor.

Morley South

112. West Yorkshire Police community contact van has a regular booking on Queen Street in Morley Town Centre parked outside Santander. This is every 3rd Saturday and dates are published on our Facebook page.

113. NPT have continued regular high visibility patrols in the parks (Hembrigg, Scatcherd, Millbeck) engaging with and dispersing youths involved in ASB. NPT have also conducted plain clothes patrols in these areas and will continue to do so. NPT regularly work in partnership with Youth services in these areas. In November NPT

have completed several sweeps of parks in relation to Operation Sceptre. NPT are pleased to report that no weapons or other implements that could cause harm were located.

114. NPT have stopped and found 4 people to be in possession of drugs. All have been dealt with appropriately.

Rothwell

115. West Yorkshire Police community contact van continues to have regular booking in the area where our asb is occurring and will be parked outside Morrisons, NPT visited on few times this month and the team also patrol this area on a daily basis continuing our regular high vis patrols in the area engaging with and dispersing youths involved in asb.

116. NPT have run a traffic operation in the area with funding help from the local council which resulted in a large number of speeding tickets being issued on the day. NPT also have plans for additional roads policing units to attend again in the coming months.

117. NPT are also visiting the west ridings FA centre in fleet lane to do a leaflet drop warning people using the centre that the road is in fact a 30 mph road and asking them to be more considerate of local residents.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Universal Credit

118. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit due to unemployment as of November 2021 in the Outer South Community Committee area is 3,033. This is an increase of 81% since March 2020, which is reflective across all wards due to the impact of Covid-19. There is a decrease of 73 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 South 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 South	1,678	3.0%	3,106	5.6%	3,033	5.5%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	403	2.8%	772	5.3%	741	5.1%
Morley North	409	2.9%	709	5.1%	696	5.0%

Morley South	500	3.4%	878	6.0%	875	6.0%
Rothwell	366	3.0%	747	6.2%	721	6.0%

*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 South 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 South	440	454	127	103	99	229
Ardsley & Robin Hood	82	91	21	15	21	45
Morley North	95	123	27	23	20	62
Morley South	163	144	49	38	39	69
Rothwell	100	96	30	27	19	53

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, 440 of whom were from the Outer South, a decrease of 3% when compared to the same period last year.

124. The service has supported 2,563 people into work, during April – December 2021, 127 of whom were residents from the Outer South, an increase of 23% 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 South, 99 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 57% 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 Dewsbury Road, Hunslet, St Georges and the City Centre Community Hubs. There is also a pop up Jobshop Wednesdays at Morley Community Hub, 9am to 5pm.

128. **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 the end of December 2023, who are NEET or risk of becoming NEET; and from WYCA that focuses on resident 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.

129. **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 online delivery, city-wide. In the Outer South, 32 courses, including Arts and Crafts, Digital Skills and Maths are planned at Groundworks, Morley.
130. **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.
131. 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 pre-employability programme which will include work readiness and health and wellbeing modules. The first cohort is expected to start in April 2022.
132. 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

133. 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.
134. A Christmas recruitment fair took place on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 held at the Engine Room at Leeds Bid, 265 people attended.
135. 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.
136. 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:

137. 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.
138. 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.
139. Jobsfairs were held in October and November 2021 at the Leeds Kirkgate Market with 45 Employers / Training Providers, 790 people attended.
140. The Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2022 (LARF22) kicked off National Apprenticeship Week in Leeds on Monday 7th February at Leeds First Direct Arena, connecting Leeds young people with real live Apprenticeship vacancies, information and guidance. The event was particularly crucial this year given the uncertainties that the impact of Covid-19 has created for young people. LARF22 was completely sold out with 6,200 tickets booked in advance and around 5,000 people attending on the day. 88 employers and training providers exhibited, representing sectors from Agriculture, Care Services, Creative and Design, Digital, Legal, Finance and Accounting and much more.
141. The new Apprenticeships in Leeds website was launched for National Apprenticeship Week and can be accessed at www.apprenticeshipsinleeds.co.uk. The site features around 100 organisations offering Apprenticeships in Leeds, split by occupational sector.
142. 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 on Thursday 23rd June 2022 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.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Judith Elliott

Public Health Update June 2021

Financial Inclusion

143. An up to date leaflet has been produced for citywide financial inclusion work entitled 'Worrying about money'. The leaflet outlines support services for the city with names, contact address and contact numbers for services. There is a numbered key to highlight which services are on offer with each service
144. Leaflets will be available for collection from the Public Health Resource Centre and there is a digital version for sharing with partners.

Healthy Lifestyle

145. The extended adult Tier 2 weight management offer available in the city until June 22 funded via Office for Health Improvement and Disparities is now being promoted via the "Everybody Can" campaign. The offer includes provision for males only, people with learning difficulties and people with mental health issues. All services and support information can be found at: Love Yourself – Every Body Can – Leisure Offers from Active Leeds (leedsfitnessoffer.co.uk)
146. Weight Management providers recently provided a "Want to know more" session on the city offer. This can be viewed at: Leeds Public Health Training - YouTube (number 47/48)
147. Child Healthy Weight Plan – consultation event planned for 16/03 from 9.30-12.30. The consultation will review the 6 main outcomes being driven in the city and will support the development of a new action plan. For more information please contact deborah.lowe@leeds.gov.uk

Leeds Domestic Violence Website

148. Please see new website below.
149. There are sections for if people need help now and how to exit the website quickly or delete their history trail, information for professionals and a variety of resources.
150. Leeds Domestic Violence website
151. The new Leeds Domestic Violence Service website is now live. The new site can be accessed at <https://ldvs.uk/> .
152. The site draws together important information on domestic violence and abuse, and how to get support from LDVS and other services, both local and national. It hosts detailed information for professionals on how to refer into the service, including a new online referral form, as well as the existing downloadable form. It also includes a number of resources for victims-survivors; people supporting loved ones affected by domestic violence and abuse; and professionals working with victims-survivors.

Pension Credit

153. Below is an article on pension credit that can be used to share with relevant contacts. The uptake of pension credit is low across the city and work is taking place to try and improve this situation.

154. Newsletter article for organisations to share:

Isn't it time you topped up?

Pension Credits are available to many older people in Leeds. But how do you go about getting hold of that extra money?

A pension top-up

It's been estimated that around £32 million in pension credit is going unclaimed in Leeds. Some of that £32m could be yours!

The average value of a household's pension credit claim in Leeds is £59.50 per week. Imagine what a difference that could make to your life - having to worry less about money and being able to afford the things you need. It can make the difference between being able to pay for food, heat a home and use public and private transport.

The first type of pension credit is called Guarantee Credit.

You can get Guarantee Credit if your weekly income is less than £177.10 if you're single, or £270.30 if you're a couple. It kicks in when you reach State Pension age. If your weekly income drops below those figures at any time after this, you can claim. Some carers and disabled people may be entitled to extra amounts.

But what if I have savings?

You can still claim! There is no capital limit for Pension Credit though savings over £10000 can affect the amount of Pension Credit you are entitled to.

The second type of Pensions Credit is called Savings Credit. Savings Credit is extra money if you've got some savings or your income is higher than the basic State Pension. It's only available to people who reached State Pension age before 6 April 2016. You could get up to:

£13.97 extra per week if you're single
or £15.62 if you're a couple

What else can I get?

Getting pension credit is not just the weekly payment, it can entitle you to all this:

- A free TV License if you're over 75.

- Free NHS dental treatment, help towards buying glasses and the cost of travel to hospital.
- A warm home discount (worth £140 a year) and a cold weather payment worth £25 when the temperature is 0°C or below for 7 days in a row.
- Housing benefit or help with mortgage interest, ground rent and service charges.
- Help towards council tax.
- If you're a carer you may get an extra amount.

A quick phone call

You can apply online or by phone call to the Pension Credit claim line. A friend or family member can call for you if you cannot use the phone.

Pension Credit claim line: 0800 99 1234

If you haven't got anyone who can help you with the call Welfare Rights at Leeds City Council would be happy to help, please call them on 0113 3760452

You will need:

- your National Insurance number
- information about your income, savings and investments
- your bank account details, if you're applying by phone or by post

Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Bob Gettings

155. An extraordinary meeting of the Outer South Community Centres Sub Group took place on Monday 14th February to address queries regarding the pricing and lettings policy.

156. All centres managed by LCC are now fully open and have seen lettings numbers steadily increase. The process of lettings renewals for bookings beyond 1st April 2022 has been started by the lettings team with numbers likely to return to pre covid levels in most centres.

157. Windmill centre remains closed to public lettings however Youth Services sessions have now returned to the building.

158. Work has commenced on the refurbishment of Gildersome Meeting Hall.

Community Engagement: Social Media

159. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs and Libraries Update

Job shops

160. Information below around starts, throughput and Job outcomes since the temporary 'Pop up Jobshop's were put in place last year. The temporary 'Pop up' Jobshops were resourced by our 'Mobile Community Hub' team who were an extra resource available in 2021 due to the mobile fleet being used for other purposes during the height of Covid. The mobile team are now back on the road and the temporary 'Pop up' has now been removed from Rothwell Community Hub & Library as of January this year, however we have continued a Pop up Jobshop at Morley Community Hub & Library into 2022, which will run on Wednesdays.

	Starts	Throughput	Job Outcomes
Morley Community Hub & Library	23	32	4
Rothwell Community Hub & Library	6	11	1

161. We also continue to provide our gold standard Jobshop support provision at Morley. This involves supporting customers in the local area who are unemployed and do not undertake any paid work, pay their Council Tax in the Leeds area and are aged 18 to

162. Our staff provide caseloading support for up to 6 months, which includes setting action plans, regular reviews, help to break down barriers to employment/training and jobsearch support such as help with application forms, job matching and interview preparation. Once in work, our staff provide support for a further 6 months to help people sustain their employment as we help our customers to build their careers.

163. We are currently supporting 7 people in Morley on this provision and have managed to support 2 people move into employment so far.

Partners & Surgeries

164. Now restrictions have eased partners and surgeries are now returning to our sites.

165. At Rothwell Community Hub & Library Spanish classes have returned every Monday and Wednesday evening as well as Registrars due to return on Mondays to Wednesdays (date TBC)

166. Morley Community Hub & Library, we had our first 'Chatty Café' on Saturday 5th February, where people can come in and sit at a table and come and have a natter and chat with other people with a drink and biscuits. This will be a regular weekly event moving forwards however the day may be changed from a Saturday. Awaiting an update on this.

167. We also have 'Leeds Pathways' back on a Friday afternoon. This is a Leeds City Council service and they provide a drop in each Friday 1pm till 5pm for young people aged between 15 and 18 to come in and get support about work and training/education as well as apprenticeships.

168. Work is currently being done to bring both new and old partners back into our Community Hubs & Libraries

Digital Support work

169. All our staff have now been trained as Digital Health Hub Champions to support our offer around supporting our communities access NHS platforms to learn about things like medication, download the NHS app, access sessions/appointments, etc to help them become more self-sufficient, digitally enabled and help take pressure off the NHS. This work is done in our Community Hubs and Libraries including Morley, Rothwell and East Ardsley.

170. In addition to this we have also reintroduced 121 Digital drop in sessions this year with sessions taking place at Morley on the 1st February and the next one planned for 1st March. At Rothwell we have run a session on the 18th January with the next one to take place on the 15th February. These sessions will be ongoing throughout the year, with the aim to enable people to make the most of their devices, such as mobile phones and tablets and learn skills to keep in touch with family and friends, enhance a hobby or interest or using for practical things like banking and paying bills.

Story and Rhyme Time sessions

171. Our Story and Rhyme time sessions are back up and running at sites, at Morley this runs every Tuesday 10.30 – 11.30 and at Rothwell and East Ardsley it runs every Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30. These are fun sessions of sharing stories and rhymes in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere as well a great opportunity to meet with others and for children to engage in our 'Ready Steady Readers' challenge which is a great way to introduce children to reading books and language activities.

172. These sessions are free for Under 5's and their grown-ups to attend.

173. Since resuming these sessions in October 21 to the beginning of February attendance of children and families has been as follows:

- Morley - 133
- Rothwell – 97
- Ardsley & Library - 23

Healthy Holidays

174. Healthy Holidays ran from Rothwell Community Hub & Library at Christmas targeting families on free school meals/low income families in the locality.

175. Around 12 children and adults attended the Christmas week, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The children were able to access and attend a variety of activities around culture including dance, interactive theatre, story trails, arts and

crafts workshops, 'Wrongsemble – Tinslel' theatre performance and a music workshop.

176. The children also got to visit and skate at 'Planet Ice', engage in multisports, visit Thackray Medical museum as well as enjoying warm meals for the 4 days leading up to Christmas including a special Christmas dinner on their last day. Children also received below:

- An activity bag produced by LS14
- An activity box produced by Rainbow Factory, based in Otley
- Selection boxes and a visit from Father Christmas!
- A goody bag at Thackray Medical Museum with some sweet treats, pens, pencils and other small items
- The offer for themselves, their siblings and two adults from the household to see Aladdin at The Carraigeworks Theatre, along with bus passes to get into town
- The offer of jackets and trainers, regardless of whether they attended Planet Ice
- Take home ambient and chilled food hampers for the week between Christmas and New Year

Upcoming Half Term Activities/Other events

177. Rothwell Community Hub & Library - Mega Lego Machines Tuesday 22nd February 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Fun environmental event where we challenge young people to construct a trash compactor that can convert food wrappers into eco-friendly works of art. Alternatively make a magical time machine that transports a mini-figure to the Middle Ages to monitor climate change. This is part of the library for Lego building and mindful crafts events this February half term. Free family event.

178. Morley Community Hub & Library - Author Talk: Chris Nickson Wednesday 9th March 1.00pm. Leeds writer Chris Nickson has written historical crime novels set in the city between 1730 and the 1950s. His most recent, *The Blood Covenant*, has been described as "stellar" and "superb" by Publishers Weekly, "gritty...not the for faint of heart" (Kirkus Reviews), "on the right side of history" (Morning Star) and himself as "a fine writer." The book was inspired by the bodies of children found in excavations prior to the building of Victoria Gate shopping centre in Leeds. He'll be talking about the reality of factory life for children, and how he made history into fiction. Free event for adults.

Housing Leeds

Ardley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Housing Management Area Update

Estate Management

Walkabouts

179. Quarter 4 walkabouts now booked in to be carried out between January & March all members and tenant representative invited have been sent. If unable to attend, then feedback will be given to all who have been invited.

180. Will give an overview of common themes and other findings at the next meeting.

Community Payback

181. Community Payback is working on a limited basis 2 days a week but a very new project with the Skill Mill team has begun to take referrals. Housing Officers have been asked to prioritise their CP referrals and these have been shared with the Skill Mill team to action.

Income Collection

182. There has been a slight increase in arrears over the area compared to this point last year of £1,532.17. Couple of factors to be included in this such as.

183. Suspension of all possession hearings and evictions.

184. Universal Credit claimants whose payments come direct to us are now paid on their payment dates rather than the same date each month, which can make week on week comparisons more difficult to measure.

185. Furlough and other financial government support coming to an end.

186. There are some positives:

- Rothwell are still collecting more rent than any other office citywide.
- Short term collection trends are looking really positive with every patch in the area increasing collection and reducing arrears over the last 8 weeks.
- Still providing a supportive approach to rent collection and officers accessing funding to sustain tenancies and clearing arrears. 2 cases in the last 3 weeks where tenants in financial hardship have had over 6k in arrears paid through maximising benefit entitlement and tenancy sustainment funding.
- Arrears enforcement has now reverted back to pre-covid procedures and we are now able to apply to court for possession hearings and process warrant applications. Focus on assisting those tenants who have court orders in place and in default to support them to remain in their tenancies.

Lettings & Void (Empty properties)

187. No properties ready to let across the area.

188. 55 Void properties across the area which are with the contractor awaiting repair.

Annual Tenancy Contacts

Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood

189. 23 Priority Visits identified

190. 16 Priority Visits completed

191. Slow process as these are cases where we have had difficulty accessing over the years. All remaining visits have been written to and a morning of action planned for 16th February to complete remaining visits.

Anti-Social Behaviour

192. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Also have police officers working within the team to share information.

193. 9 ASB cases across the Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood areas which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.

194. 6 weekly partnership working meetings booking in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Morley North and South Housing Management Area Update

Staffing Changes

195. Darren Parker is the Housing Manager

196. Morley office has now merged with Middleton as part of covid-19 cost savings responsibility. This means I oversee two offices which previously had their own Housing Managers, and whilst this brings its own challenges, I'm delighted to say that both teams have really stepped up and are sharing knowledge and skills with their counterparts – which in turn is enhancing the quality of service we are able to provide.

197. Staffing wise we just have the one vacancy at Morley. This is a full time Housing Officer vacancy following the departure of Samantha Oldfield to the Retirement Life team. Work is being shared equally amongst the team until a replacement is recruited to the position.

Environmental Work

198. Social distancing has now ended so we can now return to the office at full capacity. However, we have taken stock of the lessons learned during Covid-19, and as we have proved we are able to deliver our service while working from home we have adopted a 'hybrid model' which sees a blend of working from home and the office. We are currently in the process of implementing this into our teams, with all staff having some level of office-based working depending on their role.
199. Our teams are out on the estates and our focus over the previous quarter has been preparing our estates for the spring. We place an emphasis on suppressing any issues before they arise whilst also dealing with existing issues before they get worse, and we have funded a number of local garden clearances from our environmental budget to assist those who are genuinely struggling to maintain their gardens and just need their slates wiping clean. For those cases we have been sure to implement regular support to prevent a recurrence of the issue.
200. Risk assessments for all housing management tasks are now in place – including a risk assessment for crossing the threshold and visiting a tenant, however this is only after all other contact methods have been exhausted. We continue to be sensible when carrying out our duties even after restrictions have been lifted, and whilst we are currently awaiting updated guidance on any changes to our operation delivery – we'll continue to do what has worked well for us so far.
201. Housing Officers are grouping estate visits together into one inspection and maximising what can be done in a single visit as opposed to multiple trips to the estate. This in addition to the quarterly Estate Walkabouts.

CX

202. Things are starting to settle a little with regards to our new back office system – but there are still some issues which are contributing to delays. By and large though, staff are getting used to the system which is enabling us to deal with enquiries faster.

Income

203. Performance information is now available, with Morley currently 6th in the city as of week 44 with an impressive 95.90% collection figure. Staff are continuing to identify our tenants who require additional financial report in order to maximise their income and ultimately prevent them from falling into debt. This quarter we have been pushing DHP (Discretionary Housing Payment) applications to supplement periods

of financial hardship, and have successfully claimed over £8000 in one off payments to address arrears. This is a fantastic achievement from the team and we'll continue to drive that support through for those households who need it the most.

Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee

TARA activities:

204. The OS Tenant Engagement Officer (TEO) is in contact with TARAs / Community Groups via email and phone calls. Two TARAs have held public meetings: Rothwell TARA continues to have public meetings and, after a break over Christmas their next meeting is Wed 2nd March. Winthorpe TARA (Ardsley and Robin Hood) has committee / planning meetings. Stanhope Gardens Community Centre CIO (Ardsley and Robin Hood) is still investigating public meetings. All OS TARAs had had their accounts audited by WYCAS. The TEO attends coffee mornings at Temple Lawn Community Centre on the John o' Gaunts estate in Rothwell from time to time.

HAP activities:

205. The TEO is currently working on 34 bids. There have been two OS HAP meetings in this reporting period Tuesdays 30th November 2021 and 15th February 2022.

206. At the OS HAP meeting on 30th November, the Housing Leeds' Performance report was provided by Darren Parker (Housing Manager for Morley and Middleton) and David Gold and Ashleigh Wilkinson, from LBS, gave the Responsive Repairs update.

207. The TEO reported that at the start of OS HAP meeting there was £28,152.10 remaining in the OS HAP budget.

208. The bids discussed at the meeting were:

- OS_19_2021: Lofthouse Foodbank (Ardsley and Robin Hood and further afield) bid for £500.00 requested. Bid funded in full
- OS_21_2122: The Grove Planters (Morley north) bid for £1,701.96 with £500.00 match funding from Morley north Cllrs. Bid funded in full
- OS_24_2122: Newlands Baby and Toddler Mats (Morley south) bid for £602.40 with £450 MICE money agreed. Bid funded in full
- OS_26_2122: OS Youth Service Plant It, Eat It (Morley north and south and Ardsley and Robin Hood) bid for £990.00 with £2,854.80 match funding in place. Bid funded in full
- OS_27_2122: OS Youth Service Windmill Youth Club (Rothwell) bid for £3,000.00 with £9,000.00 match funding. Bid funded in full but Cllr Chapman found a way for the centre to open without the need for the funding therefore saving the OS HAP £3,000.00
- OS_28_2122: MHA Rothwell Crafts and Arts bid (Rothwell and Ardsley and Robin Hood) for £639.80 with £339.80 match funding. Cllr Chapman funded the HAP element of this bid and saved the OS HAP £639.80

209. The TEO reported at the end of the meeting there was £22,867.74 remaining in the OS HAP budget following the decisions above and 2 delegated decisions for bids totalling £1,490.00 with match funding of £252.00 agreed before the meeting. These bids were:

- OS_18_2122: Newlands Biscuit Barrel Café (Morley south and further afield) for £500.00 with £37.00 match funding. Bid funded in full by delegated decision.
- OS_20_2122: Thorpe Foodbank (Ardsley and Robin Hood and further afield) for £990.00 requested with £215.00 match funding in place. Bid funded in full by delegated decision.

210. At the 15th February OS HAP meeting (re-scheduled from 25th January) there were 2 prospective Co-optee members attending as Observers – David Stones from the Rothwell Centre – Leeds City College - and Jayne Holland from MHA Communities Rothwell and District. The Housing Leeds Performance update was given by Ben Scholes (Housing Manager for Garforth and Rothwell)

211. The bids discussed at the meeting were:

- OS_32_2122: OS MEA Garden Maintenance Service (for all 4 wards) – for £5,184.00 with £29,816.00 match funding TBC. The panel funded this bid in full
- OS_33_2122: HRH The Queen’s Jubilee Street Party bid (activities based in Morley town centre but open to all wards) for £1,500.00 with £5,500.00 match funding in place. The panel funded this bid in full.
- OS_30_2122: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers Community Impact Activities (for all 4 wards) for £653.76 with MICE money of £150.00 agreed. The panel funded this bid in full.
- OS_34_2122: OS Foodbanks (for Morley north and south and Ardsley / Robin Hood) for £2,500.00 with match funding of £2,500.00 TBC. The panel funded this bid in full

212. The TEO reported at the end of the meeting there was £13,029.98 remaining in the OS HAP budget

213. Please see the charts below for more details of the OS HAP budget linked to the number of HAP bids per ward, the bids in relation to the four funding priorities and the amount allocated so far by the panel to the projects and the 4 funding themes as well as indicative match / joint funding figures:

Budget Summary Sheet 2021/22		Totals	2021/22 Budget Expenditure	HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed	Other funding contributions
Outer South									
Budget for 2021/22	£	34,209.73	64.34%	Environment & Housing	10	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
Carry Forward from 2020/21	£	2,329.87		Health & Well-being	16	9	£ 19,025.96	52.07%	£ 41,778.00
TOTAL 2021/22 BUDGET	£	36,539.60	% available	Community Safety	8	4	£ 4,483.66	12.27%	£ 5,692.30
Approved Budget Spend 2021/22	£	23,509.62	35.66%	Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
Available Budget (Balance)	£	13,029.98		Outer South Total	34	13	£ 23,509.62	64.34%	£ 47,470.30
Indicative contributions		£ 47,470.30		Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed	Other funding contributions
				ArdleyandRobinHood	3	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
				Rothwell	8	1	£ 1,650.00	4.52%	£ 2,310.00
				MorleyNorth	4	1	£ 1,701.96	4.66%	£ 500.00
				MorleySouth	8	2	£ 1,102.40	3.02%	£ 487.00
				MultipleOS	6	5	£ 9,480.00	25.94%	£ 6,469.80
				ALLIOS	5	4	£ 9,575.26	26.21%	£ 37,703.50
				Outer South Total	34	13	£ 23,509.62	64.34%	£ 47,470.30

214. The last OS HAP meeting this financial year is on Tuesday 29th March from 1:30pm to 2:45pm.

215. Collaborative working with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the OS HAP. This partnership continues to work well, ensuring tenants and residents benefit whilst making best use of available funds. The OS HAP and Community Committee look for best value for money as using money wisely remains central to benefit all OS communities. The TEO and Localities Officer are in regular contact regarding community activities.

Community Payback update:

216. Community Payback (CP) has limited capacity to undertake environmental activities due to Covid – at present 2 days a week to carry out tasks citywide. Nevertheless, officers continue to make referrals to CP and, as there is a back log of work, officers prioritise the referrals in terms of importance. A new organisation called Skill Mill (paid for by Mears as part of their Social Return on Investment programme) is able to carry out CP referrals. Housing Officers are making referrals to the Skill Mill team without the necessity of identifying venues for comfort breaks.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

218. 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

219. 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

220. 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

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

Risk Management

222. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

225. 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.