

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

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

**Report author:** Localities Officer - Zahir Lunat

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for consideration

## **Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

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

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme**

#### **Environment: Councillor Mohammed Shahzad Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team**

3. CNT team have completed their De leafing schedule, the team are back concentrating on their core duties. They are currently working on a sweeping schedule which should utilise all the mechanical machinery that they have at their disposal.
4. As spring is under way, CNT will be looking at the ginnels in the wards to programme them in for cutting back. Councillors have requested before/after photos of fly-tipping that has been removed from areas so that work that is carried out by the team can be posted on various social media platforms.

## **Waste Services**

5. Covid 19 has seen a massive challenge for Waste Services in maintaining the service. Over the last 2 years they have seen Covid related staff absences effect the entire service delivery of 500000 collections per week. Recycling routes have been stood to ensure they collect household waste (black bins). Extra staffing resources from other departments and the use of agency staff was utilised to back fill the shortfall.
6. Waste Services staff have seen a higher level of parked vehicles and with the increase in people habits changing in working from home one of the biggest challenges in the inner-city area is lack of access into many streets due to parked vehicles. As in every situation they have put measures in place to collect as quickly as possible.
7. Waste Services provide an end of day report that is circulated to all local wards members where disruption in service has been encountered. In addition, this report plays a vital role in updating the customer should they make enquiry to the service centre.
8. A full-service review has recommenced where many changes in route rationalisation and increase in recycling collections is due to take place.

## **Children and Young People: Councillor Zara Hussain Youth Service**

9. Much of the focus in recent months has been on re-establishing the centre-based provisions. This includes sessions in youth club at Meanwood Community Centre on a Monday, Provisions at Prince Phillip Community Centre and Islamic Centre every Thursday. The Youth Service are really pleased to report that they have now been able to return to the Mandela Centre on Saturday and Sunday.
10. Through the centre based and detached provisions Youth Services have covered a number of issues-based topics such as sexual health, substance misuse and more recently they have run an extensive cooking programme to raise awareness of healthy eating. They have also been able to divert a number of young people who were engaging in anti-social behaviour in the local community to their regular centre-based provision.
11. Youth Workers have recently challenged a number of young people with respect to substance misuse and it has been great to see the impact of recent engagement on reducing this behaviour. Youth Workers are continuing with this work with both groups and individuals to ensure all their needs are met.

12. Mental Health and Wellbeing continue to be a prominent challenge for young people. Youth Service have ensured that this is therefore a key theme within all their programme planning and youth work delivery.
13. Youth Work Team continues to engage with a number of young people who are under the care of the local authority and as such they have supported young people with the associated challenges and behaviours.
14. The Wellbeing Packs (following support from the Inner North East HAP) were greatly received by young people who reported that they were a fantastic resource to support them in getting through the festive period (please see photo image below).



## Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

### Covid-19 Update

15. As infection rates gradually fall and numbers stabilise in some of the wards 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.

**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/>  
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus> How to stay safe in Leeds and advice on any support required can be found here.  
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Training for those delivering Healthy Cooking and Physical Activity Sessions

16. If local providers wish to run the courses on the above as we slowly emerge from the pandemic to support residents, then there is guidance and training available. These sessions are an interim measure until we can get back to full day face to face sessions. The session last for 90 mins and will be delivered via Teams.

The webinar will cover:

- Refresher on the Making Every Contact Count approach
- Eating Well Key Messages
- Moving More Key Messages
- Food Hygiene Key Messages

17. All sections will acknowledge the challenges people are facing during the pandemic. By the end of these sessions' participants should have an increase understanding of the principles of healthy eating, safe food practices and the importance of being physically activity.

18. For further details or to book a place please contact [Charlotte.Abbott2@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Abbott2@leeds.gov.uk)

19. The following **Want to Know More About** (WTKMA) sessions are planned for Spring WTKMA sessions are normally 45 – 90mins in duration and can cover any public health topic. The audience is wider workforce and delegates want to leave the session knowing a little more about the topic you're presenting on; what is happening to help people facing this issue; what *they* can do to help; and where they can signpost / refer people to who need support.

**Table 1 – Want to know more about sessions**

March	
Self-Injury Awareness Day	1st March

World Obesity Day	4 <sup>th</sup> March
International Women's Day	8th March
World Kidney Day	10th March
Brain Awareness Week	Mid-March
National No Smoking Day	10th March
World Sleep Day	Mid-March
International Day of Happiness	20th March
World Oral Health Day	20th March
World Down's Syndrome Day	21st March
World TB day	24th March
International Day of Trans Visibility	30th March
Salt Awareness Week	Late March
RoSPA Family Safety Week	Late March
April	
Stress Awareness Month	April
Bowel Cancer Awareness Month	April
World Autism Day	2nd April
World Health Day	7th April
Allergy Awareness Week	Late April
World Immunisation Week	Late April
MS Awareness Week	Late April
On Your Feet Britain	around 28th April
May	
Make May Purple Stroke Awareness Month	May
National Walking Month	May
Sun Awareness Week	Early May
Deaf Awareness Week	Early May
National Diabetes Prevention Week	around 10th-16th May

International Nurses Day	12th May
Dying Matter Week	around 10th-16th May
National Children's Day	16th May
Dementia Action Week	around 17th - 23rd May
Learning at Work Week	around 17th - 23rd May
Mental Health Awareness Week	around 10th - 16th May
Walk to School Week	around 16th-23rd May
National Bike Week	from 30th May
World No Tobacco Day	31st May

20. If you would like to know more, or would like to deliver a session please contact [Rebecca.Cumberworth@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Cumberworth@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique**

21. LASBAT 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. Currently 2 case officers are operating across the patch with one new starter as of Monday 7th March.

22. Cases opened in the last 3 months by ward and broad case type  
 Chapel Allerton = 10, of which Noise 1, ASB 8, Hate 1, Domestic Violence 0.  
 Moortown = 3, of which Noise 0, ASB 3, Hate 0, Domestic Violence 0.  
 Roundhay = 1, of which Noise 1, ASB 0, Hate 0, Domestic Violence 0.

Total = 14 cases opened.

23. Current active case load by ward

Chapel Allerton = 22  
 Moortown = 5  
 Roundhay = 2  
 Total active cases for Inner North East = 29

24. Recently an injunction application to combat youth nuisance was successful. LASBAT are dealing with a number of premises closure applications to combat drug cultivation and dealing.

## **Updates from Key Services**

### **Tenant Engagement Update**

#### **COVID-19**

25. While housing staff continue to emerge from the various lockdowns the way they are working has changed considerably. The Engagement Team will be starting to have 'team days' from 17<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Engagement / Involvement**

26. Continue to keep in regular contact with groups and involved residents in the area on at least a monthly basis. Still no commencement of meetings at Button Hill TARA.
27. Team Beckhill now have a new chair.
28. Continue to attend community cafes / community centres to pick up projects and ideas.
29. Currently working on a consultation / survey alongside Awahtag on performance / cost of heating flats in Potternewton Heights. Several residents have volunteered to host monitors and base stations to give data.

#### **Housing Office**

30. Walkabouts have now recommenced quarterly. All details are on leeds.gov.uk site. Staff absences at Moor Allerton Hub are inhibiting planning. Walkabouts are promoted through various social media platforms.

#### **Housing Advisory Panels**

31. INE HAP started the year in April with a budget of £34,039.11 (including a carry-over from last year of £4,302.11). In addition, a project from a couple of years ago, but not completed has been cancelled with the funding being returned to the budget (£3,016.00).
32. Spend up to and including meeting on 25 January 2022 - £26,640.40 leaving a usable budget of £10,414.49.
33. Following change of contractors for HAP projects all but one of projects is now with Wrightways. Completions expected by the end of March.
34. Latest project completion Beckhill Approach marking of car parking bays – 28 bays marked.
35. Potentially a minimum of three projects to go to the March HAP meeting.
36. Creation of 'Your Voice Leeds's section for HAP members to encourage discussions etc between members of different panels.
37. Still have vacancies for Housing Leeds residents on Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel.

## **Community Payback**

38. Community Payback have now started to remobilise. Currently only one team in place city-wide with plans to go back to three teams in the coming months.

## **Working In Partnership**

39. Regular conversations with Localities Officer on potential projects, bids. Continued work with community organisations – e.g., InterAct.

## **Parks & Greenspaces**

### **Woodland Creation**

40. 1,441 whips planted at Roundhay Park. Tree planting due to finish at the end of February after which plans will commence for planting in 2022/23.

41. Standards trees (around 6 feet) have been planted at Lincombe Drive (Roundhay), Scott Hall Recreation Ground and Potternewton Park (Chapel Allerton).

## **Parks and Green Space Strategy**

42. Approved by Executive Board in December 2021. Includes the following themes:

- a) Quality - Providing high quality parks and green spaces.
- b) Climate and biodiversity - Increasing wildlife and biodiversity and reducing the impact of climate change.
- c) Access for all – Ensuring that parks and green spaces are accessible to everyone.
- d) Culture - Providing exciting, diverse, interesting and enjoyable green spaces that reflect the history and
- e) culture of their local communities.
- f) Child-friendly - Providing green spaces that children and teenagers love to visit.
- g) Working with communities – Having a positive, open, helpful and collaborative approach to delivering the
- h) Parks and Countryside service.
- i) Financial sustainability - Ensuring that good quality public green space is available for the long term.
- j) Health and wellbeing – Providing a wide range of opportunities for people to get the health benefits of spending time in green spaces.

## **Streetscene Grounds Maintenance**

43. Grass cutting is due to commence on Monday 28th February – a soft start with premium grass a priority in sheltered housing. Hedge cut 1 will commence at the



same time prior to the bird nesting season. Relaxed mowing which commenced last year will remain in place with no extension to scope planned, with signage rolled out to support this.

44. Weed spraying will commence towards the end of May once weeds are active.

45. In general operations have experienced a 5 - 7% increase in sickness absence due to Covid.

### **Local Community Hub**

46. The Community Hubs, Libraries and Employment Support are operating in a fully face to face covid safe environment offering a warm welcome back to all stakeholders.

47. As covid restrictions have eased they have welcomed back partners into their Community Hubs and Libraries and have run a varied offer of events for the community as listed below: -

### **The Reginald Centre**

#### **Cancer Awareness pop up 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

48. Held in partnership with 'One You' Leeds held a pop-up event offering advice and awareness of cancers, the early warning signs and to speak to your GP if any should arise.

#### **Chapelton Winter Festival 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

49. The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library was a hive of activity for the Chapelton Winter Festival and Lights switch on event on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, attended by Councillors Dowson and Taylor. Hubs, libraries and local partner and arts organisations ran a range of activities and stalls, including face-painting, henna, an LED-circuit card workshop, pom-pom making, a puppet show and Santa's grotto, for an incredible turn-out of over 300 members of the community. It was fantastic to welcome families back into the Centre, and a great opportunity to promote wider services and the relaunch of Story and Rhyme.

#### **Police recruitment event Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

50. A recruitment event was held which included mounted section and forensic officer information for the community. Advice and assistance were offered around the police recruitment process which also linked into our employment support offer within the centre.

### **Story and Rhyme Time**

51. Story and rhyme time is weekly on Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am, a fun interactive session for families with children under 5 years old. This is also

followed on by a toy library session each week where toys are currently available for the children to play with on site.

### **Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library Cinema Club**

52. The first Family Film Club took place on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Spiderman: Into the Spider Verse was shown and very well attended. The film club is in partnership with Leeds Young Film and is facilitated by the Community Librarian Team. These are held the first Saturday of every month 11am – 1pm bookable via ticket source.

### **Hearing Aid Clinics**

53. Our hearing aid clinics are facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge. It's great to have this popular and vital service back in the Community Hub which runs every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month @1.30pm to 3pm.

### **Money Buddies**

54. Money Buddies Sessions every Monday 1-4pm. This is a drop-in service where customer can access financial and debt advice and receive representation on specific issues.

### **Story and Rhyme Time**

55. Every Tuesday at 10.30am – 11.30am is our Storytime and Rhyme time session run by our Customer Service Assistants which is proving to be very popular with over 50 attendees!

### **Chapel Allerton Library Story and Rhyme Time**

56. Our very popular story and rhyme time is held every Thursday at 10.30am – 11.30am its interactive for children under 5 years old.
57. Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods (FGVW) community photography exhibition (Nov - Jan), with launch talk featuring Cllr Dowson, FGVW and spoken work by members of the public. 25 attended. The programme of events included a wellbeing walk with around 30 participants from Chapel Allerton Library to Gledhow Valley Woods and back and a smartphone photography workshop attended by 8 participants.
58. At Christmas - a craft and stop-motion animation event run for children and families, called 12 Cones of Christmas.
59. Rita Morrison's author event was held on the 2nd February 2022, they had a great turnout of around 40 attendees - this was our first author event at the library post lockdown and it was fantastic to see such a good turnout!

## **Update from Senior Localities Officer**

60. The capital project to extend the BAME Health & Wellbeing Hub is almost complete. The final works have been delayed due to difficulty obtaining materials, so an opening event has now been delayed until after the election period to allow the work to be completed and in line with purdah restrictions. Plans are underway for an official opening by the Lord Mayor and Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors in May.
61. Work to return the Mandela Centre to community use has progressed and notice has now been given to decommission the Covid Testing Site which has been in operation in the building since the spring of 2020. Chapel Allerton Councillors have strongly advocated for the building to be re-opened to the community as soon as is practicable and it is now hope that the vital displaced community provision will be able to recommence in the coming weeks.

## **Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator**

### **Update From Businesses**

62. Small and medium sized businesses in Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay have been visited to see how they are getting on (footfall, sales, issues, hopes for future etc) and to ask for their email address so they will in future receive the weekly Updates on items of interest to independent businesses. (Examples of the latest Updates are attached.) Whilst central government has relaxed the rules on wearing a facemask etc, it has been decided to leave the advice signs up in district centres for the time-being on the basis that encouraging shoppers and staff to keep being careful will help reduce infection rates and give shoppers confidence to keep visiting the district centres.
63. As a result of reading about the national Love Your Local Shops Valentine's Day promotion, a Chapel Allerton business contacted the overseer to see how the shopping area could become involved in the event. A positive visit was held at Moortown and a business there is looking to launch a trader's group in the coming weeks.

### **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

64. 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. This report pulls together some helpful information about these celebrations, especially the ones that it is hoped will bring communities together, in particular:

- The Big Lunch: <https://www.thebiglunch.com/getyourpack>
- The Queen's Green Canopy: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons: Services 4 — The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2022 ([queensjubileebeacons.com](https://queensjubileebeacons.com))

65. Externally, more than £22 million of National Lottery funding is being made available to help communities across the country celebrate the Platinum Jubilee:

- The National Lottery Community Fund's Platinum Jubilee Fund will provide grants of up to £50,000 to 70 impactful community projects across the UK. In addition, grants of up to £10,000 from The National Lottery Awards For All programme will be available for community-led events throughout 2022.
- Arts Council England's Let's Create Jubilee Fund will support voluntary and community organisations in England to develop creative and cultural activities as part of Platinum Jubilee celebrations with grants of up to £10,000.
- The Arts Council has also announced £175,000 to help libraries celebrate. The funding will be distributed by Libraries Connected, and will provide £1,000 for each library service
- Throughout the year community organisations will also be able to apply for grants from the Arts Council's National Lottery Project Grants programme, which has been refreshed with new guidance to better support a broader range of ambitious cultural projects.
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund will support communities to take action to help natural green spaces flourish as a legacy of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Additional funding will create 70 paid placements for young people from under-served and disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Sport England's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund, which will open at the beginning of 2022, will focus on the role of sport and physical activity in tackling inequalities and building stronger communities.

66. The Communities Team are working with local ward members in the promotion of these celebrations and the funding opportunities that are available and offering support where Community Committees are seeking to allocate some wellbeing funds. They are also currently reaching out to partners and local voluntary and community groups through their local networks, partnerships and social media pages to promote these opportunities and support organisations in the planning and development of local activities.

67. We're aware that Community Committees will play a key role in this promotion, as well as supporting local communities where there are plans to be made for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. With this in mind the Communities Team have developed a Social Media Plan, including a Queens Platinum Jubilee poster, attached at appendix 4 to raise awareness of the celebratory weekend in June 2022.

## **The Big Jubilee Lunch**

68. The Big Jubilee Lunch has been chosen as the official community celebration for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. The Big Lunch is a chance to celebrate community connections and get to know one another a little better. The Big Lunch are working on free Big Lunch packs to help everyone celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with your community and neighbouring residents. For more information and your free pack visit [The Big Lunch | Eden Project Communities website](#).

## **Organising your own Street Party**

69. The government has published guidance including tips, advice and support on organising a street party and you can view the government guidance on organising a street party [here](#). Leeds City Council will be supporting the scheme and will administer the process, which will allow neighbours to formally close their street to through traffic to facilitate a Queens Jubilee Street Party Event. Information from Leeds City Council is available on the following link: [Play Streets \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#)
70. The government has also launched its new Platinum Jubilee website, including an interactive map which will display all the events and activities that will be taking place right across the UK. The map is open for anyone to add their events, and everyone is encouraged to upload any events and activities they may be planning to mark the Jubilee. To upload your event, go to: [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#).
71. The Council are also very keen to learn about all the various street parties and other celebratory events happening in Leeds to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you are planning an event, then please let us now by emailing [TROTEAM@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:TROTEAM@leeds.gov.uk).
72. Before proceeding with any street party, it's important that people review the information below that will explain what is permitted for a street party. Street parties are community events held in residential streets and are open solely to residents and surrounding neighbours.

The list below highlights the activities permitted for a street party.

- For residents and surrounding neighbours.
- Publicity only for residents.
- In a house or garden, local green space, or a quiet residential road.
- Providing your own food.
- No sale of alcohol.
- No live music.
- No entrance fees.
- Selling tickets for a raffle for a charity or good cause on the day and your prizes are less than £500.

Do I need a Road Closure Notification?

73. If you are holding your party on private land or off the road you will not need a Road Closure Notice. If you are holding your party in the street, you will need to seek permission to close the road for your event. If your event requires a possible road closure, please ensure you notify Leeds City Council at: TROTEAM@leeds.gov.uk no later than 15th April 2022 for the application to be administered and for Legal Orders to be processed in time.

74. The most suitable roads are quiet residential streets or cul-de-sacs where an easy alternative route for through traffic can be provided. It must be borne in mind that Leeds City Council reserves the right to decline applications based on highway safety concerns.

72. Please be aware that parents and adults are responsible for the safety and supervision of children playing out on the street during the street party. It should also be noted that all affected properties within the street party closure will need to support the event.

Do I need insurance?

73. Ordinarily simple street parties do not require insurance. However, this does not mean that people organising an event cannot be held legally responsible for property damage or injury at your street party and as a consequence it is still worth considering cover and liability insurance should be obtained.

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74. The Inner North East Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of report and offer any feedback or questions.

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

76. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **Council Policies and City Priorities**

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

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

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

78. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Conclusions**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

83. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.