

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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To note

Inner West Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

Updates by theme

Children and Young People: Champions Cllr C Gruen

3. Amongst other things, the pandemic has provided us with an opportunity to reflect upon the Youth Summit model and consider how we adapt responses and approaches to meet the needs of our young people in our respective communities, as well as reviewing the aims and objectives for the Community Committee Youth Summits.
4. As the Government removed all remaining domestic restrictions in law from Thursday, 24th February 2022, we're aware that there was an appetite from schools/youth groups and Elected Members to reflect upon the Youth Summits and develop an approach for this municipal year.

5. Following meetings with officers from the Communities Team and the Voice & Influence Team, an approach was developed and agreed, with key aims/objectives/activities that demonstrated specific and measurable outcomes in relation to the Youth Summits and Youth Activity Fund consultation.
6. The Inner West Community Committee Youth Summit was held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at the Civic Hall, the first Youth Summit since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Children's Champion Councillor Gruen welcomed over 60 young people from local schools in the Inner West area.
7. Young people in attendance took part in multiple activities including a democracy workshop, a Q&A session with local Councillors (as well as the Lord Mayor), an interactive Youth Activity Funding budget game and a visit to the Chamber to see where democracy in Leeds took place.
8. Young people also took part on a quiz that demonstrated the historical importance of the Civic Hall and the Children's Champion explained how full council meetings operate and how members cast their votes. Each young person was then presented with a certificate and lunch was provided in the Rosebowl University canteen.
9. Feedback gathered from the event will be reported back to the Inner West Community Committee in a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report. This will aim to inform the Community Committee of the priorities for budget spend identified by young people in the Inner West Community Committee area and influence local decision making for the next financial year.

Children's Champion Cllr Gruen in the Council Chamber with young people



Lord Mayor Cllr Gettings in the Civic Hall Banqueting Suite with young people



Environment: Champions Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie

10. A verbal update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champions Cllr J McKenna & Cllr J Illingworth

11. Updates are provided twice a year, so information will be provided for the next Community Committee meeting in March 2023.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie

Leedswatch

12. The Leedswatch Service is currently undergoing a review which is looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room and effectiveness of its cameras. The review is also to include a reporting strand which will serve to agree the way forward to provide information regarding CCTV to Councillors and partners.

13. The information provided below covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Inner West Community Committee area, for quarter 3, 2022/2023.

14. 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 the information provided below may not have the level of detail previously reported but provides a summary of the types of incidents within the area.

Cameras in the Inner West

15. 26 cameras were used to capture incidents in the Inner West area this quarter.

Inner West Incidents (23rd September - 1st November 2022)			
	Sept	Oct	Total incidents per category
Alarm Activation			Alarm Activation
Animals			Animals
ASB		9	ASB
Cash In Transit			Cash In Transit
Drugs			Drugs
Enforcement		4	Enforcement
Fire		1	Fire
Health & Safety		2	Health & Safety
Police Operation	2	4	Police Operation
Public Order	1	6	Public Order
Road Traffic	2	6	Road Traffic
Sexual Offences			Sexual Offences
Suspicious Events		3	Suspicious Events
Theft		1	Theft
Travellers			Travellers
Weather			Weather
Metro			Metro
Total Per Month	5	36	Total sum of incidents

16. 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 but can contribute towards arrests being made.

17. 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 wards.

Requests for new Cameras

18. 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.

19. 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 and council vehicles fitted with CCTV).

20. As such a dedicated CCTV Compliance Team has been established within Leeds City Council. 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.

Anti Social Behaviour

Armley

21. There are currently 20 cases open, with 13 of those being managed at a LASBT level and 7 with Housing Leeds. Caseload in Armley is lower at the moment than is usually the case at this time of year. There are a variety of reasons for the open cases and there are not any known trends or issues in the Armley area at this time.

Bramley & Stanningley

22. There are currently 38 cases open, with 27 of those being managed at a LASBT level and 11 with Housing Leeds. Significant anti social behaviour and crime issues are still at the forefront of concerns for people in Bramley at this time.

23. A number of injunction orders are in place on youths involved in the behaviour, however, there have been a number of injunction breaches which have all been submitted to legal, with a number awaiting court dates.

Kirkstall

24. There are 21 cases within the Kirkstall area covering a range of anti social behaviour issues. There have been some positive results in the last quarter in relation to tackling this ASB, such as a 2 year suspended possession order on one property and a partial closure order at another property, which has now stopped all anti social behaviour at the address.

25. There have been a number of action days around the Queenswood's & the Spen areas, where some Officers joined colleagues from Housing Leeds, West Yorkshire Police & other Leeds City Council services to door knock local residents, to ask them about the issues they were experiencing.

26. An anti-social behaviour surgery ran at the Hawksworth HUB from July until September 2022, to try and encourage residents to report ASB issues in their area, or to seek advice from officers. These sessions were not well attended despite being well publicised (social media, local Councillors and posters in the HUB, as well as local high rise & low-rise flats in the area).

27. As a result of this the Anti Social Behaviour Team are looking at how they can engage with already established groups in the area, where officers can attend to speak with people about ASB. In addition to this, officers will be carrying out door knocks within the area, to see if they can engage with residents.

West Yorkshire Police

Armley

28. Partnership working and proactive initiatives have concluded around the Canal Road area after a rise in sexual offences over the summer period. As a results offences have

stopped and engagement from partners has seen a large reduction in people visiting the wooded areas.

29. Town Street has remained a focus and tackling street level drug dealing has been a priority with a number of arrests and drug seizures. Officers continue to conduct early morning tower block sweeps and are working closely with street outreach.

30. After a visual increase in rough sleeping, the Police are working in partnership with a number of third sector agencies to refer the vulnerable towards help, due to the current cost of living crisis.

31. After an increase in commercial burglaries a number of males have now been charged with the offences, which has resulted in a dramatic reduction.

Bramley & Stanningley

32. The Police have been working hard to tackle reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity across the ward. A number of arrests have been made for public order offences and repeat offenders have been put before the courts, or remain under investigation.

33. The Police have been successful in securing further anti-social behaviour injunctions, with powers of arrest to protect our communities. The positive action has seen a decrease in calls for service around the shopping centre and surrounding areas.

34. A recent spate of damages at a local church has also seen a person arrested and charged with an offence and since this, there has been no further reports of damage. A meeting will be arranged with the church and local Councillors to discuss how everyone can work together to prevent any further issues.

35. A number of action days have been completed with partner agencies to address local issues in the Bramley area, such as anti-social behaviour and traffic related matters. Leading up to and throughout the bonfire and festive period the Police will be concentrating on the areas with repeat calls for service and any identified vulnerabilities, providing a visible presence and reassurance.

Kirkstall

36. Over the last few weeks the Police have done some work to target issues with vehicle crime, particularly motorbikes and vans that have been targeted by offenders. They have offered crime prevention advice to members of the local community and have discussed with a number of residents the importance of securing their vehicles properly.

37. The Crime Reduction Officer has also created some documentation around security and ways to prevent theft of motor vehicles, which has been distributed to motorists throughout the ward.

38. 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, drink/drug driving). Again as the Christmas period approaches the Police are likely to see an increase in drink/drug drivers, so additional staff will be deployed throughout the Kirkstall area to prosecute those offenders.
39. Nuisance motor vehicles continue to be a priority (mainly motorbikes and quad bikes), so there is a planned operation with the Off-Road Motorbike Team in the next few weeks, to look at prosecuting those individuals who cause a nuisance to the community.
40. Shop lifting offences have reduced in the last few months, however the Police will continue to tackle this issue as they approach the festive period, which historically sees an increase in this type of crime.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr L Cunningham

COVID-19/Winter Vaccinations

41. Flu vaccinations are available each year through your GP Practice or local pharmacy, to help protect adults and children at risk from Flu and its complications. Flu vaccination is important because more people are likely to get Flu this winter as fewer people have built up natural immunity to it during the COVID-19 pandemic.
42. If you get Flu and COVID-19 at the same time, research shows that you're more likely to be seriously ill. Getting vaccinated against Flu and COVID-19 will provide protection for you and those around you for both these serious illnesses. If you've had COVID-19, it's safe to have the Flu vaccine.
43. This season a free Flu vaccination is offered to the following eligible groups:
- ✓ all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31st August 2022
 - ✓ all primary school aged children
 - ✓ secondary school aged children (years 7, 8 & 9 with any remaining vaccine being offered to years 10 & 11)
 - ✓ pregnant women
 - ✓ those aged 65 years+
 - ✓ those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups from mid October
 - ✓ those with clinical risks and in the older age groups
 - ✓ those in long stay residential care homes
 - ✓ close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
 - ✓ frontline health or social care workers and carers
44. This winter it is expected that many respiratory infections, including COVID-19 and Flu may be circulating at high levels. This may put increasing pressure on hospitals and other health care service. For these reasons, people aged 50 years and over, those in care homes and those aged 5 years and over in clinical risk groups are being offered an autumn booster of the COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments will be available from the

National Booking Service: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

45. If you have not yet had either of your first 2 doses of the vaccine (or a 3rd dose for those with a weakened immune system) you should have them as soon as possible. If you are eligible for the autumn booster but think you have missed a previous booster you should still go ahead, you will not need another dose. Further information can be found at: [A guide to the COVID-19 autumn booster - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

COVID-19 Toolkit

46. The COVID-19 Community Toolkit has been updated with new assets for social media. This will be kept updated as new information become available. You can access the content [here](#). Please feel free to share this with colleagues and partners who may find it useful.

47. Further COVID-19 information is available via the following links:

- ✓ General info about Covid-19 vaccines is available [here](#)
- ✓ Information on the Autumn booster programme is available [here](#)
- ✓ Further information including autumn booster FAQs is available [here](#)

Safe Sleeping for Babies this Winter

48. As the weather gets colder and with so many people worried about heating costs this winter, parents will be focused on keeping their family warm. When there's a baby in the family, it's important to take extra care. Wrapping babies up in warm clothes and duvets may seem like a good solution but when babies overheat, the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) increases. [The Lullaby Trust](#) offers lots of useful advice and tips for keeping babies warm and safe this winter.

Winter Friends Training & Looking out for others Initiative

49. In advance of the colder months [Winter Friends](#) will be launching again this winter. The Community Engagement Manager would love to attend some winter events, as this year, more than ever, the cost-of-living crisis means that so many people will be left isolated and vulnerable. Winter Friends would like to be there to help, so if you know of any winter/health/wellbeing/community-related events, or have any planned yourself, please keep them in mind and drop them a note. They can bring helpful resources and ['Okko' the Owl mascot](#) too.

Free therapy sessions for those who care for others

50. If you currently care for someone there are 6 free therapy sessions on offer, with the possibility of another 6 free sessions after consultation with a therapist, if you are finding it difficult to cope with caring for others after the COVID-19 pandemic. There is also an opportunity to have an initial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a Counsellor. Link provides really useful information on all current offers: <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/get-support>

51. The main Hub page is here: <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/> and this also hosts a short animated film that explains the Hub and the services it provides, however key messages are as follows:

- ✓ If you work in a health and care organisation, or care for others, have volunteered during the Covid-19 pandemic or work for a third sector organisation active and again looking after others during the coronavirus epidemic. in West Yorkshire and are experiencing feelings that are difficult to cope with, our mental health workers are here to support you now and find the extra help that is right for you.
- ✓ The service is completely free and confidential, wherever you work, and offers advice and support that can help with a range of issues. The Hub is for everyone, including volunteers.
- ✓ The staff support line operates every day, 8am-8pm and is staffed by trained listeners. Call free on 0808 196 3833.

Priority Neighbourhoods

Armley Local Care Partnership Cost of Living Working Group

52. As part of the wider work of the Armley Local Care Partnership, a working group has been formed to address the challenges faced by local communities in respect of the cost of living crisis. The working group brings together agencies, services, community and third sector organisations, to support partnership working and new initiatives that address cost of living pressures.

53. The group currently meets every two weeks and is exploring opportunities for community engagement, information sharing, collaborative working and funding bids. Despite the scale of the challenges facing communities, there is already a lot of great work going on to support people and this partnership will add further value by pooling resources, sharing expertise and targeting available funding where it is most needed.

Cost of Living Engagement Events

54. On Wednesday 26th October, the first of a number of planned engagement events took place in the New Wortley area of Armley. Led by colleagues in Housing Leeds, with support from the Communities Team and a wide range of partner services and organisations, the events are intended to provide outreach community engagement, where residents can seek support and advice on issues relating to the cost of living pressures many are currently experiencing.

55. Housing Leeds brought out their 'Hugo Bus' mobile office and officers were on hand to offer advice on everything from housing, benefits, employment, finances, food and energy costs. New Wortley Community Association supported the event by providing tea and coffee, hot soup and bread rolls, funded by the Local Care Partnership. Other partners who supported the event with attendance included Active Leeds, Public Health and Barca.

56. Three locations were used for the day starting with Clyde Court car park, then on to the area adjacent to the shops by New Wortley Community Centre and finally finishing on Armley Grove Place, near the junction with Butts Mount. Housing Leeds promoted the event through their channels and partner networks.

57. Feedback was positive but learning will be taken to further improve future events. Housing Leeds completed 22 successful home visits on the day where advice was given at the property and 14 customers came to the bus for advice and guidance.

58. It is hoped by being consistent and running more of these events in the Armley Ward that they will become more popular and reach even more people who need help and advice in these challenging times. The next event is planned for the Wyther's Estate on 23rd November 2022, with final details being drawn up by partners.

Cost of Living Engagement Event



Armley Forum

59. Armley Forum was held on Tuesday 27th September 2002, at Armley Community Hub, chaired by Cllr McKenna. A crime and community safety update was provided by the local PCSO, who provided local crime statistics. Questions were fielded regarding street drinking, anti-social driving, e-scooters and powered bikes, problem parking and speeding.

60. The Housing Manager provided an update on the work of Housing Leeds in the Armley Ward. Previous concerns raised in respect of cleaning and maintenance of the high rise blocks were addressed with information provided on various actions and changes that have been implemented. Further updates were provided on work to support tenants

with cost of living challenges, cold calling from disrepair companies, estate walkabouts and bonfire night partnership work.

61. LCC Housing Strategy & Investment provided an update on the ground source heat pump scheme being delivered to the Burnsall's high rise blocks. The scheme is part funded by the European Development Fund and will provide a more efficient, greener and less costly form of heating for the blocks. In order for the work to be undertaken, access to Armley Moor is required and Leeds City Council are liaising with Armley Common Rights Trust.

62. Armley Common Rights Trust provided an update on the role and work of the Trust. As well as providing further detail on the work relating to the ground source heat pump scheme, including assurances around how the moor will be repaired and improved following the work. There was also a briefing on the wider work of the Trust, other sites they are responsible for and the need for local people to get involved and support them.

Bonfire Night Diversionary Activities and Planning

63. West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Leeds City Council and community partners all came together to build on the successful partnership work undertaken in 2021, to address issues related to the Bonfire Night period.

64. Following the difficult decision to cancel the organised bonfires and firework displays in the city, Leeds City Council made funding available for diversionary activities, with £2000 set aside for each of the Inner West wards of Armley, Bramley & Stanningley and Kirkstall.

65. Community partners were invited to put in expressions of interest for funding to support diversionary activities and despite a tight timescale, a number of initiatives were able to be supported. Further information will be provided to the committee at a later date.

Leeds City Council Youth Service

66. LCC Youth Services put on Bonfire Safety Sessions, with fun activities for young people at New Wortley Community Centre/Broadlea Community Centre. The Armley/Bramley Youth Club and the Kirkstall Youth Club also ran bonfire themed youth sessions. In addition, stalls with information on bonfire safety and useful numbers for reporting anti-social behaviour issues were setup at Armley Community Hub, Bramley Shopping Centre and Hawksworth Wood Co-op.

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service/Leeds City Council Youth Service

67. The Youth Interventions Team at West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service specialise in delivering targeted interventions to young people most likely to use or instigate the use of blue light services at some point in their lives. Interventions are delivered by a team of experienced Youth Trainers and operational firefighters who aim to be a catalyst for change in the lives of young people. In addition to raising their current safety awareness, they also aim to develop social responsibility and skills for the future.

68. The Youth Interventions Team at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service were funded to deliver a Targeted Intervention Day as part of the diversionary activities which had been commissioned by Leeds City Council. Working in partnership with LCC Youth Services, 8 young people from the Inner West area were identified and supported to attend the event at Kirkstall Fire Station on Monday 24th October 2022.
69. The day was delivered to mitigate anti-social behaviour, disruption and criminality over the bonfire period. The session challenged young people to consider the effects of anti-social behaviour and playing with fireworks and fires during the bonfire night period.
70. Targeted Intervention Days are a combination of education relating to the issues young people or a community face. They are a high intensity experience for young people who are most at risk of becoming disengaged with education and society. The 5 hour practical session challenges young people's perceptions and asks them to take responsibility for their actions on specific risks or local issues.
71. The information session covered an introduction to West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, bonfire safety basics, fireworks facts and all aspects of ASB; how it affects people in the community and the impact on the firefighters when they are attacked or have to attend deliberate fires. The practical session involved wearing full firefighter PPE, learning the basic hose-running techniques, a few competitions to showcase the skills involved in hoses and then a final challenge to test their confidence and teamwork, by getting up the ladders to the top of the tower.
72. The outcome on the day was a change in attitudes towards the fireservice after working alongside active firefighters and staff from within the fire service. Every young person engaged well throughout the day and asked questions, gave their thoughts and experiences and talked through some of the issues around ASB. The information videos they were shown required instant feedback and thoughts, which they all offered willingly and showed surprise at the impact of fireworks/ASB on the fire service and the wider community.
73. At the start of the day, the age difference in the group was apparent with some friction between the two ages during activities. However, after lunch the older young people began mentoring the younger group in terms of their experience of ASB. This type of peer influence can be invaluable and may help the younger group think/act differently in the future. All partners felt this was a very successful initiative and funding permitting, is something that should be revisited in the future.

West Yorkshire Fire Service with young people



New Wortley Community Association

74. New Wortley Community Association ran a Community Bonfire Event & Table Top Cafe on Saturday 5th November 2022 from 11am - 1.30pm. This consisted of information stalls, activities, crafts, games and pie & peas. It was an opportunity for individuals and families, children and young people to come together.

75. The New Wortley Community Association Youth Board planned, developed and ran a bonfire information & craft stall, looking at the dangers around fireworks and what this means for local people, communities and services such as the Fire Service, the Police, the Ambulance Service and the National Health Service (hospitals). This included 'goody bags' filled with information leaflets, safe activities to do at home or outside, sweets, games and crafts.

76. These packs, bonfire discussions and activities were also given out at other events and formed part of New Wortley Community Association's detached Youth Café & Younger Youth Club Sessions in New Wortley and Armley.

Town Centres Update

77. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator continues to check on empty premises in Armley, Bramley and Kirkstall. Before Christmas, businesses on Kirkstall Road will be revisited to see how they are doing. At this point they will be added on to the email weekly distribution list for businesses that is full of really helpful and useful information.

78. Despite the growing cost of living crisis, the gap in footfall from 2019 across UK retail destinations continued to narrow in October 2022, which is a positive sign in what is clearly a challenging economic environment for retailing, UK data analysts Springboard reported today.

79. A new [report](#), "Lets Talk About Towns" has been produced, showing strengths and opportunities for town centres. Leeds contains 8 districts classified as towns; Garforth, Guiseley, Morley, Otley, Pudsey, Wetherby and Yeadon, however there are others with a significant numbers of shops including Armley, Cross Gates, Farsley, Harehills and Horsforth.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

80. Service has returned to normal following the pandemic and customers are now able to access all hub services in person, with a number of partners providing surgeries within the Community Hubs including Money Buddies, New Wortley Community Centre and Barca.

81. Community Hubs continue with regular events, hosting weekly story time and digital drop ins where the Librarians are on hand to provide advice and assistance on all things digital. The Community Hubs also have social zones where there is structured activity that takes place.

82. All Community Hubs and libraries are designated Warm Places and customers are welcome to use buildings throughout their opening hours as a place to keep warm, as well as being able to get free tea and coffee: [Warm Spaces \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/warm-spaces)

83. Much of the Community Hubs work is focused around the cost of living challenges and as such, they are hoping to do a cost of living event in the near future. At these events they will be inviting partners along to help customers that are struggling at the present time with the cost of living crisis. Jobs Fairs are also planned, with one taking place on the 1st November at Bramley Community Hub, with a future one planned for the 25th November at Armley Community Hub.

84. In December, Armley Community Hub will be one of the first sites to become a Wellbeing Hub, where space has been designated to work with the NHS to provide some of their services such as Maternity and 0 – 19 Children's Health.

Housing Leeds

Annual Tenancy Contact

85. Following the last update in July 2022, the new Annual Tenancy Contact process is going well within the Inner West area. Each team has seen some really positive engagement from residents who are clearly very happy to see Housing Leeds again, following COVID-19.

86. Housing Leeds Officers have picked up some important intervention from residents who have clearly struggled over this period. With some partnership working, Housing Leeds are well on their way in getting the right support in place for those individuals/families.

Walkabouts

87. Following a review of the estate walkabout procedure and to develop walkabouts as a more meaningful tenant engagement activity, Housing Leeds are now looking at virtual walkabouts for those resident/communities who can't always get out and about with Housing Officers. This will allow those residents to have a voice and highlight some of the issues/concerns they have. The virtual walkabout is facilitated by the Tenant Engagement Team and the local Housing Officer and is done through Your Voice Leeds.

Your Voice Leeds: 'Your Place' Environmental Reviews

88. One of the ambitions set out in Leeds Best Council Plan is for everyone in Leeds to "Live in good quality, affordable homes in clean and well cared for places". Your Place Environmental Reviews (YPER's) are a way for Housing Leeds to engage with tenants and residents about the environmental issues that matter to them; essentially an estate walkabout without having to arrange a time and place to meet.

89. Housing Leeds will be looking to explore this option in the new year and will liaise with residents closer to the time with dates and times. Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a 'block champion' for your high rise block walkabouts, you can help in coming along and pointing out areas of concern, or sharing ideas on how to improve your estate/block. If you are interested, please contact Housing Leeds on 0113 378330, or via email on housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can talk to your local Housing Officer.

Block Sweeps/Inspections

90. Weekly block sweeps continue to be 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. Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety checks.

Fire Safety

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

92. As we have moved into Autumn, Housing Leeds have seen a reduction in reported ASB to local teams. All teams within Inner West continue to work together with LASBT and West Yorkshire Police to help tackle and reduce crime related activity and anti-social behaviour. Residents are still encouraged to report all incidents by calling 0113 222 4402 (weekdays, 9am to 5pm, except Wednesdays from 10am); outside of office hours

(6pm – 3:30am and weekends call 0113 376 0337), or online. If you've been a victim of crime you should report this to the police on 101, or 999 if it's an emergency.

Area Updates/Good News Stories

Armley

- ✓ District Heating (DH)/Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP).
- ✓ Fully completed all 4 Poplar Blocks and moved onto Burnsall Court & Gardens and Wortley Heights & Towers.
- ✓ Successfully managed to secure funding for new metal roller shutter doors to all the problematic bin stores in the Armley Ward.
- ✓ Local Housing Manager and Team Leader attended Armley Safety Plan forum where all local partners came together to discuss how we they can work together to help improve Armley, make is safer and greener.
- ✓ Armley head its first cost of living event in the new Wortley area to help support tenants in financial hardship to maximise their income.
- ✓ New builds on Heights Lane have formally been handed over and all 12 plots have seen the new residents move in.
- ✓ Ongoing partnership working with Wortley Wombles and Urban Task Force continues to help clean up the area.
- ✓ Cleaner Neighbourhood Teams have been undertaking some intense work in the bin yards areas making sure these are clean and safe in and around the back-to-back properties in Armley.

Bramley

- ✓ Action day completed with several partners on the Snowden estate to help tackle ASB in the area.
- ✓ Partnership working with several external services including, Yorkshire water, Money Buddies, and Green Doctors to ensure residents are given financial support needed within community.
- ✓ Partnership working with Highways to improve quality of the pathways within the Snowden's.
- ✓ Walkabout completed with Continental to agree large scale winter works to the Church Hills to help improve the area.
- ✓ Ongoing training for all staff to help improve the level of service provided for customers.
- ✓ Free school library approved at Housing Advisory Panel to be installed outside of a local school in Bramley to help promote reading amongst the community.

Kirkstall

- ✓ Sprinkler systems installed to Queenswood Heights high rise.
- ✓ Community Payback Team cut back hedging on Spen Estate.
- ✓ New starters recruited; 3 new Housing Officers in post.
- ✓ Housing Income Officer supporting tenants in financial hardship to maximise their income, tapping into food parcels and fuel vouchers.
- ✓ Partnership working with GM Contracts to remap area for weed spraying.

Inner West Housing Advisory Panel

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 22/23	£36,730.43
Available Budget	£38,369.31

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount committed by Panel	% Committed
Inner West Total	40	22	£36,730.43	48.73%

Community Engagement: Social Media

93. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook Page.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

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

Council Polices and City Priorities

3. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
 1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
 2. Best City Plan
 3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 4. Children and Young People’s Plan
 5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

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

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.