

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

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 25th January 2023. The meeting was attended by officers from West Yorkshire Police and Pudsey Housing.
4. Inspector Phillip Gill reiterated current police priorities to tackle anti-social behaviour, drug-dealing, and speeding. He also confirmed that committee funding allocated to provide additional anti-speeding operations has had a positive impact on the area.
5. The Police are making extensive enquiries to take positive action regarding the recent incidents in Farnley relating to the buses being damaged.

Gully Cleansing – Update from Eleanor Jordan (Highways Maintenance Area Officer (Drainage))

6. Number of Gullies City Wide – 149,129

7. Covid 19

8. Since the last update in October, in line with corporate guidance, members of the Gully Cleansing Team continue to isolate at home if they test positive for Covid-19. There have only been a couple of instances of this in the last couple of months.

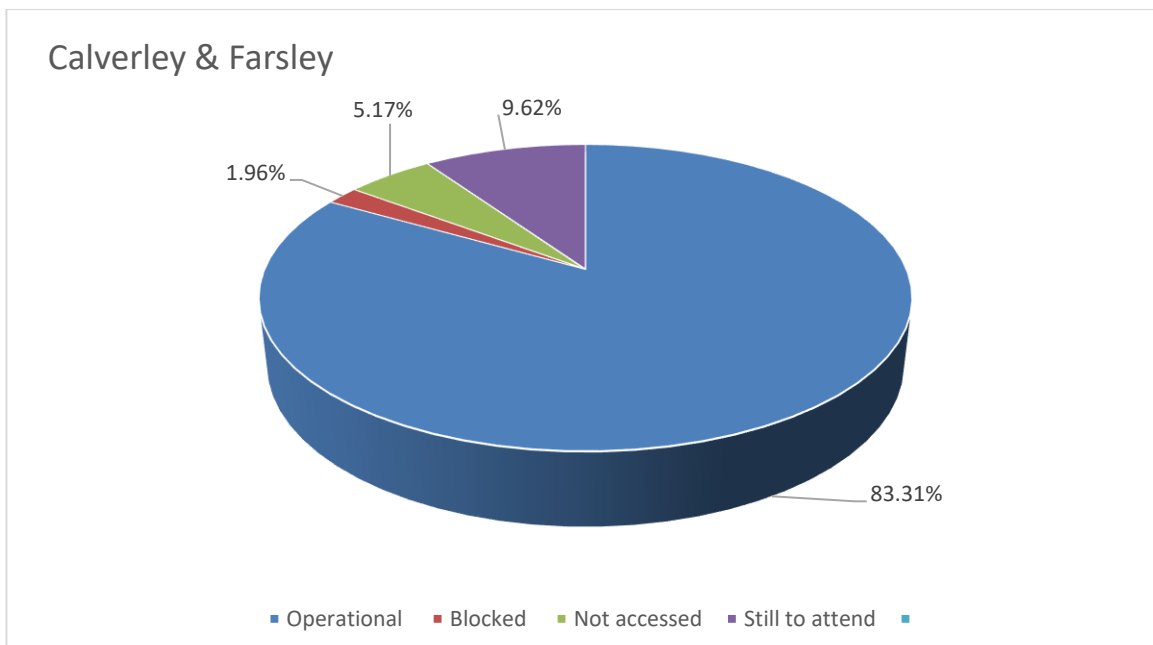
9. Cyclical Clean

10. Cyclical Clean are almost eight months into the fourth cyclical clean. Calverley & Farsley and Farnley & Wortley are two of the 13 wards they have serviced.

11. Ward Updates

12. Calverley & Farsley – 4470 gullies

13. This ward has been serviced in Cycle 4.

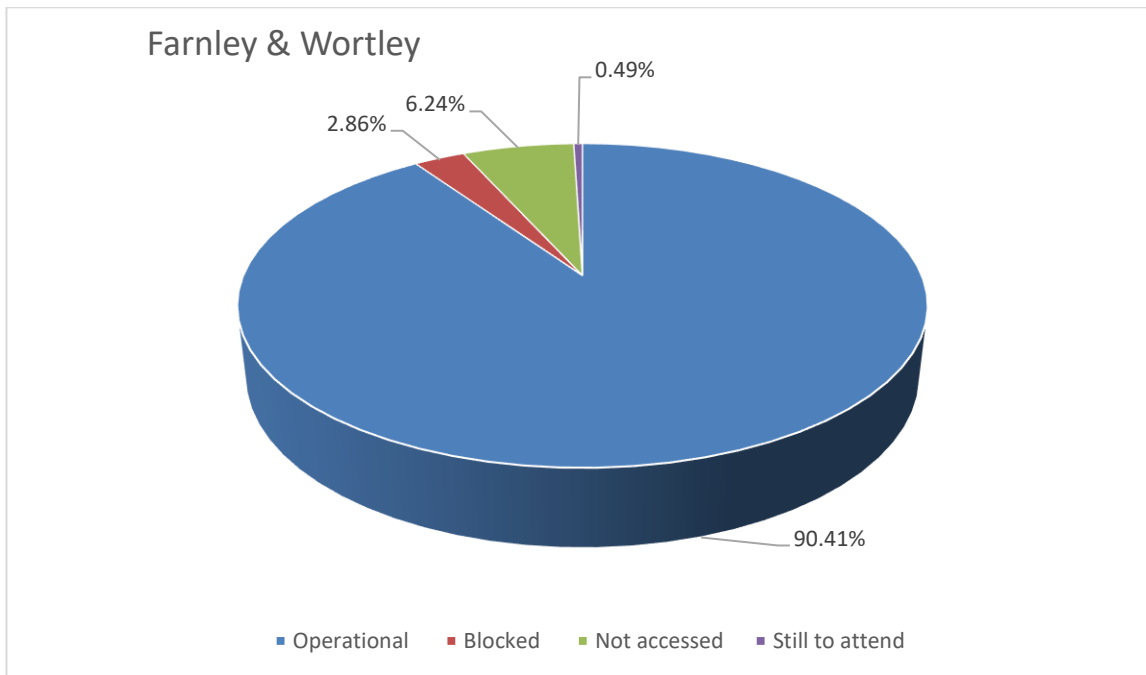


14. Of the 1.90% (85 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
CCTV survey	1	0	1
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	25	4	29
External problem report	4	1	5
Hedge cutting	1	0	1
Investigate	4	24	28
Main line clean	3	0	3
Pot design change	13	0	13
Refer to client	1	0	1
Release lid	0	1	1
Root cutting	0	2	2

15. Farnley & Wortley – 4650 gullies

16. This ward has been serviced in Cycle 4.

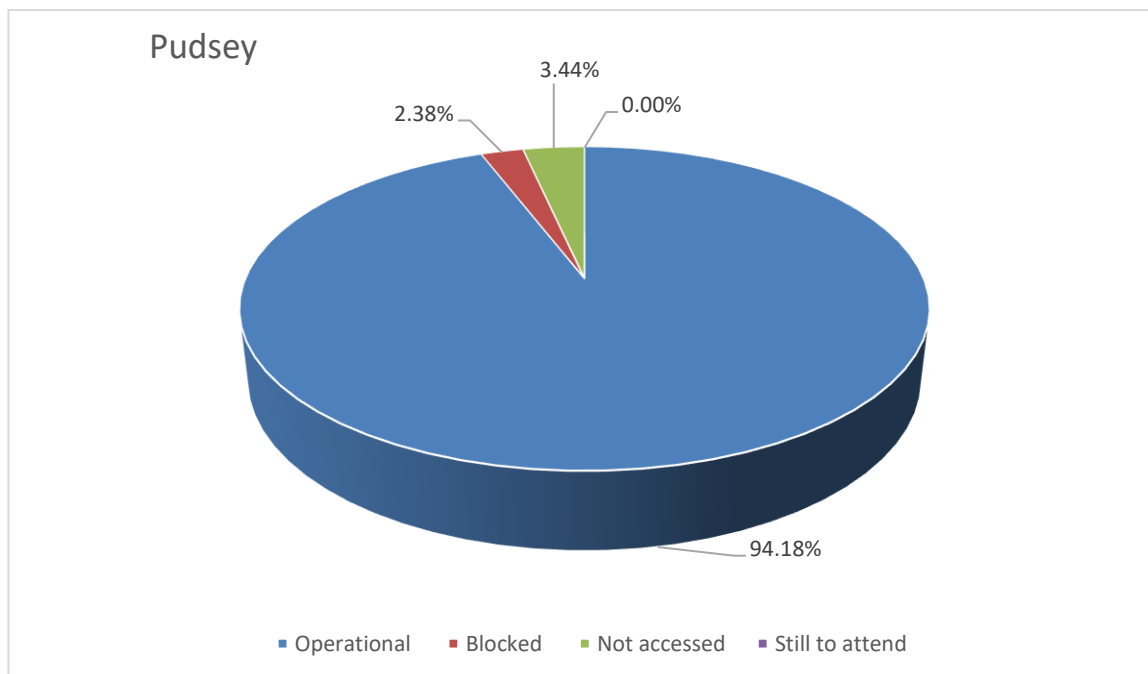


17. Of the 2.86% (133 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
CCTV survey	3	0	3
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	27	5	32
Dig out	1	0	1
External problem report	3	0	3
Hedge cutting	2	0	2
Investigate	23	39	62
Jetting	1	0	1
Main line clean	5	2	7
Pot design change	4	1	5
Rectify unknown fault	14	1	15
Release lid	1	0	1

18. Pudsey has 3694 gullies.

19. The figures shown below relate to status of gullies at the end of Cycle 3.



20. Of the 2.38% (88 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	5	1	6
Connection excavation	44	5	49
Dig out	1	1	2
External problem report	12	2	14
Investigate	2	3	5
Main line clean	2	1	3
Pot design change	1	0	1
Rectify unknown fault	3	0	3
Refer to client	0	2	2
Root cutting	3	0	3

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

21. Winter Friends

22. Winter Friends has launched for Winter 2022/23. This year, more than ever, with the cost-of-living crisis means that so many people will be left isolated and vulnerable and Winter Friends would like to be there to help. Cold weather can extend well in March and a concern for vulnerable residents as heating costs soar.

23. The following sessions are recorded and available to watch on the PHRC web site after February 2023 and new dates for in-person events and hosted webinars can also be found on the website. There are some examples listed below.

- Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination
- Cervical and Prostate Cancer
- The impact of Covid-19 on mental health

24. Trinity Weight Management Project

25. Obesity within families is an ongoing public health concern, exasperated by the pandemic. Local charities have partnered up to trial an experimental food project for residents with three core elements.

26. Recipe Station: The Recipe Station is a mobile place-based intervention which allows residents on the more disadvantaged estates to access advice and free ingredients on how to prepare delicious and healthy affordable meals. It is an intervention which is dropped into

the very heart of the community. It operates on different priority estates at different times and days of the week.

27. How it works: There is no requirement to book, residents can just show up. It operates in the following way. Recipe Cards are available for residents on how to create delicious, healthy, simple, and affordable meals for the family. Each recipe is tried and tested and designed to use the least amount of fuel to prepare. A free bag of ingredients to replicate the meals at home is included. Advice, help, support, referral, and signposting to a whole host of services around health, financial inclusion, and fuel poverty, is included.

28. The Healthy Families Cook & Grow Project is a local place based 6-week programme which helps local families from more disadvantaged neighbourhoods reconnect with how their food is grown, experience the health benefits of the natural environment and learn how to cook nutritious, quick, and easy meals on a budget.

29. **Flourishing Families.**

30. Local families can be referred on to the course or can refer themselves. It operates in the following way. This popular intervention is a structured six-week course centred around nutritional education and cooking on a budget for local families from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Advice, help, support, referral, and signposting to a whole host of services around health, financial inclusion, and fuel poverty is also involved in the course.

31. **Free Therapy Sessions for those who care for others is still available and running into 2023.**

32. There are six free therapy sessions on offer with the possibility of another six free sessions after consultation with the client and therapist for those finding it 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. The link to access this is below <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/get-support>.

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

34. "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."

35. "If you are 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."

36. 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.

37. The staff support line operates every day, 8am-8pm and is staffed by trained listeners. Call free on 0808 196 3833.

38. 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 the self-referral page <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>

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

39. The second and final set of walkabouts for the year are currently being arranged. Dates will be shared with ward members once available. Housing Leeds will also ensure feedback is provided to members following the walkabouts.

40. Joint working between the Housing Office, the Police and LASBT has been ongoing regarding issues in the Swinnow area, specifically the Rycroft blocks. They have managed to identify some of the perpetrators and are working to put solutions in place. This has been alongside the six weekly tasking meetings.

41. The planned works for the resurfacing at Heath Grove has now started. In addition to this work at Marsden Court in Farsley is currently having lift replacement works done, this is a largescale project and the result will be a much quicker and more efficient lift for residents.

42. The team recently attended the RERF (recycling and energy recovery facility). This gave the team the opportunity to understand where household waste in Leeds ends up and what the process involves. It was felt this better equips the housing officers when discussing recycling and refuse with tenants at home visits.

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

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

44. The ASB experienced in The Heights East and West blocks had been under control but there have been further issues with youths gaining access and congregating around the block/garage area. The Mobile ASB Patrols that were moved to Gamble Hill Grange have been reinstated due to a return of the ASB and youth problems. Residents are reminded to report any issues directly to the Police and then to their Housing Officer.

45. Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as, annual tenancy contacts, ASB, concerns relating to the environment, and doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted
46. Revised Flyers have been provided promoting the Mobile Community HUBs. Staff will enclose these in letters and emails to tenants as well as verbally promoting this service. We have asked if the HUB can also be trialled at Farnley Community Centre (Hillside) and are awaiting confirmation.
47. The Second Walkabouts have either been completed or are due to be completed by the end of February. Housing Officers will provide feedback to Members and residents that attend.
48. The Green guardian scheme has ceased for 2022/2023. Hopefully this will be recommenced for 2023/2024. It was recommended that the focus was on the Bawns & Heights Estate but can also be used on other areas of Farnley & Wortley if needed.
49. Skill Mill is 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. This is currently still suspended, but we continue to make referrals to Community Payback.
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52. Block Sweeps and Block Inspections continue to take place on a weekly and monthly basis.
53. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes, ideally via the online facility while on site
54. Farrow Bank garages have also been submitted for demolition and are pending. There is increased damage to garages and no waiting list. They have asked that the garage area is fenced off soonest due to ongoing vandalism to the garages.
55. The car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East and The Heights West is still not resolved. One SORN vehicle has been removed and they are trying to locate the occupier
56. A planned programme to improve the footpaths is pending on the Bawn Estate. A site meeting took place with interested parties recently, led by Helen Taylor. They are waiting on an update on this project.

57. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Services Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting projects to HAP for consideration. They hope that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

Year of Culture – Update from the Leeds 2023 Team

58. The LEEDS 2023 Year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” event held at Headingley Stadium on 7 January 2023, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year.

59. Projects in communities

60. The signature event **MY LEEDS 2023**, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood Host for each ward. The **Neighborhood Hosts** are participating in a paid training scheme during which they will:

- Develop their skills in community engagement, event management and producing
- Design and deliver a community grants scheme
- Collaborate with their community and co-create activity in each ward across the summer
- Acts as a community ambassador, creating opportunities for people in their ward to engage with LEEDS 2023.

61. Neighborhood Hosts are currently working for six hours a week, which includes their time spent in training and this reduces to three hours from September.

62. The Neighborhood Host scheme has been designed to increase the capacity for hyper-local community engagement in each of the wards, and to create opportunities for people across the city to participate in activity as part of the Year of Culture.

63. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward / a nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way.

64. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighborhood Hosts and their community by:
Sharing with the Neighbourhood Host their knowledge of the ward and experience engaging with communities
Sharing possible opportunities for engagement with ward members
Making introductions, where appropriate, to members of the community who could further support activity.

65. The Neighbourhood Hosts for wards in this Community Committee area are:

- Calverley and Farsley – Alaina Dunne supported by Sunnybank Mills
- Farnley and Wortley – Ian Thursfield supported by Armley Helping Hands
- Pudsey – Kate Frazer supported by Music Box

66. The **community grants scheme** was launched in early February. Designed collaboratively by the Neighbourhood Hosts, the community grants scheme will support participation in one of the 33 My Leeds activities being produced across the summer.
67. Residents are invited to apply for a community grant via the LEEDS 2023 website. All grant proposals will be considered by a panel of Neighbourhood Hosts and funds allocated accordingly. The grants are open to anyone over 18 with a UK bank account, and LEEDS 2023 are hoping to receive a high number of applications from a diverse range of people and organisations.
68. Across season one, LEEDS 2023 are encouraging communities and schools to take part in **Waking the Artist**, a city-wide exhibition of art by people of Leeds. Community groups are invited to take part by making art and creating a display in their local library, community space or window.
69. Communities can lead their own art-making workshops or are able to book a free facilitator or resource pack to support their engagement. Display labels and more information is available at: <https://leeds2023.co.uk/take-part/waking-the-artist>.
70. Opportunities for schools
71. Every child and young person of school age in Leeds is getting the chance to take part in the Year of Culture. LEEDS 2023's **creative learning programme** features free activities for learners in all key stages, including classroom resources, facilitated workshops, participatory activities, and opportunities for learning outside the classroom.
72. With links to the curriculum, the programme supports teaching across a variety of subject areas and helps learners develop their creativity. Learning resources for schools can be found on the LEEDS 2023 website <https://leeds2023.co.uk/creative-learning>.
73. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in Leeds Artists Show.
74. Spring term will see over 2300 pupils across 40 schools take part in facilitated workshops, including an **interschool slam poetry competition**, **Common Wealth theatre**, and **Leeds Young Film**. The following schools have either participated in an activity or are already booked onto an activity in the Spring term:
- Cobden Primary – Leeds Cultural Heritage
 - Lawns Park Primary – Leeds Artist Show
 - Crawshaw Academy – Authors Abroad inter-school slam poetry competition

75. In addition, LEEDS 2023 are encouraging and enabling schools to take part in **Waking the Artist** and **The Wild Escape** in partnership with Leeds Museums & Galleries, which will see children across the city engage with museum collections, learn about conservation and biodiversity, and create their own piece of art.

Employment and Skills update – Update from Elaine Matson

76. Universal Credit

77. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 3,348.

78. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (90%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 90 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		September 2022		October 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	42,762	8.4%	43,819	8.2%
Outer West	1,783	4.0%	3,393	7.5%	3,258	7.2%	3,348	7.4%
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	799	5.5%	669	4.6%	661	4.6%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	1,535	10.0%	1,562	10.2%	1,615	10.5%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,059	7.0%	1,027	6.8%	1,072	7.1%

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

80. Employment and Skills Services

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)
Outer West	442	512	92	128	120	160
Calverley & Farsley	86	103	20	19	27	44

Farnley & Wortley	275	270	52	84	66	76
Pudsey	81	139	20	25	27	40

82. During April – September 2022

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 512 of whom were residents from the Outer West.
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 128 of whom were residents from the Outer West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 160 of whom were from the Outer West

83. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents.

84. 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. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.

85. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which includes City Centre and Armley Community Hubs. There are pop up Jobshop at Pudsey Community Hub, Monday 9:00 - 17:00 and New Wortley Community Centre, Wednesday 10:00-13:00.

86. The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday-Friday, a schedule stop includes

- The Butterbowl, Butterbowl Drive, LS12 5JQ Monday 9:30 – 12:00
- Farnley Main Line Social Club, Pudsey Road, LS13 4LS Monday 13:00 – 15:30 and Wednesday 9:30 – 12:00
- Wortley Hanover Arms, Lower Wortley Road, LS12 4SL Wednesday 13:00 – 15:30

87. 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>

88. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>.

89. The Adult Learning program continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners.

90. Between September – December 2022, in the Outer West, 4 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 83 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.

91. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Outer West, Outer West, 9 courses, including English, Maths and Arts and Crafts, are planned at 4 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery

Swinnow Community Centres – Update from Yvonne Allman

92. Providing a safe warm space over the winter for people to come in for a hot drink, refreshments, and a chat.

93. Operate a daily Foodbank service for the local community.

94. Run a Lunch Club on a Friday weekly.

95. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening they run a Teatime club for children and provide a hot meal.

96. The community centre is currently planning Valentine's Day and Easter Events.

97. Regular Groups using the Centre

98. **Monday**

- 9am to 3.30pm Princes Trust (16/25 years)
- 6.30pm to 8pm Daido Karate Club Children and Adults)

99. **Tuesday**

- Tuesday 9am to 3.30pm Princes Trust (16/25 years)
- Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.15pm Clubbercise Adults)

100. **Wednesday**

- Wednesday 9am to 3.30pm Princes Trust (16/25 years)
- Wednesday 3.30pm to 5.30pm Leeds City Council Youth Group (11/14 years)

101. **Thursday**

- Thursday 9am to 3.30pm Princes Trust (16/25 years)
- Thursday 5pm to 7pm Invisible Pain Theatre Company (8/15 years & Adults)

102. **Friday**

- Friday 9am to 10.30am Dinky Tots (under 5s group)

- Friday 11.30am to 2pm Lunch Club
- Friday 11.30am to 2pm Free Employment Support

Community Engagement: Social Media

103. 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.

104. The report covers the last 2 months 1st November 2022 to 28th Jan 2023. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of **1449**.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

106. 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

107. 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

108. 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

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

Risk Management

110. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

113. 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.