

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner West Community Committee
[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

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Inner 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

Updates by theme

Children and Young People: Champions Cllr Gruen & Cllr Heselwood

YAF Online Consultation

- 3.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.

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

Young People of Inner West Leeds, your Community Committee needs your help!

Do you live in Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, or Kirkstall?

Are you aged between 8 and 17?

Do you want a say on what youth activities your local Community Committee supports this coming year?

If so, use the link below, and fill in a 5 minute survey to let us know your thoughts!

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/OSCECI/>

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5. The survey link has also been shared with Youth Service contacts, school cluster groups, local youth groups, elected members, to maximize exposure and include as many young people as possible. 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.

6. 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 Inner West area. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and is initially planned to be open online until the end of March.

Employment & Skills: Champions Cllr Heselwood & Cllr McKenna

Universal Credit

7.The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit due to unemployment as of November 2021 in the Inner West Community Committee area is 5,523. This is an increase of 70% since March 2020, which is reflective across all wards due to the impact of Covid-19. There is a small decrease of 45 on the previous month.

8.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.

9.The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner 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%
Inner West	3,244	6.8%	5,568	11.5%	5,523	11.4%
Armley	1,547	9.1%	2,675	15.6%	2,672	15.5%
Bramley & Stanningley	952	6.5%	1,567	10.7%	1,562	10.7%
Kirkstall	745	4.6%	1,326	8.0%	1,289	7.8%

*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

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

Committee and Ward	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)
Inner West	1,024	873	283	255	253	502
Armley	512	373	135	113	97	204
Bramley & Stanningley	215	210	64	85	50	134
Kirkstall	297	290	84	57	106	164

Priority Neighbourhood	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)
Holdforth, Clyde Approach (Armley)	77	50	21	13	14	25

11. 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. During April – December 2021 9,387 people accessed the Service, 1,024 of whom were from the Inner West, an increase of 17% when compared to the same period last year. The service has supported 2,563 people into work, during April – December 2021, 283 of whom were residents from the Inner West, an increase of 11% 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. Between April – December 2021 the service has supported 2,397 people to improve their skills. From the Inner West, 253 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 50% when compared to the same period last year.

12. 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. 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 Hawksworths, Armley and City Centre Community Hubs. There is also a pop up Jobshop Thursdays at Bramley Community Hub, 9:00am– 5:00pm.

13. 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.

14. 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 Inner West, 35 courses, including Preparation for Work, Arts and Crafts and English are planned at 7 different venues.
15. 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.
16. 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 Inner West the courses are being delivered at the Armley Community Hub and for those unable to attend a new online course is available.
17. 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.
18. 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

19. 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.
20. A Christmas recruitment fair took place on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 held at the Engine Room at Leeds Bid, 265 people attended.

21. 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.
22. The service also 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

23. 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.
24. 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.
25. Jobsfairs were held in October and November 2021 at the Leeds Kirkgate Market with 45 Employers / Training Providers, 790 people attended.
26. 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.
27. 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.

28. 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.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr Ritchie

Armley

29. Has 31 active cases. Top 3 are noise (6), threats of or actual violence (5) and verbal abuse (4). There are 3 active hate crime cases, 2 of which are race related and 1 sexual orientation.

30. LASBT have recently obtained 3 closure orders on Paisley estate following high levels of ASB and crime. This has dramatically improved the situation however there are some new reports coming in of the younger previous tenants returning and causing ASB and damage. LASBT are currently looking into reports and will be tackling these accordingly.

31. LASBT are continuing to receive reports of ASB issues at the Burnsall's tower blocks, however evidence gathering is difficult due to reliability, accuracy and willingness of reports, this is making further enforcement options difficult however LASBT are still currently looking at what action can be taken.

32. On the Clyde estate in Armley, there has been a recent action day/door knock involving LASBT, housing and West Yorkshire Police. Residents were spoken to and letter drops left however none of these have been returned to date.

Bramley & Stanningley

33. Has 17 active cases. Top 3 are threats or actual violence (5), rowdy behaviour (4), hate crime (2). Of the 2 hate crimes, 1 is race related and the other disability related.

34. LASBT currently have several cases in the legal system including injunction orders and possession orders.

35. Injunction has recently been obtained in relation to hate crime and harassment.

36. Large group of youths (around 40) currently being focused by LASBT. This is following increasing reports of issues in and around the Bramley shopping centre in particular and the possession of dangerous bladed articles.

Kirkstall

37. Has 24 active cases. Top 3 are threats of or actual violence (6), drug/substance dealing/misuse (5), noise (4). There are currently 2 active hate crime cases, both race related.

38. The main theme across many of the cases is ASB linked to substance and/or mental health issues. In terms of legal action, we currently have 2 closure orders in place with a third application awaiting a hearing date. We have 6 possession cases awaiting hearing dates. We have also had a breach of a noise abatement notice this weekend so we're in the process of applying to the Courts for a warrant of entry so then we can enter the property in question & remove the items used to play the music.

39. Last month we were involved in an action day on the Lea Farm estate where some of our Officers joined Councillors & colleagues from Housing Leeds, West Yorkshire Police & other LCC services to door knock local residents to ask them about what issues they have within the area. The response from this was good & we've received some useful information on a couple of addresses that will help us in our work. As part of the action day we were able to share leaflets about our service along with our contact numbers so then residents know who to contact to report future issues.

40. We've also attended the Hawksworth Wood Forum in January from which we're now in contact with staff at a local Community HUB & discussions are under way to look at setting up an ASB surgery in the area where members of the community can call in to speak with our Officers.

West Yorkshire Police

41. Since the last Inner West Committee meeting, we were successful in obtaining some funding from the Violent Reduction Unit to tackle violent crime across the whole of Leeds West, which incorporates Inner. This has allowed us to provide additional resources to key areas to tackle violent crime and prevent offences. We have had some changes in staff for the Inner area, with PS Richard King taking over responsibility for the Bramley area and A/PS Sara Edkins covering the Kirkstall ward. Both these Sergeants have previous experience working within the Inner area and I am sure they will be great additions to the team.

Armley

42. Following a number of complaints from the community and an increase in criminal behaviour, we worked closely with partner agencies to tackle issues on Paisley Place, Armley. Working in partnership with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team we were successful in gaining full closure orders on three properties. We have also executed six warrants at properties across the area and located controlled drugs and offensive weapons. As a result, we have charged a number of people with a total of 17 offences and removed them from the area.

43. Elsewhere in the ward we have done some proactive work on the Clyde's and Holdforths and the youths causing ASB have been targeted. This has resulted in the arrest of three youths who have been charged with arson in relation to bin fires and placed on curfews. Further education work and incident management is underway with the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

44. We have also carried out a number of warrants elsewhere in the ward which has resulted in the recovery of drugs to the value of £250,000.

45. Vehicle operations have continued tackling criminals using the road network and anti-social driving. Five operations have been conducted this year on Stanningley Road, Canal Road and Town street, a number of arrests were made for drug driving and disqualified driving. The speed detection devices have also been used.

Bramley

46. In the build up to the Christmas period we saw an increase in Anti-social and criminal behaviour in and around the Bramley shopping centre area. Extra resources were deployed to the area, dispersal orders put in place and as a result a number of arrests were made for offences including Robbery, Criminal Damage and Assault. One of the main perpetrators was sentenced to a period in custody and we continue to work with partner agencies, including the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour and Housing to tackle the issue. This has had a positive impact on calls for service in the locality with a reduction in both reported incidents and crime. NPT have continued to implement dispersal orders where appropriate to deal with incidents of ASB and have provided daily reassurance patrols.

47. We continue to work with schools and residents in relation to traffic issues of mainly speeding and parking. Our community support officers regularly visit and liaise with their respective schools to address those issues and have issued penalty notices wherever appropriate. The SID has also been deployed in the areas identified from correspondence from both residents and elected members. A number of arrests have taken place for drink/drug driving.

Kirkstall

48.Over the last few months, we have had a number of incidents which have resulted in the recovery of stolen motorbikes and the arrest of offenders for vehicle related crime. We continue to work with the Off-Road Bike Team to target those using motorbikes across the ward and encourage people to report any information they have in relation to who is committing these types of offences. A number of warrants have been executed across the ward resulting in the seizure of a significant number of drugs and the prosecution of offenders.

49.We continue to carry out traffic relate operating to target speeding motorist, with focus been around Queenswood Drive, Kirkstall Road, Morris Lane resulting in several tickets getting issued. We have been working alongside Leeds City Council at the Leeds Rhino matches, looking at inconsiderate parking during match days. A large number of tickets have been issued and the partnership work will be ongoing throughout the rugby season.

Environment: Champions Cllr Illingworth & Cllr Smart

COVID-19 update

50.Since our last update in October 2021, we have had plan B implemented and the Omicron variant of COVID 19. We had many of our team members test positive which had an impact on our service. especially over the Christmas period.

51.Since my last update we have had 27 Cases in the West of the city and 13 in the Inner West Area. This meant staff self-isolating and a lack of resource on the ground.

52.Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team as with the council overall will be looking at updating our Risk Assessments and Safe Working Instructions to reflect the legislation.

General Staffing

53.The Inner West area continues to have 2 allocated Environmental Action Officers. David Fisher in Armley and Michelle Fisher in Bramley, Stanningley and Kirkstall. The Reduction in Officers in the Areas has been offset by Large/Serious fly tipping being dealt with by SECT and the enforcement work review. We have had some success re fly tipping, and we managed to secure a custodial sentence for a fly tipper that lives in Armley.

54.We are carrying one Vacancy of an Assistant Chargehand on Matt Hynams Shift in the Armley Area which is currently being matched in Redeployment – if we don't get a match it will go to advert and a Path Sweeper in the Bramley Area, this has been advertised and we will interview soon. Tracey Huegett is now our regular path sweeper Monday to Friday in the Armley Area.

55. We have a replacement Assistant Chargehand to work alongside Lee Greenwood in the Armley Ward. Her name is Julie Hughes, she has been in post for approximately three months and this is having a positive impact on the team and Armley.

56. We secured an additional Monday to Friday Operative Anton Plummer who started on the 8th of November 2021, he has fitted into the team well.

57. During the Covid period due to staffing pressures we changed from weekly maps to fortnightly maps however we have now returned to weekly which will have a positive impact on the area.

Enforcement

58. The New Serious Environmental Crime Team (SECT) is now operational, and his team will be focus on the large-scale Fly tipping and other environmental issue such as Waste Carriers

59. Overall, cases are still being delayed and are being referred to the nearest available Magistrates within the Yorkshire and Humber region however as outlined above we have had a number of successful prosecutions and as one was a custodial sentence This is still having an impact on attendance, and we have seen a rise in warrants being issued for failure to attend.

60. EAOs are continuing to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, please let me know if there are any cases where this is not the case.

61. David Fisher is continuing to work his way through the ownership of all the bin stores/yards in the area, this is a large undertaking, but we will be able to use this information moving forward and this will in the long term save time and resources. We are hoping for this to be completed by the financial year end

Community work

62. CNT continues to support the work that is carried out by volunteers in the area.

63. Bramley Care Bears carries out Garden Makeovers for vulnerable residents in the Bramley area. The Garden Make overs have not been happening over the winter period however I have spoken to Phil the gentleman who runs Bramley Care Bears, and they are hoping to start again in March/April weather dependent.

64. Since our last update we have had the following Action days/community events: -

65. We worked together with Safer Stronger Leeds, The Police, LASBT, Youth Service, Housing and Armley Hub with regard to Halloween and Bonfire Night. I am pleased to say that this went very well, and my team worked very closely with all the parties involved.

66. An action day was held on 17th of November 2021 on the Rossefiled Estate, led by Rachel Reeves MP's Office this was in conjunction with our partners which include Housing, the Police, LASBAT, Bramley Elderly Action, Bramley Care Bears and Local Councillor's Richie, Gruen and Heselwood.

67. A further action day was held on January 18th, 2022 on the Lea Farms in Kirkstall, this was led by Cllr Venner and was in conjunction with our partners outlined above.

68. A third action day was held on October 27th at Wortley Towers, led by Georgia Stephenson in conjunction with a number of parties including New Wortley Wombles, The Urban Task Force, Barca, Housing, LASBT

69. New Wortley Wombles have a community litter pick the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month which my team support.

Upcoming events include

70. Two further action days on the Braodlea Estate in Bramley – one in March and one in April

71. A 4-day Community Action event in Armley, we have pencilled in the 30th of March 2022 through to Saturday the 2nd of April 2022- we are meeting next week to firm things up.

72. All in all, we have an exciting few months ahead and we will continue to work closely with our partners across the board to provide the best service we can to the people within Inner west.

Service Changes

73. A Review into our Enforcement has already begun this will explore the work carried out by our Enforcement Officers. This is being carried out by Mark Dolman one of our Service Managers.

Health & Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr Cunningham

COVID-19 Update

74.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.

75.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/>

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

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

77.Lateral Flow Tests. Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Where to go for testing - NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (leedsccg.nhs.uk) The supply of these has now been restored to its previous levels meaning local residents should be able to access these tests easily.

Leeds City Council Contract Tracing Service

78.Leeds City Council Public Health commissioned third sector outreach teams contact residents who have not responded to a positive Covid-19 offering support and advice if a vulnerable citizen as well as free Covid-19 testing kits. The Kirkstall wards numbers have decreased where Armley, Bramley and Stanningley wards have increased. Ward figures can be dynamic. Below are the January 2022 new year figures.

Wards	Referrals
Armley	93
Bramley and Stanningley	72
Kirkstall	41

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

79.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 Armley, Bramley and Stanningley.

80.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.

81.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) 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.

82.The environment factors that influence that weight management are highly complex involving multiple components. Seven of the main factors are here. Societal Factors, Food Production, Food Consumption, Biology, Individual Psychology, Individual Activity, Activity Environment

83.Another perspective is to examine the Roots of Obesity to help our residents maintain a healthy weight and improve their quality of life.The roots of obesity run deep. Together we can create a healthier future. To have a real impact on obesity, we need to work together to address its many root causes throughout society. Simplifying the disease to any one cause may make treating it even harder. So, we must raise awareness and improve access to appropriate information and services.

84.BIOLOGY. The human body has in-built mechanisms to protect itself from starvation- this can make it hard to maintain weight loss. FOOD. Ultra-processed food, now seen across the globe, is contributing to the rapid rise in obesity. GENETIC RISK. Our genes account for somewhere between 40-70% of likelihood of developing obesity. HEALTHCARE ACCESS. Without access to trained healthcare professionals, most people who suffer from obesity won't reach and maintain a long-term weight goal. LIFE EVENTS. Prenatal life, early adulthood, illnesses, and medication can all influence weight gain. MARKETING. There is a complex relationship between food systems and health, with marketing of foodstuffs having a known link to obesity. MENTAL HEALTH. Symptoms of some mental health disorder, and their associated medications can lead to weight gain. SLEEP. Lack of sleep disturbs hormones which can affect your weight- as can high levels of stress. STIGMA. Weight discrimination and stigma can have significant consequences for somebody with obesity.

Pandemic

85.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. Covid-19 lock downs 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.

86.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?"

87. 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.
88. 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. With this in mind 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.
89. 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.
90. Local Community Asset Based interventions where local residents can have a say in the design.
91. 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.
92. 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.
93. We want to examine the food environment and where local families shop and support them to access affordable healthy food on a weekly basis.
94. 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. We would like to produce a ward directory GPs, Social Prescribers and Clinical Weight Management services can refer into. For more information, please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Updates from Key Services

Leeds Youth Service

- 95.The Inner West Youth Committee met with the Council's Intelligence and Policy Manger responsible for putting together the new Best City Ambition. Young people spoke about the things that are important to them, what they thought was important for the city and what they felt the priorities should be for the next 10 years. Parks, affordable housing, and the environment were highlighted as key areas.
- 96.Members of New Wortley Youth Club have been consulted as part of the proposed Armley Gyatory improvements and are looking forward to being involved in the planting scheme over the coming months.
- 97.Young people from the well-attended Friday evening youth club at West Leeds Activity Centre formed an interview panel for activity workers. They learnt new interviewing skills and came up with questions that they felt were important for the role.
- 98.The Tuesday Armley Basketball Session has become very popular with a wide range of young people attending. One year 7 girl from Dixons Academy has developed her interest so much that she now plays 4 times a week and has signed up for a club team.
- 99.The Health and Wellbeing Group at Dixons Academy has proved a big success in helping to support young people with their support needs following the pandemic. The Youth Service has been in discussions with the Bramley Cluster with the intention of offering a similar programme to Leeds West Academy in the Summer Term.
- 100.Young people with additional needs continue to benefit from the Bramley Youth Group on a Tuesday and the team continue to deliver street-based work with BARCA on a Thursday evening.
- 101.The Kirkstall mobile provision continues to attract many older teens who have sought advice and support around finding employment.
- 102.The Inner West Team continue to support the Saturday Motorbike Programme at West Leeds Activity Centre.

Leeds Watch - CCTV

- 103.The Leeds Watch 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.

104. There are currently 34 cameras where incidents have been captured in the Inner West area this quarter.

105. 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 – Inner West Cameras incidents (1st Oct - 31st December 2021)					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation				Alarm Activation	
Animals				Animals	
ASB	1			ASB	1
Cash In Transit				Cash In Transit	
Drugs				Drugs	
Enforcement	1			Enforcement	1
Fire				Fire	
Health & Safety				Health & Safety	
Police Operation			1	Police Operation	1
Public Order	2		1	Public Order	3
Road Traffic	1	1	3	Road Traffic	5
Sexual Offences				Sexual Offences	
Suspicious Events		1		Suspicious Events	1
Theft				Theft	
Travellers				Travellers	
Weather				Weather	
Metro				Metro	
Total Per Month	5	2	5	Total sum of incidents	12

106. 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 Inner West Area.

107. 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

108. 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.

109. 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.).

110. A dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council.

111. 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.

Town Centres Update

112. The Covid-19 warning signs (example here) went up in the area's district centres in December. A reappraisal is currently underway to see if they should be removed (in light of Government's announcement of an end to Covid-19 measures) or retain them (encouraging people to remain careful).



113. Since the last Inner West CC meeting, all businesses along Kirkstall Road from Queensbury Jewellers to The New George have been visited to see how they are doing and ensure they know to apply for grants they may be entitled to.

114. Similar visits have been held on Town Street Bramley visiting independents within the shopping centre and along the road to The Wine Shop. Now that the benches have been replaced, issues raised in Bramley shopping centre on the number of security guards has decreased yet businesses remain tied in to contracts increasingly difficult to pay in light of lower footfall. The NC Co-ordinator revisited independent businesses in the shopping centre in February and again discussed problems they were facing and agreed a more detailed meeting at the library would be helpful. The meeting took place on 23rd

February but no businesses attended and apologies were received in advance from one.

115. In Armley, regular visits take place to all shops along the street and on a weekly basis the NC Co-ordinator visits random businesses and welcomes new shops opening and speaks with agents about any closing and ambitions for new tenants.

116. Armley Action Team is playing an increasingly important role on the welfare of the street and linking with the Town Team and businesses to increasingly improve Town Street. Ambitions included in the previous Armley Action Plans such as the Street Wardens (in a new and improved version of Armley Ambassadors), creation of a stage for street performers, a Welcome to Armley sign in flowers echoing one undertaken by a local school in 2016, the street market etc are all now being realised and led by Armley Action Group. And the group is enabling so much more to also be achieved through their contacts and energy.

117. The former Baltic Supermarket on Branch Road (closed by Police after discovering a cannabis farm in 2021) has now been cleared and a new supermarket is currently moving in. A nail bar is opening in the former clothes shop beside Cash Convertors and a Wedding shop has opened in the former Corals Bookmaker. Fulton's letting to a new tenant is now confirmed and they are fitting out prior to opening. The small unit next door is being prepared for letting

118. The Howarth Foundation has left its shop and store at the Council's Gelder Rd shops and is investigating retaining its office to enable it to continue to help people get through addictions. Another voluntary organisation is discussing opening in the units and if this is successful it will be a major boost to the welfare of Town Street and business connectivity. Another welcome sign is that owners of the dilapidated former clinic seem to be preparing an improved proposal for the site.

119. A new 10 week Cook and Connect course for those with an interest in cooking and exploring food hygiene starts on Monday 7th March at the centre. The course will cover food theory and step by step cooking sessions with a tutor before sitting down together and eating the home cooked food.

Community Hubs and Libraries

120. An update will be provided at the next meeting

Priority neighbourhoods

Safer Cleaner Greener

121. The Safer Cleaner Greener subgroup met in January and members have collectively agreed priorities for 2022. Many successful partnership projects which started in 2021 will continue throughout 2022, such as the New Wortley Wombles group, who have developed and now have local residents regularly supporting. The group now meet on the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Over Christmas Jaley Fields was utilised by New Wortley Community Centre, who delivered Christmas themed activities for local primary school children. Usage of local green space continues to be a priority for the subgroup. A recent task and finish group has been formed to focus on key locations within the priority neighbourhood where residents are facing ASB, litter and fly tipping challenges. Some multi-agency and community action events are currently being finalised to support with these challenges.

Targeted Project with Young People

122. The Safer Stronger Communities Team and New Wortley Community Centre continue to work collaboratively with Youth Services, the Cluster and the Police to support young people vulnerable to child criminal exploitation within the New Wortley area. The project funded by the Violence Reduction Unit led by New Wortley Community Centre and delivered by St Giles Trust is coming to an end in March. We are currently therefore looking at next steps and building a project based on the learning, challenges and successes of the current project. Alongside this project St Giles and the Cluster have been working together to organise and deliver targeted sessions on grooming and county lines in schools within the ward.

Climate Tea Trolley

123. Climate Action Leeds is an ambitious five-year programme funded by The National Lottery Climate Action Fund. It provides a platform for people, organisations and communities to come together to take action on climate change, and the collective purpose is to help shape a Leeds which is zero carbon, nature friendly and socially just by the 2030s. As part of the project community hubs are being set up around Leeds, with the support of Climate Action Leeds partner Together For Peace. Armley has been chosen as one of the areas for a community hub, and residents are beginning to come together to start having conversations about climate change and how it intersects with local issues such as keeping warm, eating well and managing waste. Over the spring, Together for Peace will be supporting residents across Armley and New Wortley to form a local climate action group and start planning projects and design the Armley community hub together. Joy Justice is currently working in Armley/ New Wortley to bring people together around climate action, and will be at New Wortley Community Centre with the Climate Tea Trolley 1-2pm every Friday.

124. This month New Wortley Community Centre has launched its new Community Voice group. They are looking for local people to get involved in developing solutions to local issues with the support of the New Wortley Community Centre team and our wider

partners. The group will meet monthly (in different locations) and work in a pro-active, collaborative way, building on what is already great about our communities.

Housing Leeds

Estate Management and Walkabouts

125. Grass cutting is just restarting for the year and contractors are concluding begun winter works such as cutting back of bushes and dealing with overgrown areas. Especially at the beginning of the cutting programme the timing of one grass cut from the net can be influenced by factors such as the weather.

Block Inspection and High-Rise Feedback

126. Weekly block sweeps are carried out on all high-rise blocks. These inspections help look for things that will improve the block such as ordering repairs, removing items that have been left in communal areas, or identifying improvements that could be made.

127. Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a 'block champion', you can help in coming along and pointing out areas of concern, or sharing your ideas on how to improve your block. Please contact on 0113 378330, or via email on housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk if you are interested. Alternatively, you can talk to your local Housing Officer.

128. Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out now on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety checks.

Fire Safety

129. Housing Leeds receive daily stage 1 Fire Safety Reports from its cleaning contractors and action the recommendations in the report and log this on its computer system, in line with its Fire Safety Procedure. Housing Leeds also carry out monthly stage 2 fire safety checks and report all the findings and raise the necessary repairs as required.

Anti-Social Behaviour

130. The LEODIS team of police officers funded by Housing Leeds are working to address the recent issues of serious crime and ASB in and around Bramley Shopping Centre. 5 injunctions have recently been granted against some of the key perpetrators.

Good News Stories

Armley

131. Following my previous notification of the Poplar blocks being on the next phase of the Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP) installation. I'm happy to advise that this work has now started and the contractors are on site.

132. On the 7th January 2022 Housing, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire service, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, LASBT and partners from the New Wortley Community Centre undertook a joint intelligence gathering exercise. This was to help provide information to tackle ASB, Environmental issues and tackle the Fire youths who have been starting in the area. In total we managed to hand deliver over 600 questionnaires/letters to local residents.

133. An outcome of this is to undertake activities/actions over 4 days with the above partners to engage the local communities, tidy the area and tackle ASB. These 4 days will run on 30th March, 31st March, 1st April and 2nd April.

The breakdown is:

Wednesday 30th March 2022

10am-2pm, including:

CNT - 10.30am-2pm

NW Wombles – 11am-1pm

Urban Task Force (UTF) – 10am-2pm

Meet at NWCC -Community litter pick and environmental focus with key amnesty points for waste

CNT (2 vehicles and 4 staff), NW Wombles, Urban Task Force, Housing

Refreshments to follow litter pick

Advertise on poster and via identified channels. Ensure amnesty is advertised as 'on these days only'

Thursday 31st March 2022

4pm-6pm

Meet at NWCC and split areas out

Targeted door knock to engage with community

LASBT, NPT

Friday 1st April 2022

2pm-4pm

Event at NWCC -Engagement event at NWCC with a variety of stalls and activities, including:

NPT with van and mini uniforms for children

Financial support with variety of services and practical ideas on energy saving

NWCC Youth Board

Ping Pong Pete 3pm-4pm

Bike Register – bike tagging so if bikes are stolen and recovered police can connect them with owner

Fire Services TBC – fire engine and community engagement

Possibility of off road bike team from Police to ride around area

Possibility of additional stalls and Xplorer competition linked to Active Leeds

Advertise on poster and via identified channels

Saturday 2nd April 2022

11am-1pm

Meet at NWCC -Community litter pick with key amnesty points for waste

CNT (2 vehicles and 4 staff), NW Wombles

Community to identify locations of focus within NW

Refreshments to follow litter pick

Advertise on poster and via identified channels. Ensure amnesty is advertised as 'on these days only'

Bramley

134. New controlled entry doors have been fitted to flats on Ganners Way and Ganners Walk. An environmentally focused action day has been planned involving Councillors, partners and community groups for the Rossefields area on Wednesday 17th November 2021

Housing Advisory Panel

135.

Budget for 2021/22	£49,091.97
Carry forward from 2020/21	£28,892.49
Total 2021/22 budget	£77,984,46

Approved budget spend 2021/22	£39,306.51
Available budget	£38,677.95

HAP	Projects submitted	Projects approved	Amount committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	55	22	£39,306.51	50.40%

Bids approved since last update in November 2021

Address/Who	Scheme	Amount awarded by panel
Snowden Estate Barriers	To: install a chicane barrier at one access point to the estate to deter (and slow down) motorcycles and electric scooters and to install a drop-down bollard at another access point to prevent cars accessing the pedestrianised part of the estate.	£1,180

Ashlea Court – TV	To supply and install a TV on a wall bracket in the communal room of Ashlea Court.	£643.57
Stanningley Court – Compost Bin	To supply a compost bin for the residents who like to tend the gardens.	£108.98
Youth Services – Youth Cooking Project	To support a youth cooking programme to be delivered at West Leeds Activity Centre by Youth Services.	£450

Parks & Countryside

Armley Ward

136.Armley Park- New playground in construction and due to open shortly. All tennis courts cleaned and due to be painted in late April weather permitting.

Bramley Ward

137.Stanningley park - A boundary fence is being erected along with entrance controls, and it is anticipated that this will be finished in late April. Furthermore, the playground has been repainted.

138.Rodley Park – Dog control and management signage have been installed along with new inner bin liners on site.

139.Bramley park – A quotation for repainting the playground has been secured and it is anticipated that this will be carried complete in April. We have ordered new bin lids for the bins and will be fitting 2 new bins and repairing the fence.

140.Rossfield and St Peters & Pauls church – New bin fitted at each site.

141.Haley’s allotments –A new fence has been placed on order, once it arrives then it will be fitted it is anticipated that this will be completed by Spring.

Kirkstall

142.Kirkstall Valley Nature reserve- Commenced positive conversation with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust regarding ongoing/future relationship onsite.

143.Kirkstall Abbey- New site-based gardener appointed and due to start imminently.

Community Engagement: social media

144. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page & Covid-19 Facebook Groups.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

145. **Appendix 2** provides an update on the Queens Platinum Jubilee, In 2022 Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. As such there will be many events and activities celebrating the jubilee across the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and beyond, in the months leading up to the extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

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

Risk Management

6. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. 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.