

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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for consideration

Inner North East 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 Families - Councillor Zara Hussain

Youth Service

3. Staff from the Youth Services team have been actively engaging with young people during the Halloween/Bonfire night period about how to keep themselves safe and steer away from ASB activities. Additional support has been provided by the Neighbourhood Policing Team who were carrying out extra patrols in areas that have had an increase in ASB in the past during these busy periods.
4. Youth services will be attending the INE Youth Summit, and they will have a stall there to promote their youth club activities/provision.
5. All the core youth club sessions are taking place across the 3 wards.

6. The Inner North East Youth Summit took place on Thursday 17th November at the Civic Hall in Leeds. It was well attended by 60 children from 5 primary and 2 secondary schools in the Inner North East area.
7. The inspiring event engaged with local schools to support their pupils to attend the event as representatives of children and young people in their area, a lot of the pupils were on their own school councils. Pupils learnt about local democracy and council services through a presentation led by the Voice and Influence Team, as well as learning about previously funded youth activities and have a say on what activities they would like to see funded in their local area in the future. The young people also had the opportunity to ask the Lord Mayor and the ward councillors various questions about their respective roles and on local and national issues of importance to them.







**Environment: Councillor Jordan Bowden
Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team**

8. De leafing has started and the team have a schedule for the streets/roads that will need to be focused on. Ward members are encouraged to go through the usual reporting channels so that any referrals can be raised and actioned.
9. Ongoing issues with housing land located between 27/29 Reginald Street, awaiting housing to authorise new fencing to be erected to prevent any future issues.
10. Back Newton Groves issues have now been resolved with the owner and there will be on going monitoring.
11. CNT have extra resources across the City for Cover over the Bonfire Period, all contact numbers have been distributed to the police and other partners as required.

Enforcement

12. CNT has had great success with a vacant property on Stainbeck Lane whereby the owner has now agreed to sell the property with an auction house and all legal papers have been signed.
13. CNT have additional capacity to focus on Enforcement work as they have had a new member join their team recently.

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

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WINTER FRIENDS SCHEME TO BE LAUNCH TO STAY SAFE DURING THE WINTER

14. Winter Friend scheme recruits' volunteers who are friendly and helpful member of the community who assist the elderly or the most vulnerable with day-to-day tasks from gritting a neighbour's path when it gets icy to sharing local knowledge or a warming winter recipe! They are thoughtful and approachable volunteers – sensing when someone needs a bit of support and offering a hand without expecting anything in return.

Cost of Living Workshop

15. The INE Community Committee held a cost of living workshop for staff/volunteers who work in the third sector at the Polish Centre, Chapeltown on Monday 4th October. It was well attended by 20 people and guest speakers came from Money Buddies, Citizen Advice Bureau, Clinical Commissioning Group, Give a Gift (local charity) and Fareshare.





FREE THERAPY SESSIONS FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS.

16. 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 feeling 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>

17. The main Hub page is here <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/> - this also hosts a little animation which explains the Hub.

18. The key messages are these:

- 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.
- You can self-refer for one-to-one therapy. Referrals are actioned within one working day and a first appointment will be offered for within a week. This is their self-referral page <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

19. LASBAT currently has 24 active cases across the Inner North East area. No real trends in terms of case type nor location.

20. New cases opened in the last 3 months

Chapel Allerton – 5 cases of which 4 x ASB, 1 x Hate.

Moortown – 1 case of Noise Nuisance

21. LASBT took part in the Police Control HUB set up at the Reginald Centre over the Bank Holiday/Carnival Weekend.
22. Zermatt Street - noise seizure and impending prosecution of the tenant of the Together Housing property.
23. Sackville Street - inspected a set of 4 properties with the Rogue Landlord Unit that had previously been used for cannabis cultivation to confirm they were being brought back to use as decent housing.
24. Potternewton Heights - An injunction against a tenant has been postponed for now due to some excellent joined up working with Adult Social Care arranging for carers to see the tenant on a more regular basis which is having a positive effect on behaviours and vastly reducing complaints of ASB.

Updates from Key Services

Tenant Engagement Update COVID-19.

Engagement / Involvement

25. Still no meeting commencement date for Button Hill TRA though in contact with Chair.
26. While numbers of formal groups are low in the area the tenant engagement officer continue to work with the numerous local community groups and organisations.
27. On-line walkabouts now agreed with Housing Managers. One will be carried out in each HAP area per quarter. Currently talking to office about which areas to prioritise. Once it has gone live information will be passed on to Councillors.

Housing Advisory Panels

28. INE HAP started the year in April with a budget of £30,761.85 (including a carry-over from last year of £1,026.89).
29. Spend up to and including meeting of 7 November 2022 - £18,908.26 (61.47%)
30. Recent approvals included:
 - a. Contribution to upgrade of Norma Hutchinson Park,
 - b. Part funding of INE Thank You Event,
 - c. Stonehill's - installation of barrier to prevent unauthorised access.
31. Still have vacancies for Housing Leeds residents on Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel.

Community Payback / Green Guardians

32. Community Payback – No additional contract with Housing though some work still being completed. Working on backlog of projects.

33. Green Guardians is a project set up by Groundwork Leeds to assist vulnerable residents with overgrown gardens. The project ended at the end of September. INE area did get the referrals required. They currently await the final report.

Working In Partnership

34. Regular conversations with Localities Officers in both areas on potential projects, bids etc.

35. Continued work with community organisations – e.g., InterAct, BCA etc

36. Worked/attended a number of community events through the summer including Chapel Allerton Festival, Meanwood Olympics and Roundhay Park celebrations.

37. Continue to assist groups identifying funding opportunities through Funding Leeds.

The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library

Weekly sessions

Ongoing Project Work

38. Leeds City Council welcome hub for Ukrainian arrivals to Leeds. Working collaboratively with internal and external key stakeholders to offer a warm welcome to Ukrainian refugee arrivals.

August to October 2022

39. 2nd Aug – Police Jobs recruitment fair

40. 13th Aug – Family film club

41. 17th Aug – Grimm Twins free performance by Wrongsemble in children's library space. Performance for the Healthy Holidays children and members of the public, sold out in advance.

42. 20th Aug – Hosted two children's events as part of the Out of Many festival celebrating Jamaican independence. Morning event – a creative writing workshop led by Trish Cooke; afternoon event – Jamboree, sharing of music and traditional folk stories.

43. 3rd, 10th, 19th, 26th Aug - Librarian-led Healthy Holidays activity sessions, themed to link in with the summer reading challenge, including Lego Cosmic Canyon, Trash to Treasure (junk modelling) and Paper Sculptures.

44. **Saturday Family Film Club, 10th Sep**, a screening of Fantastic Mr Fox in the library, in celebration of Roald Dahl Day, with 3 families attending.

45. **26th Sept - Feel Good Factor Cost of Living Workshops** launched, 13 attendees each week. Booking confirmed until March 2023.

46. **27th Sep** – hosted Death Café in partnership with Leeds Bereavement Forum

47. 27th Sept – Launch of Shantona's Women's Group pop up, supporting women with mental health issues with craft and conversation. 5 attendees. Scheduled for fortnightly attendance until December.

48. **28th Sept** – Ukraine Employability Workshop hosted by the Jobshop and supported by the Ukraine Welcome Hub Worker – 15 attendees.

49. **Digi Drop ins** – 15th Sep

50. **Saturday Family Film Club, 8th Oct**, a screening of *Soul* in the library, in celebration of Black History Month, with 4 families attending.

51. **Weds 12th October** Black History Month event, ***Touching Ground Zero***, in partnership with Leeds Trinity University and featuring Lee Lawrence and a panel of community leaders. Over 100 people in attendance.

52. **Digi Drop ins** – 13th Oct – digital support delivered to 3 attendees.

53. **15th October** – Relaunch of Chess Club – 8 attendees.

54. **19th October** - Cost of Living Event - Attended by twelve partners including Money Buddies, Citizens Advice Chapeltown and the Welfare Rights Unit. Around 100 attendees, generated 1 JESP start.

55. **21st October – People in Action** – Site tour for People In Action ‘Helping People’ cohort, 6 attendees.

Chapel Allerton Library – August to October 2022

56. 1st Aug 15th Aug 22nd Aug - Summer Reading Challenge drop in session run for pupils from St Matthews school, as part of targeted SRC project work. Craft activity and book engagement sessions encouraging children to join and complete the challenge and maintain their reading over the school holidays.

57. 6th Aug – Rainbow-themed Storytime to celebrate kindness and diversity on Leeds Pride weekend. Around 35 in attendance, very positive feedback.

Digi drop in: 26th Sep.

58. **First Steps with Digital:** course delivered to 3 learners (absolute beginners) over three weeks in September.

59. **Chapel Allerton Arts Festival:** Chapel Allerton Library hosted a number of very successful and well attended events in partnership with the festival. These included author Daisy Hildyard in conversation with Stu Hennigan (31st Aug), a Crochet workshop run by Emma and Nat from the Art Library (1st Sep), a Sphero Sorcery coding and storytelling event for children, and hosting acoustic music performances by five artists as a venue on the Café Run (both 3rd Sep). It was brilliant to see the library space hosting this range of activity, and to draw such a wide and varied audience.

60. **PATH Yorkshire:** Intro to library session delivered to member of ESOL for Refugees group, 20th September.

Oakwood Library – August to October 2022

61. 9th Aug – Fly Away Home: librarian led junk modelling activity based around flight engineering, linking in with Summer Reading Challenge. Sold out in advance, 6 families in attendance on the day, a total of 16 attendees (11 children and 5 adults).

Other Updates

Business Centre

62. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator (NCC) regularly checks on empty premises in the 3 district centres (and other areas of the city) and is revisiting shops and offices in Chapel Allerton before Christmas to see how business is doing and add new ones to the update link. Whilst the majority of chains and banks wishing to reduce their high street presence left during the lockdowns, their vacancies have largely been quickly filled by independents who in many cases bring a fresh offer. But mounting pressures on businesses and landlords include lockdown-based loan and debt repayments and low footfall due to rising prices. The NCC is linking with the businesses and Council departments to find ways to increase shop-local encouragement to residents, B2B, including online sales etc. Information to help business areas and develop partnership working between the public and private sector continues to be circulated to businesses wishing to receive it in Moortown, Chapel Allerton and Roundhay.

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

64. 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

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

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

66. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

71. 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.