

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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## **Outer West 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**

#### **Sub-group Update: Environment & Community Safety:**

3. The latest Outer West Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group took place via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 3rd August 2022. The meeting was attended by officers from Parks & Countryside, Housing, Gully Cleansing, and Refuse Collection.
4. Parks & Countryside provided the group with an update on the workstreams relating to parks in the Outer West area, and suggested that meetings are set up with members from each ward on the ground. Michelle Rushworth will liaise with members for this.
5. The Housing team updated sub-group members with an overview of their service workload, and advised that there were currently no major issues from an environmental perspective.

6. Refuse Collection advised Sub-group members of work being undertaken to review current collection routes in order to improve efficiency and reduce cases of missed bins.
7. Members raised concerns about lengthy delays in communication, and responses to emails relating to missed collections and wheel-outs not occurring.
8. Refuse updated that team structure is also being looked at to tackle this issue and improve communication response times.
9. The next Environment & Community Safety Sub-group is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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

10. We have again been successful in our application for funding from the Outer West Community Committee to assist in additional patrols to target anti-social behaviour and speeding across Outer West.
11. The below are the current priorities for the 3 wards, however these can be reviewed and altered if there is a wish from the local community:

#### **Pudsey**

12. Priorities for Pudsey Ward:

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

#### **Calverley & Farsley**

13. Priorities for Calverley & Farsley Ward:

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

## **Farnley & Wortley**

### 14. Priorities for Farnley & Wortley Ward:

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

15. Over the summer months we have seen call demand at higher levels than pre-COVID times, and this is likely to continue with the hot weather. We continue to act on community intelligence and have recently executed a number of warrants across the Outer West area, resulting in the recovery of a quantity of drugs and a Taser.

16. We have also worked with the Serious Environment crime team and assisted in a recent operation where stolen vehicles were recovered, including multiple plant equipment.

17. The nuisance use of quads and off-road bikes has seen an increase in calls for service and a number of seizures have taken place. Two bikes were received recovered in the Pudsey area after community intelligence was received from the public. We have also made arrests in relation to the theft of motor bikes and these investigations continue.

18. Our crime prevention work around bike marking continues and I encourage members of the public to get in touch if they want to bring their bike to be securely marked. This can be arranged by contacting the team by email - [outerwest@westyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:outerwest@westyorkshire.police.uk).

## **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team – Update from Sharron Almond (Area Manager)**

### **COVID-19 update**

19. Since the last report in May-June, West CNT have had 8 Staff who have tested positive and self-isolated. Annual leave and some general sickness and long-term sickness absences have affected some of the service delivery, we have also 2 ½ Monday to Friday vacancies to fill and we have covered where possible with staff from other areas and with Overtime.

### **General Staffing**

20. Unfortunately, we are short staffed this is due to 2 long term sickness and 2 ½ staff vacancies which we have put out to advert again, as in the last recruitment process there were no suitable candidates, we are currently covering the gaps with overtime as much as possible. And I have borrowed staff from other areas to also help. and I will deploy the staff and resources into the area to effectively deliver the best services we can. Our new Mon to Fri starter Andrew is now getting to grips with the area and is doing really well fitting into

the team. We now have Johanna our Environmental Enforcement Officer back with us and she has plenty to be getting going on with.

21. Jonathan Kenyon is still temporarily helping us out with the Bawns with the ongoing issues with waste in gardens, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, contaminated bins, missed refuse collections etc. and we have Dave Fisher helping us with support for our travellers site at Cottingley Springs.



**Gilpin St fly tipping**



**Tong Rd fly tipping**



**Mulberry St overgrown**

### Street Cleansing

22. We have also completed some large cutting jobs and fly tipping removals and replaced a number of damaged litter bins.



**Bin relocated to Sycamore Grove**



**Oldfield Lane crash Damage bin replaced**

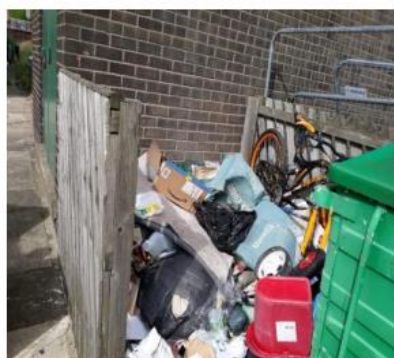


**Owlcotes Slip Road Clean June 2022**

### Enforcement

23. Our Enforcement Teams are not at full capacity and are short staffed this is due to one of the officers temporarily acting up to a Team Leader to cover Bramley-Armley Kirkstall wards, and we will still not be entering properties unless necessary.

24. Our Enforcement Officers are working to full capacity but are still managing to get to jobs despite the current workload pressures, we have also placed an advertisement out for a Street Warden type role to help with the evidence gathering and with the smaller jobs to help the officers focus on the larger referrals. I am still carrying a small case load myself to help them out as we are just so busy.



Rycroft towers Fly tipping



Roderick Street Fly tipping

25. We have already completed some traffic island cleaning, but we still have a few left to do which we will look to plan in and book the light road safety vehicle. We have done the layby on the Stanningley Bypass above and the Owlcotes slip road towards the garage (Photos under street cleansing) we will be planning the vegetation cut back later on this year, when it starts dying back so we can get a better cut back.

26. Service information:

- Stacey Rockcliffe leads the CNT Citywide. Stacey can be contacted on: [stacey.rockcliffe@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:stacey.rockcliffe@leeds.gov.uk) tele: 07562 439 539
- Victoria Whalley is the West Area Manager: Victoria can be contacted on: [victoria.whalley@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.whalley@leeds.gov.uk) tele: 07891 279 600.

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

### **Heatwave Plan**

27. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has released the heatwave plan for Summer 2022. The heatwave plan includes advice and resources for professionals such as the Beat the Heat checklist and social media assets which partners can use throughout summer and during heatwaves.

28. The plan also includes action tables that highlight roles and responsibilities for partners and stakeholders, depending on the level of alert. The plan offers advice for the NHS, local authorities, social care and other public agencies, professionals working with people at risk, local communities, and voluntary groups. LCC Public Health's Weather and Health Impact Group (WHIG) are adapting the heatwave plan to support local preparations during the

summer. The UKHSA plan and additional resources can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

### **Free therapy sessions for those who care for others**

29. There are six free therapy sessions on offer with the possibility of another six free sessions after consultation with the client and therapist if you are experiencing feelings that are difficult to cope with after caring for others during the Covid-19 epidemic. There is also an opportunity to have an initial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a counsellor if you are unsure. Here is a link to our at-a-glance page which contains links to all of our offers <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/get-support>

### **Everybody Can Weight Management Update**

30. For the time being, we are putting Every Body Can campaign on hold, as we are planning to evolve our brand to become a central point for all things to help residents of Leeds live a healthy life.

31. Going forward, we will be working with organisations across the city to ensure that 'Every Body Can' becomes your one stop information point for healthy living, including eating well, losing weight, moving more, and quitting smoking.

32. In the meantime, if you would like any information on healthier eating, lose weight, being active or quitting smoking please visit – Better Health – NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) or for local services to support you live a healthier life, go to One You Leeds | One You

### **Uptake of Long Covid-Support Services**

33. Work is currently underway to encourage local people across all Leeds city wards to understand and identify if present Long Covid-19 symptoms as appropriate and then seek help through their local GP service. Uptake is low within some of our wards which is nothing to be alarmed about as cases are proportionally low across the city. However, we would like any local residents who feel they may have symptoms to access the service. For more information, please contact the following Public Health Officers [Carl.Mackie@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Carl.Mackie@leeds.gov.uk) or [Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Covid-19 Support**

34. 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/>

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

35. The aim of the HAP panel is:

- To use HAP funds to support a range of community and environmental projects in line with the Council and local priorities.
- To work closely with local housing and other council teams to help review and monitor the delivery of local services and help shape services that meet local community needs.

36. The Outer West HAP is part of a wider Tenant Engagement Framework and one of the ways Housing Leeds involve tenants. Within the Regulatory Framework the 'Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard' requires all social housing providers give tenants a 'wide range of opportunities to influence ' and be 'involved in the formulation of their landlord's housing related policies', and the making of decisions about how housing related services are delivered'

### **Membership**

37. The panel has 7 tenant members with 4 tenant vacancies. Recruitment for panel members has been carried out via social media, flyers and word of mouth. There are 3 ward members representing each ward in the area these are Councillor Trish Smith (Pudsey), Councillor Andrew Carter (Calverley & Farsley) and Councillor David Blackburn (Farnley & Wortley).

### **HAP priorities**

38. The current HAP priorities are outlined in the 'plan on a page' below:

- To enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including those that address littering, dog fouling and overgrown shrubs & trees.
- To support projects that give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of health & wellbeing including mental health & social isolation.
- To support community cohesion projects and engagement projects that address social problems i.e. ASB, burglary, drugs and domestic violence
- To support projects that assist tenants affected by Universal Credit and other welfare reforms, budgeting, numeracy & literacy skills, jobs, and skills projects.

### **Outer West HAP funding spend for the year 2022 to 2023:**

39. The budget for 2022/23 is £37,192.46 plus the underspend of £162.44 from the previous year therefore total HAP budget for 2022/23 is £37,354.90.

40. Projects that were approved for this financial year 2022/23:

- Green guardian's scheme – gardening project for vulnerable tenant.
- Crimbles Court Retirement Life scheme TV & Bracket.
- Crimbles Court Retirement Life Queens Platinum Celebration event.
- Heights Garth – bin store

- Whincover Drive – Knee high fencing
- Platinum Jubilee event – Crimbles Court
- Your Back Yard – Cooking session Old Farnley Community Centre
- Greenside Retirement life – path and planters

41. The Outer West HAP will continue to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

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

42. The majority of walkabouts have been completed, due to a vacancy in the team there are some areas outstanding. This vacancy has recently been filled so we intend to do the walkabouts over the coming weeks.

43. No particularly large-scale environmental projects have been identified yet however we have been looking at work that is larger scale than what we might request from Cleaner Neighbourhoods. We have identified some work at Valley Road and in the Swinnow area which will improve the aesthetic of the area.

44. The team are working closely with our colleagues in Parks to identify any issues with the grass cutting contract, this also includes considering areas which for some reason may not be on the contract.

45. The ground source heat pump work at Rycroft Tower blocks is now almost complete. The uptake has been very high across the blocks. The team have worked hard to engage with residents who have not wanted to have the work done. Once the work is complete the team will ensure that the surrounding area is tidied up and made good.

46. A number of garage sites in Pudsey have had some improvement works done, this includes Rycroft Avenue, Rycroft Green and Tennyson Close. The work is almost complete on these sites. There is further work due to be done at the Rycroft Garages with some being demolished. We intend to use the renovated void garages at Rycroft Green and Avenue to move any garage tenants prior to demolition.

47. There has been some really positive work with the anti-social behaviour team recently. The team had a further training session on case management which they found very useful. Recently we have had reports of anti-social behaviour on the Westdales estate. A joint door knocking exercise has happened with LASBT, the police and the Housing Office. We managed to speak to a number of residents regarding the concerns they have, and any residents we were not able to speak to we left a letter explaining who to report what issues to and how to report them.



48. The annual tenancy check in (formerly called the Annual Tenancy Visit) are taking place, the team have visited a number of the priority tenants so far and finding it positive visiting tenants again after the pandemic. The team have managed to resolve several issues for tenants.

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

49. The Wortley Housing Team continue to work from home but are now remobilised meaning Housing Officers are out on the patches they manage on a weekly basis. Wortley /Pudsey Office has opened for staff to work from.

50. The ASB experienced in The Heights East and West remains under control. The Partial Exclusion Order has now expired. The Mobile ASB Patrols were moved to Gamble Hill Grange but have witnessed no issues, so they were removed. We can request they are returned if needed and if there are Mobile Patrols available.

51. Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as concerns relating to the environment, and doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted.

52. A recent Environmental Action Day took place on the 17 August. The Environmental Action Team collected a large van load of items and flyers promoting, amongst other services, Bulky Waste Collection to around 150 properties.

53. Flyers have been provided promoting the Mobile Community HUBs and several staff have looked inside the vans. Staff will enclose these in letters and email them to tenants and verbally promote this service. We have asked if the HUB can also be trialled at Farnley Community Centre - (Hillside). I await a response.

54. Quarter 1 has been completed and Housing Officers were reminded to feedback to Members and residents that attended of the Green guardian scheme with the focus being on Bawns & Heights Estate, but can also be used on other areas of Farnley & Wortley, if needed.

55. Skill Mill, a social enterprise providing entry level training and employment for young people by giving them the opportunity to work as part of a team and build up their life and work skills, have been suspended, but we continue to make referrals to Community Payback.

56. Block Sweeps and Block Inspections continue to take place with a weekly and monthly basis, respectively.

57. Whincover Drive Garage Site - the garages are now all in VOID, fenced off and secure.

58. Still awaiting sign off - Farrow Bank garages have also been submitted for demolition and are pending, Increased damage to garages and no waiting list. We have asked that the garage area is fenced off soonest due to ongoing vandalism to the garages

59. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes.

60. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East and The Heights West is pending. One SORN vehicle has been removed and we are taking legal advice on how to get the remaining vehicles removed.
61. Fly-tipping and side waste continues to be an ongoing issue on the Bawn Estate, and we are working with partners to resolve this issue.
62. A planned programme of footpath improvement is pending on the Bawn Estate. A site meeting took place with interested parties recently, led by Helen Taylor. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Service Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting the projects to HAP for consideration and we expect that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

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

### **Universal Credit**

63. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 3,145. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (90%), the number of claimants remains high and is slightly decreasing. There is a small decrease of 29 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month.

64. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	<b>Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs</b>							
	<b>March 2020</b>		<b>June 2020</b>		<b>May 2022</b>		<b>June 2022</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate*</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate*</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate*</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate*</b>
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	41,509	8.0%	41,548	8.0%
<b>Outer West</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	799	5.5%	668	4.6%	655	4.5%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	1,535	10.0%	1,535	10.0%	1,509	9.9%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,059	7.0%	971	6.4%	981	6.5%

*\*Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population*

### **Employment and Skills Services**

65. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	<b>Accessing Services</b>		<b>Into Work</b>		<b>Improved Skills</b>	
	<b>2020/21 (Apr - Mar)</b>	<b>2021/22 (Apr - Mar)</b>	<b>2020/21 (Apr - Mar)</b>	<b>2021/22 (Apr - Mar)</b>	<b>2020/21 (Apr - Mar)</b>	<b>2021/22 (Apr - Mar)</b>
<b>Outer West</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>192</b>
Calverley & Farsley	116	129	42	56	80	40
Farnley & Wortley	384	537	96	127	180	111
Pudsey	179	157	46	56	119	41

66. The Covid pandemic and restrictions have had an impact on both reporting years (2020/21 and 2021/22) making a comparison year on year very difficult. Even though there is some progress with engagement and access to programmes and activities it is still significantly less than pre Covid.
67. During April 2021 – March 2022
- 11,818 people accessed the Service, 823 of whom were from the Outer West.
  - Supported 3,473 people into work, 239 of whom were residents from the Outer West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport.
  - The service supported 2,485 people to improve their skills, 192 of whom were from the Outer West.
68. 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. 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.
69. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 10 Jobcentres Plus across the City. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include City Centre and Armley Community Hubs. There is also a pop up Jobshop at Pudsey Community Hub on Mondays, 9:00 to 5:00.
70. The Community Hub Mobile bus is running Monday-Friday the schedule stops includes:
- Mainline Social Club, Pudsey Road LS13 4LS, Monday 13:00 – 15:30 and Wednesday 9:30 – 12:00
  - Butterbowl Public House, Butterbowl Drive, Leeds LS12 5JQ Monday 9:30 – 12:00
  - The Hanover Arms Public House, 65 Lower Wortley Rd, Leeds LS12 4SL Wednesday 13:00 – 15:30
71. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobsfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts:
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>
  - Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>
  - Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>
72. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: Leeds City Council (govdelivery.com)

73. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
74. Future Talent Leeds is launching on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It is a website which brings businesses, education and skills providers and organisations together to strive for a city where everybody can thrive in a rapidly changing labour market. The website contains the Future Talent Plan, which sets out our ambitions for Leeds around supporting our people and businesses as well as aligning the city's education and training infrastructure. It displays the range of partners which have signed up to the plan, showing what organisations are doing to improve talent and skills in Leeds over the next few years. Organisations are encouraged to use the website to sign up to the plan and pledge their own actions which will be published alongside each other. Also available on the website is live news, case studies and resources for organisations to make use of. The website will be live from 8<sup>th</sup> September: <https://inclusivegrowthleeds.com/future-talent-plan>
75. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning 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.
76. Between September 2021 – July 2022, in the Outer West, 26 courses were delivered at 6 venues. 170 residents have completed a course. In addition, there were 149 courses delivered on-line, city wide. From September 2022, there will be a range of online and face to face courses available at community venues, for further information please use the course finder at Leeds Adult Learning.co.uk
77. Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For residents living in Outer West the courses are being delivered at the Armley Community Hub.
78. Developing You Learning Disabilities, a pre-employability programme between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response includes work readiness and health and wellbeing. The course is delivered face to face at Thackray Medical Museum.
79. Between April 2021 – March 2022, 256 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.

## **Health and Care Sector**

80. The Healthier Working Futures project that was funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund focused on unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) to raise awareness of the health and care pathway through engagement programmes and taster days delivered by 3rd sector organisations. This was a 6-month project that concluded at the end of June and engaged with 625 young people.

## Construction Sector

81. A new programme, Construction Ready aimed at getting people into opportunities in construction. The 10-day programme took place 4 - 15 July 2022 at Leeds City College Printworks campus. Planning is taking place for further programmes to be delivered.

## Hospitality Sector

82. The Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aims 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. Planning is taking place for a sixth cohort to be delivered 12 – 16 September 2022.

## Economies for Healthier Lives

83. The council was successful for applying for funding from the Health Foundation as part of their Economies for Healthier Lives programme, which has funded four places in the UK to undertake projects that can demonstrate how economic interventions can help to address health inequalities in disadvantaged communities. The Leeds project, Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Futures, aims to strengthen connections between the Leeds Inclusive Anchors Network of large civic institutions (including the council, NHS Trusts, universities and colleges, and utilities) and the city's most disadvantaged communities through economic measures such as quality jobs, skills development or the creation of new businesses.

## Events

84. **SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Next Choices** event took place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 23rd June 2022. This was the first time a city-wide event aimed at supporting young people who have special educational needs and disabilities has taken place. A total of 66 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and wider support and 1,800 young people attended.

85. **Jobsfair** took place on Thursday 18th August 2022 in the City Centre Community Hub. A range of vacancies and opportunities were promoted with Leeds City Council, the Army, Plusnet, Aspire Healthcare, and First Direct. Jobshop staff were in attendance to support people with CVs and job applications. Information was also available from training providers, such as Prince's Trust, Scope, Get Technology Together, and Jobcentre Plus for those wanting to improve their skills.

86. **Leeds Digital Careers Festival** a week-long festival and recruitment event will be held between 12 – 16 September 2022 and will be aimed at those new to the digital sector, eager to find a job or training opportunities in the wide range of digital technology organisations which the city has to offer. Roadshows with a range of workshops and sessions hosted by local employers and providers will be taking place in several locations across the city. An

event will also be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on 15th September 2022, to book please visit: [https://leeds digital careers festival 2022](https://leedsdigitalcareersfestival2022)

87. **Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** will take place 14-18 November 2022 which will showcase opportunities within the creative and culture sector, with the main event at the First Direct Arena on the 17th November 2022. The LCSF is aimed at young people aged 16-24 to encourage take up from school leavers and graduates to retain talent in the city. There will be a range of activities and events from educational engagement activities, visits and site tours, work experience opportunities to support to the sector on how to recruit a diverse workforce and Apprentices, information about self-employment and freelancing and Q&A panel session(s). A booking link will be published and promoted nearer the time.

## **CCTV – Q2 Update from Kelly Woods (Performance and Relationship Officer – Leedswatch)**

### **Introduction**

88. The Leedswatch service is currently undergoing a review which is looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room, effectiveness of its cameras.

89. 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.

90. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Outer West area committee area, for quarter 2. 2022/2023.

91. The Outer West Community Committee currently funds 11 cameras in the Outer West area, and 15 cameras were used to capture the incidents in Outer West area committee within this quarter.

### **GDPR – Information Sharing**

92. 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

<b>Qtr. 2 – Outer West Cameras incidents (21st May - 21st August 2022)</b>						
	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Total incidents per category</b>	
Alarm Activation			<b>1</b>		Alarm Activation	<b>1</b>
Animals		<b>2</b>			Animals	<b>2</b>
ASB			<b>3</b>		ASB	<b>3</b>
Cash in Transit					Cash in Transit	<b>0</b>
Drugs					Drugs	<b>0</b>
Enforcement					Enforcement	<b>0</b>
Fire				<b>1</b>	Fire	<b>1</b>
Health & Safety		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	Health & Safety	<b>4</b>
Police Operation		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		Police Operation	<b>4</b>
Public Order		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	Public Order	<b>5</b>
Road Traffic			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Road Traffic	<b>4</b>
Sexual Offences					Sexual Offences	<b>0</b>
Suspicious Events					Suspicious Events	<b>0</b>
Theft		<b>1</b>			Theft	<b>1</b>
Travellers					Travellers	<b>0</b>
Weather					Weather	<b>0</b>
Metro					Metro	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Per Month</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total sum of incidents</b>	<b>25</b>

93. CCTV also contributes towards police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed “real time”. These incidents are not included in this report but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Outer West Area.

94. 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

95. 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.

96. 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.).

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

98. The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

### **Updates from Key Services:**

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

99. We are pleased to be able to provide an update on events at Farnley Community Centre since our last report in June.

100. Many changes continue to occur at the community centre, including factors such as compliance & safety and the overall and general appearance of the centre. Events and activities have been held across the year, with more planned for the rest of the year.

101. One of the most significant achievements has been establishing Farnley & Wortley's only food bank provision.

102. Having been granted the sum of £3,968.94 from the Outer West Community Committee, work immediately commenced on purchasing the container, which has now been fully renovated and is operational as outlined in the application.

103. We are also pleased that we have established a partnership with the Trussell Trust and will operate the food bank through them commencing Wednesday, 7th September. The food bank will initially run weekly sessions from 12:00 – 14:00, and once established, the potential to expand into an additional session will be identified.

104. Volunteers have been sought; a cluster of them have since completed mandatory training on the 19th of August.

105. In the interim, a couple of open-door food bank sessions were operated by ourselves, giving out donations received from the community, which proved to be successful, albeit the sessions were only small with limited supplies. The sessions provided not only the means of access to emergency food provisions but access to literature and the services of Money Buddies.

106. IT equipment has now been set up at the centre to include full free public access Wi-Fi and a PC with internet access accessible to the public. It is further hoped that other resources and services can be added to the sessions.

107. We aim to make the community centre accessible to everyone and offer a wide variety of services and activities that are diverse. As such, we embarked on a weekend of fundraising, starting on 30th July with a Summer Event including a tabletop sale, inflatables, food, Hook



a Duck, Music etc. on 31st July, committee members Tara and Peter embarked on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge raising through sponsorship £368 and with the Summer Event proceeds raising just over £700 for the weekend.

108. This money has since been used in part to fund the purchase of our film screening licence, and we will in the near future, be running movie nights, which will operate as a pay-as-you-feel to help continue further support our community.
109. Although some months away, plans have already been discussed regarding our Halloween and Christmas events with some exciting ambitions being had.
110. Our working practice with the WNW Youth Service continues to flourish, and with solid numbers at both the Junior & Senior's Youth Group sessions, youth engagement has been positive; in addition, through discussions with WY Police, visits from the local PCSOs have been widely accepted by both the youth workers and the youths who are attending.
111. Although we still have some way to go to achieve our longer-term goals, we are incredibly proud of where we currently find ourselves and we have received proportionally large support from our community. We aim to continue further supporting and working within our community with some exciting and ambitious plans for the future.

### **Community Engagement: Social Media**

112. The ***Social Media Report Appendix*** provides the Committee with the latest information on digital posts relevant to the Committee area, and details an overview of recent social media activity for the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page.
113. The report covers the last 3 months 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of 1,431.

### **Community Engagement: Wortley Beck Flood Risk Consultation**

114. Leeds City Council is currently running an online consultation to seek input from local residents regarding reducing flood risks at Wortley Beck.
115. There have been frequent flooding events from Wortley Beck, with flooding of the outer ring road as recently as February 2022.
116. Residents from Farnley & Wortley, and Pudsey are encouraged to engage with the survey, to review proposed suggestions, and provide feedback on possible solution.
117. The survey is open until 16th September 2022, and can be accessed using the following link <https://orlo.uk/goJnp>

118. For further information on the consultation, please contact [Ian.McCall@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Ian.McCall@leeds.gov.uk) – Sr Flood Risk Management Senior Engineer

### **Community Engagement: Youth Engagement**

119. The Communities Team has already begun youth engagement work that will inform results and priorities for the financial year 2023-24.

120. Throughout the year, the aim is to engage with as many are young people aged 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.

121. In Outer West, the amount of responses increased significantly from 2021 to 2022, and the plan is to facilitate a similar increase again in 2023. This will provide the committee with a sizable and well represented dataset from which to establish priorities for funding.

122. The Outer West Localities Officer has created a 4-point approach to achieving this goal, which includes the following:

- Breeze events – engagement and youth activity
- Online Survey – replicating the previous year’s roll-out
- Approved YAF Projects – engagement at events
- Youth Summit

123. All Breeze events in Outer West were attended by the Localities Offices along with colleagues. High levels of engagement with young people was achieved at each day.

124. Preparations for the roll-out of the online survey are well underway, with a series of videos, promotional posters and mailers being organised for Outer West to promote the survey online and encourage responses throughout the financial year within our area.

125. The Outer West Youth Summit has now been scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The event will be held a Leeds Civic Hall and include democracy-based activities, quizzes, and a chance for young people to engage and influence the Youth Activity Fund.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

127. 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**

128. 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**

129. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

131. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

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

134. 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.