

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. The Children and Young Person's Sub Group will meet next on 29th March.

Environment: Champions Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie

4. The Environmental Sub Group met on 31st January where updates were received from Parks and Countryside in relation to the levelling up bid; Environmental Action Team in relation to the process for using cameras for enforcement; Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to provide a service update; Refuse in relation to Route Rationalisation.

5. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update

Staffing

6. On 1st November 2022 a new Team Leader was appointed, covering the Inner West Area.

Enforcement

7. Cases that require court intervention are still being delayed and are being referred to the nearest available Magistrates within the Yorkshire and Humber region.
8. Work is still ongoing in the “Little Scotland” bin yards and a project team from within Leeds City Council have been assisting Dave Fisher who is our lead. Removing rubbish and have started metal sheeting the yards these are regularly monitored.
9. The Armley team have been replacing the general litter bins in the area that are in a bad condition and will continue to do so also were funds are available we will continue this in other areas within the Inner West.
10. CNT continues to support the work that is carried out by volunteers in the area.
11. Graffiti team are continuing to work in the area and removing offensive graffiti and removing any graffiti of street furniture as they come across this working closely with the teams.
12. Poplar Court around the garages and flats has had some intense work littering was bad and the general cleanliness in the walkways which had been highlighted Cllr Jim McKenna as needing intervention from Housing and CNT. Resource will be made available for any clean-up work identified.
13. The team have worked very hard over the last few months in relation to de-leafing in relation which started 24th October 2022 the areas are mapped out following consultation for areas via Cllrs. Cllrs have been updated on progress on a fortnightly basis giving areas covered that fortnight. This is now coming to an end however, if Cllrs have any de-leafing issues, please could you email the details (WestNWCllrPriority@leeds.gov.uk) The team are still working through the overgrown vegetation referrals when possible and will update those who have reported these as they complete the work.

Parks and Countryside Update

Armley

14. Armley play area was vandalised since the last meeting but the repair works have now been carried out.

Bramley and Stanningley

15. The Rossi play item along with a new spinning bowl roundabout will be installed after Easter in Bramley Park.

16. Queens Jubilee benches have been installed at Stanningley Park, Bramley One Stop and Hawksworth One Stop. There is a bench due to arrive within the next couple of weeks ready to install at Bramley Park.

Kirkstall

17. Ward Members granted funding for a more permanent solution to the fencing at Sandford Road POS on Argie Avenue which is palisade fencing. This has been ordered.
18. Kirkstall Abbey estate was awarded Green Flag Status.
19. Funding from the former Rising Sun Public House development has now been paid in and the amount paid will be used to refurbish some parks of the play area behind the development on Wolesley Road.
20. Love Leeds Parks are working on a project to create a blossom area in Burley Park which will include blossom trees seating and paths. They are funding and managing this project.

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

Universal Credit

21. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Inner West Community Committee area is 5,814. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (70%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 210 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.
22. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner 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%
Inner West	3,244	6.8%	5,511	11.4%	5,604	11.6%	5,814	12.0%
Armley	1,547	9.1%	2,493	14.5%	2,641	15.4%	2,705	15.7%
Bramley & Stanningley	952	6.5%	1,619	11.0%	1,626	11.1%	1,709	11.7%
Kirkstall	745	4.6%	1,399	8.5%	1,337	8.1%	1,400	8.5%

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

Employment and Skills Services

23. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner 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)
Inner West	697	906	165	154	157	187
Armley	348	438	76	92	63	62
Bramley & Stanningley	126	172	37	25	29	42
Kirkstall	223	296	52	37	65	83

During April – September 2022

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 906 of whom were residents from the Inner West.
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 154 of whom were residents from the Inner 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, 187 of whom were from the Inner West.

24. 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. 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.

25. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Armley and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop Tuesday at Bramley Community Hub, 09:00 – 17:00

26. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobfairs, 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>

27. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit:

<https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>

28. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
29. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
30. Between September – December 2022, in the Inner West, 15 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 148 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.
31. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Inner West, 28 courses, including Woodwork, Arts and Crafts and Health, are planned at 5 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.
32. A 10 week ESOL course will commence delivery on 22nd February 2022, at Castleton Primary School. The course will support parents of the school and local residents to improve their skills.
33. A Celebration of Learning Festival is planned for 16th February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years including personal achievements and home-schooling.
34. Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability, work readiness, health and wellbeing programme which aims to help people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment.
35. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
36. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers focuses on narrowing inequalities taking the strengths and limitations of the Lincoln Green Employability Project, expanded to a one system approach across the sector adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice models in the system. The programme aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in Leeds to improve access to long term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education, and training in the sector. Since September 2022, 169 people have attended the assessment sessions. 41 have achieved a qualification, and 35 people have been supported into work. 38 people are

being supported to improve functional skills to achieve the required level to move into employment within the sector. For further information and please visit: [Leeds Health and Care](#)

37. Between April – December 2022 Employment and Skills supported

- 287 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
- and attended careers events and parents evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 7,674 young people, 367 parents and carers and 282 teachers.

Delivered Events

38. **Financial Inclusion Event** took place on 7th September 2022 on the Mobile Community Bus at Wykebeck Valley Primary School and at Lidl in Gipton. The event aimed to help local residents maximise their income and assist in managing their debts and utilities. Housing Leeds, Yorkshire Water, Credit Union, Employment and Skills and Jobshop staff were present and supported residents accessing the event.

39. **Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022 (LDCF22)** took place week 12th – 16th September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information, and guidance, approx. 100 people attended. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1,269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15th September 2022 with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, approximately 1,700 people attended.

40. **Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** a weeklong festival of activities took place 14th – 18th November 2022 with a Creative Skills Showcase event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17th November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.

Planned Events

41. **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF)** will take place on Monday 6th February 2023 to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week, 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and includes a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and

colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair](#)

42. **Jobsfairs** are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:

- City Centre, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on Wednesday 25th January 2023
- Armley, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ on Friday 3rd February 2023
- Dewsbury Road, 190 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 6PF on Thursday 9th February 2023
- Compton Centre, Harehills Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 7BG on Thursday 16th February 2023

43. **Reducing Re-Offending** in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority an event is planned for Spring 2023 to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun and aims to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction event (w/c 23rd January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.

44. **Community Engagement** Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire, which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills. For further information please visit: [Community Activity Survey 2023](#)

45. **SEND Next Choices**, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds. For further information and to book please visit: [Getting Ready for Adult Life](#)

Community Safety: Champion Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie

LeedsWatch

46. The next LeedsWatch update will be provided for the next Community Committee meeting as the agreement is that they will report at six-monthly intervals.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Armley

47. Active cases: 15

Top 3: Noise (4), Threats of/actual violence (2), Criminality (2)

48. Armley and New Wortley has recently seen an increase in youth related ASB and crime. The issues are predominately around the high-rise blocks in the area, LASBT are working with partners on some early intervention work along with wider agency support to try and tackle the ongoing issues.
49. They are currently enquiring with police regarding a serious on the Moorfield estate, enquiries are still ongoing currently and are at a very early stage.

Bramley & Stanningley

50. Active cases: 26
Top 3: Threats of/actual violence (9), Domestic violence/noise (4), Rowdy behaviour (4)
51. Issues with youths in the area have started to become a troublesome problem again so there is currently a lot of working ongoing around this. We are working with partnering agencies to try and tackle the youth related ASB and Crime in the area. A number of youths are subject to injunction orders, some of which have been breached recently and we are currently working to action these breaches. This has been the primary focus of LASBT in the area and continues to be so, particularly as team Leodis are not currently working in the area anymore.

Kirkstall

52. Active cases: 12
Top 3: Hate Crime (3), Verbal abuse (3), Noise (2)
53. They've not been involved in any new action days this quarter as the only one that has been carried out was around an area which is predominantly Housing Association properties, so their staff were involved on this occasion rather than LASBTs. The cases within the area now are a mainly either noise or verbal abuse/threatening behaviour cases. They also have 2 cases which are perceived by the victims to be hate related.
54. They do have a couple of ongoing legal cases for the area. They've an injunction trial due early next month in relation to a long running ASB case. The injunction application is in relation to a former LCC tenant who had previously caused ASB at their home which led to a closure order & the tenancy being ended. However, the former tenant has returned to the street on several occasions to cause issues for residents which is why they're seeking an injunction to keep them away. This application is being contested which is why it is going to trial. They also have a possession case we're putting the finishing touches to which is in relation to drug related issues.

West Yorkshire Police

Armley

55. Partnership working in New Wortley due to increases in youth disorder, drug dealing and damage. We continue to work with partner agencies and are formulating an

action plan to tackle the issue. The police have carried out several drug warrants over the last few weeks and increased visibility in the area.

56. Town Street has remained a focus and tackling street level drug dealing and criminality. Several proactive operations have taken place resulting in arrests for a wide range of offences. They are working with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team for exclusion orders against the key offenders.
57. Concerns have been raised around the Cecil's area in relation to parking and officers have patrolled the area and issued tickets to offenders breaching regulations.

Bramley & Stanningley

58. Over the festive period and going into the new year, a number of properties and vehicles were targeted by offenders in the Bramley area. In January, following multiple arrests, a 41-year-old male was sentenced to 12 months in prison for burglary and vehicle crimes.
59. The police continue to work with partner agencies to reduce and tackle reports of ASB. The enforcement of anti-social behaviour injunctions will continue to take place and action taken where required.
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61. Acting on community intelligence, a number of drugs warrants have been applied for and executed across the area. A S23 misuse of drugs warrant was executed week commencing 13th February and a cannabis farm located within a property. Enquiries are ongoing to identify who is responsible and the investigation continues.

Kirkstall

62. Work continues across the ward to tackle anti-social vehicle use and related offences. Over the last few weeks, arrests have taken place for offences including driving whilst disqualified, fail to stop and theft of motor vehicle.
63. Work continues around the detail park, trying to prevent incidents and identify those responsible for theft and other similar offences. Over the last few weeks, officers have identified and arrested several people for theft from shop, robbery, assault and burglary.
64. Days of action have taken place, working with other partners to tackle community issues. Other days of action will take place in the coming weeks and months.

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

Public Health Update

65. Due to the rising Public Health issue of residents living with obesity within the Inner West Wards and are struggling with weight management, exacerbated by the sedentary nature of the recent coronavirus pandemic local partners have created three free, fun and friendly options to help communities enjoy healthier lives by achieving a healthy weight. With funding from Local Care Partnerships, local business and Leeds City Council Public Health this initiative runs in tandem with established evidence based parenting programmes like HENRY (Healthy Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young) and clinical interventions at hospital weight management interventions. More information about HENRY course in Leeds can be found here [School Wellbeing & Online Healthy Families Programme - Leeds | HENRY](#)). Trinity comprises of three choices for residents, they are;

- Recipe Station
- Flourishing Families
- Grow-Cook-Move

66. **Recipe Station** ([Recipe Station Flyers \(barca-leeds.org\)](#)) and **Flourishing Families** ([Home - Flourishing Families \(flourishingfamiliesleeds.com\)](#)) can be accessed across the Inner West Wards. They are well established and tested interventions run by trusted community organisations. **Grow-Cook-Move** is an experimental all year round weight management course, for One successful pilot has been run, not without it's challenges but worth repeating and partners are now developing these sessions further and looking for funding for a programme that runs for 52 weeks a year so professionals can refer families and young people into this course all year round.

67. Please see *appendix 1* for full details of projects taking place within Inner West.

Priority Neighbourhoods

Cost of Living Community Events

68. On Wednesday 15th February a community event was held at Strawberry Lane Community Centre. Housing Leeds and Armley Helping Hands organised the event aimed at engaging with the community and providing information/signposting for a wide range of support services available. Food and drink was available, face-painting and crafts for children, and lots of information from partner services and organisations who can support people in these challenging times.

69. The event was extremely well attended, with community members of all ages mixing in a positive environment, but it also provided an excellent opportunity for informal engagement and to promote vital services and support that is available should anyone feel they need it. This partnership work will continue, and further events are planned.

Cost of Living Community Event



Armley Forum

70. Armley Forum took place on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at Armley Community Hub. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna who was joined by approximately 15 residents as well as Cllr Lou Cunningham and Cllr Alice Smart.
71. Officers from the Neighbourhood Police Team provided the forum with recent statistics on crime and antisocial behaviour in the area. Questions were also fielded on a range of local concerns.
72. The Local Housing Manager gave the forum an update from Housing Leeds. Information was provided on recent staff patch changes and communications that were going out to tenants to introduce their local Housing Officer and opportunities for tenants to get involved in estate walkabouts. Annual Tenancy visits have been progressing well, identifying issues and vulnerable tenants.
73. Cost of Living events led by Housing Leeds continue to be supported by a wide range of partner services and organisations with the aim of supporting communities with everything from financial pressures, food, benefits advice, housing and tenancy issues, employment, social isolation and much more. Details were given of the next event planned in partnership with Armley Helping Hands on Wednesday 15th February at Strawberry Lane Community Centre.
74. Details of a British Gas initiative to support LCC tenants with energy costs was provided. The scheme, open to all LCC tenants, has provided £100k of vouchers to support tenants with the rising costs of gas and electricity. Tenants do not need to be a British Gas customer and could claim 3 vouchers for the year. Information was also provided on a support package for tenants in rent arrears.

75. Armley Action Team provided an update on their work to provide support services from some council owned commercial units on Gelder Road. The space will include a charity shop (Bundles), Baby Bank and a food pantry as well as providing vital community space for various provision and activity. A key aim of the initiative is to provide volunteering opportunities for local young people, building confidence, empowering them with responsibility and providing important work experience and skills. The project was well received by the forum and Fran invited community members to the official opening of the units on Saturday 4th February 2023.
76. The next Armley Forum date is 21st March 2023 with the full agenda yet to be decided. Parks & Countryside have been invited to provide an update at the March meeting.

Area Plan Workshop

77. Communities Team officers are leading work to develop an Area Plan for each of the six target wards in Leeds that contain the 12 Priority Neighbourhoods. In Armley, a workshop is being planned to bring key services, organisations, and stakeholders together to discuss the data, challenges, and opportunities, that will enable us to set priorities and develop an Area Plan that will underpin locality working in the area.

Leeds City Council Youth Service

78. Young people from Inner West both enjoyed taking part in the annual Youth Summit. Young people got chance to see the council chamber and speak to ward members and the Lord Mayor. They were also given chance to say how they would spend the YAF funding for the next financial year. Several young people signed up to become members of Leeds Youth Council. 4 members of The Inner West Youth Committee attended November's Inner West Community Committee to discuss items on the agenda and wider issues affecting their community.
79. Ongoing challenges around young people's involvement in anti-social behaviour have been jointly managed through our involvement in area tasking and partnership opportunities. The WNW Youth Service Team continues to respond to issues highlighted in PWA Tasking Meetings by delivering mobile sessions in areas with reported youth nuisance.
80. The WNW Team made a significant contribution to the multi-agency bonfire plan and are pleased to report some very positive intervention and partnership work over the bonfire period. Input included intervention days with West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and West Yorkshire Neighbourhood Policing Team and a fire intervention day at Kirkstall Fire Station. The WNW team delivered a further 3 community engagement sessions with the police providing information to parents and young people on how to stay safe, ways to report nuisance and potential consequences of breaking the law.
81. Events covered included Remembrance Day, The Word Cup and Christmas. Sessions were delivered that enabled young people to learn about Remembrance

Day and the meaning of the poppy. The sessions gave young people the chance to remember those who fought and lost their lives. Youth workers used large screens and projectors to enable young people to cheer on England in the World Cup. In the run up to Christmas youth workers took the opportunity to cover religious festivals and beliefs as part of their youth work programmes. Young people learnt about different cultures and beliefs using quizzes and presentations. More than 60 Young people enjoyed a full Christmas dinner with their friends cooked and served by their youth workers.

Town Centres Update

82. A meeting was held on 15th February between the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator (NCC), a representative from Armley Action Team and LCC Regeneration who are leading on the Levelling Up bid though which the government commissioned High Streets Task Force have shown an interest in Armley. The meeting offered an opportunity to investigate how the HSTF proposals could most effectively link with processes already underway to help develop opportunities for the town centre. It was agreed Regeneration would ensure HSTF took into account partnerships already operating to help Armley shopping area including the NCC's Action Plan, police - chaired Community Safety meetings and the developing work of Armley Action Team including spring planting for In Bloom, street theatre linked to Interplay theatre and the developing offer of the Gelder Rd units including community group room hire, help for families and preparations to launch a food bank. Also, on 15th the NCC met the new manager at Armley Action Team. There are currently four empty units on Town Street however the need to increase footfall and sales is clear. NCC has raised this need with LCC Communications and will now progress an action plan to help increase footfall for Armley.
83. As part of ongoing support for business areas across the city, the NCC is planning to call in to all businesses on Kirkstall Road on Wednesday 22nd February. This will include finding out how business and footfall is progressing and whether there is a wish for a business development group in the area. Highways have advised that a meeting has been held this week with Members that the Local Centres Project (LCP) funded benches are being fabricated and a contractor will install them throughout March. A localised consultation letter for each bench location is to be drafted and sent imminently, with Ward Members seeing this before it goes out.
84. Of the 64 shopping areas covered by LCC, trader's groups have been set up in most priority areas however not yet in Bramley. Attempts have been made however a group of about 6 neighbourhood centre stakeholders need to be found to lead the team and link in with similar work in other shopping areas in Leeds. (The challenge for Bramley is that most shops are contained in the privately owned shopping centre.) A contact who has formerly tried to launch such a group, but now works in a different part of the city, is meeting with the NCC to see if between them a way can be found to develop ever stronger connectivity with Bramley businesses.

85. Businesses in the three wards, along with the other 30 wards around the city, receive the weekly update of news to help local businesses and develop local neighbourhood centres.

86. The table below was provided by the Town Centre Manager to show marketing opportunities for Media and Signage within Armley.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>Media</u>	
Discussion with LCC Comms Unit	Initial discussions have been held which included Christmas marketing but explore opportunities for future partnership
Inner West Community Committee facebook, Armley Good Stuff, Armley Community Hub, Armley Helping Hands.	Send regular positive news items and encourage others to do likewise
West Leeds Dispatch	Covers stories in an editorial way reporting positive and negative stories
Regional Media – Newspaper, radio and TV	Covers stories in an editorial way reporting positive and negative stories if they catch the media’s interest

<u>Signage</u>	
Signage	Are there opportunities for more posters and displays?
Main display board	Armley Action Team have already identified the opportunities for major marketing on the billboard beside Westerley Croft.
Millennium Square	The large TV screen in the city centre can be used to promote district based community events provided the right quality of images can be supplied.
<u>FORTHCOMING OPPORTUNITIES</u>	
Stage & Pocket Park	Events have launched and due to recommence at easter with ongoing funding from the Arts Council.
Street Market	Armley Action Team is set to run another street market at Easter 2023. This will be very positive for the area.
In Bloom projects	Armley Action Team set to oversee Spring planting in all tubs along the High Street and new ones on Gelder Rd
Capable Guardians	Publicity, ongoing work,
Ongoing marketing of Christmas events including Independents days	

Updates from Key Services

Leeds 2023 Neighbourhood Hosts

87. The LEEDS 2023 year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” event held at Headingley Stadium on 7 January, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced <https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on> with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year.

Projects in communities

88. The signature event **MY LEEDS 2023**, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood host for each ward. The **Neighbourhood 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.

89. Neighbourhood Hosts are currently working for six hours a week, which includes their time spent in training and this reduces to three hours from September. The Neighbourhood 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. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward / a nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighbourhood 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.

90. The Neighbourhood Hosts and anchor organisations for the wards in this Community Committee area are:

- Armley – Kimberley Frangos supported by Armley Helping Hands
- Bramley and Stanningley – Dean Patrick supported by BARCA
- Kirkstall – Nathan Shipley supported by Kirkstall Valley Development Trust

91. 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. 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. Elected Members' support in sharing the opportunity across their wards would be greatly appreciated.

92. 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. 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>

Opportunities for Schools

93. 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. 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>

94. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in Leeds Artists Show. 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:

- Armley Park Primary, Off the Curriculum
- Dixons Unity Academy, Authors Abroad
- Leeds West Academy, Leeds Young Film and Authors Abroad
- Pudsey Primrose Hill Primary, Leeds Artist Show

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

Community Hubs

96. An update will be provided for the next meeting

Housing Leeds

97. An update will be provided for the next meeting

Anti-Social Behaviour

98. An update will be provided for the next meeting.

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	£60,360.12
Available Budget	£15,009.62

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount committed by Panel	% Committed
Inner West Total	53	35	£60,360.12	80.09%

Community Engagement: Social Media

99. **Appendix 2** 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.
9. The Community Committee is asked to take note of paragraphs 88 through 95, as Leeds Neighbourhood Hosts are in attendance at the Committee.

Background documents¹

10. 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.