

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.
3. To make nominations to each of the Inner West Community Committee Sub Groups for (2022/23).
4. To make nominations for Chairs of the Armley & Bramley Community Forums for (2022/23).

Main issues

Sub Group Nominations

5. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Inner West Community Committee Sub Groups for 2022/23. The 2021/22 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Children & Young People	3	Cllr Hannah Bithell & Cllr Caroline Gruen - Chair	Cllr Bithell & Cllr Gruen
Environment	3	Cllr John Illingworth & Cllr Alice Smart	Cllr Illingworth & Cllr Smart

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Armley	1	Cllr Jim McKenna
Bramley & Stanningley	1	Cllr Kevin Ritchie

Updates by theme:

Children and Young People: Champions TBC

7. The next Inner West Children and Young People Sub Group will take place on 13th July 2022 via Teams at 10am.
- On the agenda is updates from Barca & Youth Services regarding their Youth Work within Inner West.
 - Service update from the Head of Service for Children Looked After
 - Updates on the current Youth Activity Fund projects that have been funded through the IWCC YAF budget.

Inner West Youth Summit

8. The Inner West Youth Summit is booked for the 5th October to be held at the Banqueting Suite. An invite has gone out to all Inner West schools and a number of schools have already responded to book their place. The Communities Team will work with the Children's Champion to engage with the schools who haven't responded.

YAF Consultation Results

9. The Youth Activity Fund online consultation survey ran from November 2021 and stayed open until the 31st March 2022, where all feedback from young people was

collated and fed into the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Inner West Community Committee. The results will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend for 2022-23.

10. The Inner West Community Committee received 141 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey. The vast majority of these were completed online, however some of the survey responses were completed in paper format at the Breeze Summer Events.

11. In summary, the consultation surveys submitted by young people in the Inner West Community Committee area suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2022/23:

- Youth activities on offer in venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities delivered outdoors.
- Majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the evenings and on the weekend with some holiday camps.
- Ensure the activities are inclusive of friendship groups, have refreshments available and good quality staff.

Popular activities included;

1. Sports
2. Cooking
3. Arts & Crafts
4. Outdoor Adventures
5. Coding

Environment: Champion TBC

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

General Staffing

12. We are carrying one Vacancy of an Assistant Chargehand on Matt Hynam's Shift in the Armley Area, we are currently conducting interviews and we are hopeful that we will fill that post in the near future. The Inner West area continues to have 2 allocated Environmental Action Officers. David Fisher in Armley and Michelle Fisher in Bramley, Stanningley and Kirkstall.

Enforcement

13. Our Street Cleansing team and enforcement are currently working with our project team and general maintenance team on a project for the bin stores in Armley, beginning in "little Scotland". We have ascertained the ownership of every bin store within this small estate and we are going to focus on the most troublesome unregistered or LCC owned

stores to empty and then secure them in an aesthetically pleasing way. We are meeting again this week to iron out details.

14. We are also working with the businesses on Kirkstall Road that back on to Evaston Avenue. We have reported some of the flats our planning department as there appears to be more flats than permission and they are enforcing some of their regulations. We have also issued some notices to the businesses with regard to the disposal of their waste. We have cut back vegetation and cleaned the street several times. I will update when more progress has been made.
15. The New Serious Environmental Crime Team (SECT) are continuing to focus on the large-scale Fly tipping and other environmental issue such as Waste Carriers.
16. 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.
17. 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.

Community Work

18. CNT continues to support the work that is carried out by volunteers in the area. Bramley Care Bears carries out Garden Makeovers for the vulnerable resident in the Bramley. These makeovers have resumed, and we support that by collecting and disposing of the cuttings etc. 6 garden makeovers have been completed and a further 14 are on the schedule with a view to be completed over the next few weeks.
19. We are in currently in the middle of the Student Changeover and additional resource has been allocated to this.

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

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20. Action days on the Braodlea Estate in Bramley have been completed which were a great success, we worked partnership with various agencies which included our local councilors, Leeds Homes. LASBAT, Locality teams, the Police, and our local volunteer groups. These were carried out on the 8th of March and the 9th of April 2022
21. A 4-day Community Action event in Armley was completed from the 30th of March 2022 through to Saturday the 2nd of April 2022. There were two amnesty days on the Wednesday and the Saturday and worked with various partners which included New Wortley Community Centre, the local resident's association, the Police, the Fire Brigade, Locality teams, New Wortley Wombles. Leeds Homes and LASBAT.

22. We continue to support the New Wortley Wombles who have litter pick the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month.

Upcoming events include

23. We have an Action Day planned for the 28th of June 2022, this will be in the Woodbridges and the Queenswoods in Kirkstall. This is on partnership with our Local Councilors, Housing, The Police, LASBAT and various other agencies. We will provide amnesty for residents to have their waste etc. removed and an extra sweeping resource will be provided.

24. We are working on two further action days one on the Wyther Estate and one the Spens, we have not agreed the dates or details etc. I will update you as we progress.

25. 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:

26. A Review into our Enforcement is currently underway this will explore the work carried out by our Enforcement Officers. This is being carried out by Mark Dolman one of our Service Managers.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion TBC

27. An update was given from the Employment and Skills team at the March Community Committee meeting therefore the next update will be provided to the Inner West Community Committee meeting on 5th October 2022.

Community Safety: Champion TBC

West Yorkshire Police

Armley

28. Over the last few months, we have received reports of incidents around Canal Road and have increased our presence in the area. In May, a male was recently arrested and charged with a number of sexual offences and remanded into custody.

29. We continue to maintain a focus on Town Street, conducting daily patrol of the area and checking all the tower blocks. We have identified individuals in need of support and are working with partner agencies to ensure that this is put in place. We also continue to target street level drug dealing and have executed a number of warrants across the ward, resulting in the recovery of a quantity of drugs. We have also taken

positive action around commercial burglaries and have made a number of arrests, resulting in individuals getting convicted of the offences.

Bramley & Stanningley

30. We continue to receive reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity across the ward by a group of individuals and continue to tackle the issue at every available opportunity. A number of arrests have recently taken place for a wide range of offences including assault, robbery and theft. As a result of these arrests, two key individuals have been charged and are currently remanded in custody. We are working with partner agencies to take long term action against those offenders causing the most issues and have been successful in obtaining civil injunctions against them.
31. We are aware of complaints from across the ward in relation to parking, speeding and other traffic matters and this will continue to remain a priority. We will continue to work alongside the off-road bike team where possible to combat anti-social behaviour involving motorcycles, which remains a complaint from local residents. We continue to make a number of arrests around drink and drug driving offences promoting road safety in the locality.
32. We have also executed a number of drugs warrants and quantities of drugs both class A and B have been seized and offenders charged or under investigation, sending a positive message to others.

Kirkstall

33. In the build up to summer we have seen a slight increase in Anti-social behaviour and theft of motor vehicles (motorbikes) in and around the Cardigan fields area of the ward. Patrols have been directed to the area with partnership work on going with the local restaurants and the security of the complex which ensured that their property was kept as safe.
34. The ward area around Savins Mill has seen an increase in shop lifting offences, local officers were able to identify the person responsible for a large proportion of these offences. This person was arrested, charged, and received a custodial sentence. This has seen a reduction in theft offences within the complex. We will continue to work with partners to ensure that their businesses are protected.
35. Elsewhere in the ward we continue to disrupt offenders, several warrants have been executed and property seized resulting in positive outcomes whereby people have been dealt with for drug offences. Work continues around speeding in the ward with several tickets being issued to motorists found committing offences especially around the fatal four (no seatbelt, speeding, driving whilst distracted e.g., mobile phones, drink and drug driving)

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

Armley

36. There are currently 15 open cases with LASBT in the Armley ward covering a range of ASB issues, there are no concerning trends at this time. We have an upcoming trial in regards to a possession application for a tenant who has been found guilty of serious verbal abuse and threats towards council staff. We do continue to have some youth related ASB & crime in the area with work ongoing, some of these youths are involved in the serious ongoing issues in the Bramley area.

Action day operations will be carried out with partners during ASB awareness week w/c – 18th July

Bramley & Stanningley

37. There are currently 22 open cases with LASBT in the Bramley & Stanningley area covering a range of ASB issues however these are predominately related to youth ASB & Crime in the area. Operation Leodis (a team of police constables working closely with LASBT) are operating in the area. A number of injunctions have been obtained on youths in the area with a number of these been breached which are currently being followed up with breach applications to court. Very extensive work is being carried out by West Yorkshire Police, LASBT and other partners to tackle these issues.

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Kirkstall

38. At the moment we have 23 cases within the Kirkstall area covering a range of ASB issues. We have 3 ongoing possession cases & also 2 closure applications we're looking to proceed with. We've had a recent spike in complaints about youth related ASB (items being thrown &/or kicked at properties) around the Woodbridges so a letter drop/door knock has been done with colleagues from Kirkstall Housing to try & identify those involved. Last week we were involved in an action day with on the Iveson estate where some of our Officers joined 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. We will also be attending another action day planned for 28th June on the Queenswood's.

Champion Update

39. Old Quarry at Bramley Falls, near to Pollard Lane – issues with ASB, youths congregating, health and safety. Great partnership work, Police did a safety review with recommendations which has augmented Building Controls efforts to get the landowner to take action to make the site safe. We await their response.

40. The 2022 Water Safety Week ran from 18th to the 25th of June. The main goal of Water Safety Week is to teach people the necessary skills and knowledge that they need to be safe and have fun in the water. Chased up the none response from Canal & River Trust to the proposal for safety equipment at the Canal locks.
41. Report it – A reminder of the online reporting opportunity for non-emergencies and intelligence <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it> <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion TBC

Public Health

Ward based Weight Management Work / Living with Obesity

42. This work continues as slowly normality resumes after the Covid-19 government restrictions were lifted. The council, NHS, Public Health, and partners are now turning their attention to an issue which blights many local residents in wards across the city. Some projects are recommencing, and we are delighted to announce we have some new initiatives across the inner west wards. The pandemic has exasperated weight management issues for our local families when schools shut and lock down restrictions were enforced. The NHS UK costs attributable to obesity or being overweight are estimated to rise to 9.7 billion by 2050. It is estimated the NHS from 2014-2015 spent 6.1 billion on obesity related ill health. These figures are of course well before the Covid-19 government lockdown where people's activity levels were significantly reduced. Between 2019-2020 there were more than one million hospital admissions linked to obesity with all the associated staff and care costs that come with that. This figure was 17% up on the previous year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-obesity-and-the-food-environment/health-matters-obesity-and-the-food-environment--2>

Healthy Families-Grow and Cook Project

43. We have secured funding to run a pilot programme for local families to reconnect with where their food comes from and how to prepare it in an easy, quick, and affordable way using as little gas or electric as possible as the fuel poverty crisis impacts on local residents. The first pilot starts in Bramley on the 18th May and will be six weeks growing and then six weeks practical cookery at the Hollybush Conservation Centre culminating in a celebration event. This pilot starts in Bramley and is run By Barca and Hollybush TCV with a financial contribution by Full Circle Funerals. This course is fully subscribed.

Weight Management West Wards Directory

44. We have compiled a directory of the vast majority of physical and cooking activity in the wards which is either free or subsidised for local families. It is a comprehensive look at what is available locally. If you would like to receive a copy either sign up to the mailing lists of the Local Care Partnerships by contacting the team LCPDEVELOPMENT (LEEDS COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST) licht.lcpdevelopment@nhs.net or Jonathan.Hindley@yahoo.co.uk

National Walking Month: Book a free lunchtime walking tour

45. In the Armley ward there are a whole host of walking activities which aid weight management and improve mental and emotional health. For a walking timetable please contact; Peck, Karen Karen.Peck@leeds.gov.uk or Andrea Edwards Andrea.Edwards@newwortleycc.org

Health Inequalities Fund

46. A recent multiple ward application for funding for a trinity weight management project involving.

- **Recipe Station** - A mobile provision run by Barca dropped into local estates where families can pick up a bag of ingredients, a recipe card on how to cook them and additional support services around financial inclusion and fuel poverty. There are planned six accompanying 1-minute videos on social media on how to cook them.
- **Healthy Families Grow & Cook Project.** Described above.
- **Flourishing Families.** A nine-week cooking course run by a charitable organisation of the same name for families and young children to learn the production, assembly, and execution of affordable, basic and healthy dishes. Their project is currently running now on a local estate and if we are successful in our joint funding bid then we will roll it out across other estates.

For more information on any of these topics please contact. Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Updates from Key Services

Priority Neighbourhood Update

Armley Safety Planning

48. The Safer Stronger Communities Team have worked closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Team to organise and deliver a community safety planning workshop for Armley partners and services. This work aims to build on the very successful partnership approach to Bonfire Night in 2022, which resulted in a significant reduction

in calls to service. The workshop was very well attended with over 35 people from a large variety of services and organisations. The workshop focused on 3 key areas – Town Street, New Wortley and the Wythers. Collaborative work is now underway to develop the outputs from the workshop into a community safety plan which will have partnership working at the forefront.

Safer Cleaner Greener

49. Earlier this year, the Safer Cleaner Greener subgroup partnership planned a Spring Clean Community Action Week, which involved litter picking, waste amnesties, environmental action and a community information event. The efforts benefitted many residents, and overall, Cleaner Neighbourhoods collected a total of 24 full 7.5 tonne caged vehicle loads equating to 180 tonnes of waste. They also collected 160 bags of litter which had been filled by services, organisations, and the community. The subgroup had a further meeting in April, where the community action was discussed, and all members committed to further action which will take place at different points through the year.

Targeted Project with Young People

50. The Safer Stronger Communities Team and New Wortley Community Centre continue to work collaboratively with Youth Services, the Cluster and the Police to support vulnerable young people within New Wortley and the wider Armley ward. The Empower project funded by the Inner West Community Committee and managed and delivered by New Wortley Community Centre has now commenced. This project continues the targeted focus and centres around providing early intervention for those at risk of child criminal exploitation.

Parks & Countryside

Armley

51. Armley Park- New playground is completed and now open to the public (May 2022)

Bramley & Stanningley

52. Entrance improvements to Stanningley Park (to stop unauthorised vehicular access) are being undertaken. Surfacing works to improve the footpath under mobility gates are complete. A boundary fence is being erected along with entrance controls, the majority of the fencing is complete, the remaining work will be completed mid-July once the remaining barriers are installed.
53. The repainting of the playground at Bramley Park is complete and two new bins have been installed also. An additional item of play equipment has been ordered in memory of Rossi, the late ice cream van man.

54. Three new bin lids fitted at Bramley Fall.

55. The new fence at Hayleys allotments is now installed.

Kirkstall

56. Highland Lodge/Argie Ave has had 80m of steel mesh fencing repaired/replaced.

57. Kirkstall Abbey Estate has been submitted again for this year's national Green Flag Award. Results to be announced at the end of July. There is a new site-based gardener and apprentice has started work.

Town Centres Update

58. An update will be provided at the next Inner West Community Committee meeting on 5th October 2022.

Armley Forum

59. The Armley Forum last met on Tuesday 17th May @ Armley Community HUB.

- WY NPT were in attendance to give an update on local issues.
- Attendance is starting to increase, with many residents stating what they want from the forum meetings moving forward after some recent consultation.
- The next meeting is arranged for Tuesday 19th July, at the HUB with attendance from Planning, Highways, Housing and the Armley Action Team.

Bramley Forum

60. The next meeting is booked for Thursday 28th July @ Trinity Church. An invite will be sent to the mailing list shortly.

- After recent public consultation it has been decided that the meetings will now be quarterly rather than bi-monthly. With a new location more central to hopefully encourage more people to attend.
- On the agenda is Housing, Strategic Housing Strategy and the Illicit tobacco education officer.

Leeds Youth Service

61. Youth Workers ran a coconut shy as part of Hawksworth Wood Jubilee Street Party event on the 4th June. Young people loved taking part and for some it was the first time they had seen and eaten a coconut. The event included stalls, assault courses, arts and crafts, children's competitions, and a dog show.

62. Youth workers and young people from the Wythers Estate were celebrating after hearing the news that they had been successful in applying to the Housing Advisory Panel to run a 12-week cooking and baking course. The course will allow young people to learn about the importance of healthy eating and nutrition whilst developing their cooking knowledge and skills. The group are busy planning their summer residential to Carlton Lodge Activity Centre.
63. Members of New Wortley Youth Club have enjoyed taking part in a varied youth work programme with one of the sessions focusing on relationships, sexuality, and gender. These sessions focussed on self-concept, self-esteem, and equality whilst celebrating diversity. Young people spoke openly about their own identity and experiences and said they felt listened to and accepted. Work such as this will be ongoing as the Youth Service works towards the Cultural Cohesion Quality Mark.
64. The WNW Team works in partnership with BARCA-Leeds on a Thursday evening undertaking detached work identifying several young people who struggle at school, have been impacted by lockdown and are increasingly involved in ASB locally. Following a change in youth work contracts The Youth Service has increased provision in Bramley and now delivers 5 weekly sessions. The Inner West Gaming Group has proved a great additional offering young people a safe space to form new friendships whilst building their hobbies and interests in gaming.
65. The Youth Service has been focusing its efforts on the Hawksworth estate in the Kirkstall Ward working closely with partners to identify young people who might need extra support. The Thursday evening mobile session continues to be very popular and regularly attracts more than 20 young people each week. Older young people from the Hawksworth Wood Estate enjoyed a few informal sessions on life at school and college. Several of the group have applied for jobs and some have been successful in getting part-time work. Youth workers have recently supported one young lady, who has been attending since she was 13, to get a new job by providing her with references for the post within the NHS.
66. The Inner West Team continue to run an accredited Saturday Motorbike Programme at West Leeds Activity Centre.
67. The Tuesday Armley Basketball Session delivered in partnership with Lets Do More Basketball has maintained its popularity with a wide range of young people attending each week.

Community Hubs

68. An update will be provided at the next Inner West Community Committee meeting on 5th October 2022.

Housing Leeds

Walkabouts

69. Following a review of the estate walkabout procedure to seek and develop walkabouts as a more meaningful tenant engagement activity, and to help improve their value as an estate management tool. It has been proposed and agreed that walkabouts will reduce from one every quarter to twice a year. To advertise public walkabouts twice a year, to take place during April/May and September /October. This would be the minimum commitment of service by Housing Leeds but the amended service standard should have flexibility to be increased by local teams if they choose.
70. As highlighted by the Tenant Scrutiny Board, it is important that we do not have a 'one size fits all' approach. Across the city, we have a wide range of differing issues on estates with some areas presenting higher risk environmentally. As part of an amended procedure, Housing Managers should have the provision to risk assess their area with a needs led approach to increase the frequency of walkabouts beyond two. It is acknowledged that some areas may need more targeted intervention work and estate inspections and environmental work will be focussed outside of the walkabout procedure. For example, initiatives in Priority Neighbourhoods.
71. To ensure the estate walkabout programme is a positive tenant engagement activity as well as the ward member attendance and priorities that they have within the environment, Housing Managers will consult with elected members to affirm frequency of walkabouts in the ward. The above changes are very much in addition to day to day proactive housing and property management and estate management activity, where issues should be captured at the earliest opportunity and resolved through a partnership working based approach.

Weekly Block Sweeps

72. 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.
73. 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.
74. Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out now on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety checks.

Community Payback (CP)

75. Community Payback (CP) are committed to completing referred works but unfortunately they are still struggling to meet demand due to insufficient numbers of staff (they are recruiting) and covid restrictions that have not yet been eased within their service. If there's no break facility within 5 minutes' walk of the location of the referral, CP will not be able to complete the work until further notice. If the break facility is close by and is suitable, the larger referrals are more likely to be undertaken. CP anticipate that once

they are running at full staff capacity they will be able to action outstanding referrals more quickly and we can undertake a wider range of work with access to their mobile break facility.

Annual Tenancy Contact Update

76. It is acknowledged that due to workload pressures linked to UC, Cx and following the legacy left by C-19, resources are not available to visit every tenant this year. To make best use of resources and target the most vulnerable tenants or those likely to be experiencing difficulties managing their tenancy, we are proposing the following:

- All general needs tenants will be visited at least once every 3 years, on a 3 yearly rolling programme.
- Where tenants are identified as a priority for contact because they have not had an ATCI for some time or because of ongoing vulnerabilities they will be visited annually.
- For new tenancies the New Tenancy Visit will be completed in the first 28 days of tenancy and will also count as the ATCI within the first year.
- The visit form and questions remains the same as for 2021/22.
- Non-priority tenancies may be contacted more frequently than every 3 years by visit, telephone or online survey if we believe that contact is required as a result of a change in information being made available or where contact is needed with a specific block / area, e.g. linked to improvement works. Further small pilots of the online contact will run during 22/23 to refine the process / explore improved digital solutions.
- Retirement Life tenants will not be covered by the ATCI programme and instead key tenancy related questions will be included in the Support File Review which takes place every 6 months.

Anti-Social Behaviour

77. As we move to spring and summer, common trends tend to be noise/rowdy behaviour and will be the main complaint we have to combat during this period. Housing Leeds, LASBT and WYP are working together in this difficult time in many areas across Inner West in order to help tackle the crime related activity and ASB we are experiencing. Local teams are still working with LASBT and WYP. We are having regular community safety meetings, where we can share intel.

Good New Stories/Partnership working

Armley

78. District Heating (DH)/Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP). Following the last update, I can advise that the work in the Poplar Blocks are currently ongoing and with the work between Housing and local ward members, we have managed to get all the Burnsall blocks brought forward. They are due to start this calendar year with the first block being Burnsall Court to help with the cost of energy bills.

79. Bin store doors. We have successfully managed to secure funding for new metal roller shutter doors to all the problematic bin stores in the Armley Ward. This will help with waste collection and will greatly minimise rodent infestation in these locations.
80. Armley Safety Plan - The local Housing Manager and Team Leader recently attend a the Armley Safety Plan forum where all local partners who operate within Armley came together to discuss how we can work together to help improve Armley, make is safer and greener. The joint meeting was a great success and partners are now collating all this information and looking at how we can best work together.

Bramley & Stanningley

81. Following the internal 'reshuffle' of staff, Bramley Housing Office has seen some positive changes and new environmental projects identified. The Team have been considering HAP bids, to make positive changes to their new area and the wider community. Our first environmental action day will be on the Fairfield's in early July but the date is TBC. We aim for this to help tackle environmental issue's identified such as pests, fly tipping and clean up the area . We want to promote services available to help with families and individuals struggling following rise in living costs. We have been working closely with our partners such as LASBT and the police to take a joint approach to tackling issue's within the area.
82. Bramley Housing have been working closely with BARCA to promote services they run to help beat social isolation. BARCA have also secured a social worker for Bramley, who will be working closely with children suffering with mental health, via a referral from the GP. Bramley Housing will now attend the local LCP meetings to see how partners can work together better within the area.
83. The Leodis team are currently in the Bramley area dealing with the increased crime and ASB linked to youth's in and around the Bramley shopping centre. Team Leodis are working West Yorkshire Police and LASBT in dealing with these youths.

Kirkstall

84. We have negotiated temporary out of hours patrols to take place at Beevers Court and Norman Towers where we have had an increase in reported issues. The out of hours team will visit, assess the situation they encounter, deal with it if safe to do so and notify the Police immediately if they are unable to deal with themselves. It's hoped that this service will be available at two further high rise blocks shortly. We have met with local cleaning teams to address concerns regarding pigeon droppings on our open blocks and have negotiated thorough deep cleans of these areas and a commitment from the cleaning team that this type of mess will be removed daily with immediate effect. We continue to spot check all our blocks to ensure cleaning standards are being adhered to.

Inner West HAP update:

Budget for 2022/23	£49,127.70	
Carry Forward from 2021/22	£26,242.04	
TOTAL 2022/23 BUDGET	£75,369.74	

Approved Budget Spend 2022/23	£14,384.17	
Available Budget	£60,985.57	

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	21	8	£14,384.17	19.08%

85. Bids Approved since last update in February 2022

Address/Who	Scheme	Amount Awarded by HAP
B&S	Westover Green - Bollards	£480
Kirkstall	Kepstorn Close - Bridge access	£3,075.75
Armley	Youth Services Cooking	£450
Armley	NWCA Shop Steamer	£500
Kirkstall	Queenswood Road bin	£199.21
Kirkstall	Green Guardians	£7,000
Armley	AHH Fit Generation	£846.26

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

87. 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

88. 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

89. 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

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

Risk Management

91. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

94. 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.