

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood)

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Inner North 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.

Updates by theme

Children and Families: Champion Cllr Pryor

3. The Youth Summit was held on 12th January 2023 with a morning session at the Civic Hall and an afternoon session at the City Museum. The summit was attended by 30 young people from 6 Schools from across the Inner North West. The summit was very successful with positive feedback from all the young people and accompanying teachers. The priorities identified by the young people will inform the YAF budget spend for 2023/24. The summit will be followed up by School visits in May/June by the Children and Families Sub-Group.

Update from Burley, Little London, Quarrymount Childrens Centres

Family Work continues to increase significantly, and we are currently holding a waiting list for family support of 18 cases. My team at present are all carrying a caseload of 12, so that is 60 open cases. Needs continue to be linked to Domestic abuse /Children on CP / CIN Plans / Poverty /Mental Health of mother and children with Special Educational Needs of which we are seeing increasing numbers in the North West.

We have planned for service delivery from Easter to July and have a number of things happening. We are delivering all the below currently, however these are in differing locations to identified below.(Within my 3 reach sites though).

- Stay and Play groups in Burley and Little London
- PEEP – A group for both parents and their children to come together at Little London Primary
- HENRY (Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the really young)– Virtually
- Infant Massage - In Little London
- Family Learning for adults – Little London and Burley Park
- Stay Safe Programme - In Little London delivered by LDVS.
- Breast feeding group in Burley
- New breastfeeding group in Little London Primary School
- ESOL in Little London Primary School

We are still continuing to gift the Moses baskets /Fire Alarms/Carbon monoxide detectors to families whom require these.

The Chatterbox project - which was funded through committees funding continues to grow as we are receiving more referrals from professionals where speech and language is an identified need for the child. This is what we are seeing as a result of the pandemic in young children

Home Learning Packs - This valuable resource is also really well used. Committees generously supported this project last year, and the children greatly benefit from these wonderful resources.

INW CC members are welcome to attend any sessions and meet the parents and children.

Update From Headingley, Horsforth & Ireland Wood Children's centre

62 family support cases open- these include **Early Help plans** and joint case working with **Children's social work service.**

Reasons for referrals

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Poor mental health**
- **Poor Parenting**

We continue to deliver 5 **stay and plays** a week across our 3 sites- on average **158** children and families attend each week.

Currently delivering **HENRY-** (parenting course) on wk 5 retention is good and feedback positive.

PBB to start next week- 13 parents booked on.

In it together consultation took place on Tuesday night with early years providers- feedback really positive to highlight the work we are doing for families with children who are on a journey to receiving an autism spectrum disorder assessment.

The team have been told formally by the Corporate Assets management board that they will be getting a new building for Headingley, this will be available to all health visitors and midwives to use. This is exciting news and we are hoping for a September launch- but no formal timescales have been given as yet!

Before half term Evaluation week was carried out - where all parents and carers were asked to complete an evaluation form and give the team a score- 100% rated the services 9 or more out of 10, with the vast majority **78%**, giving the team 10 out of 10. Feed back has been overwhelmingly positive- anecdotal evidence highlighting really change in families lives.

The parenting support team recently ran a **weaning** session at Ireland wood **13** families attended.

The team will be delivering a future workshop for parents on **Sleep** and another on **Potty training**- dates to be confirmed.

The ESOL class & creche continues to run and with another class starting after Easter. Currently 15 students set to pass.

Environmental Sub-Group : Champion Cllr Garthwaite

4.The Environment Sub-Group met in January for a meeting focused around the Thornvilles Graffiti Project. At the meeting a presentation was given which showed all the stages of the project and the positive impact upon the area. The Project Officer has produced both a 1 page guide and a step by step toolkit aimed at informing any groups who are considering a graffiti project. These are both really useful resources.

Initial discussions have taken place on Changeover currently awaiting a decision from the universities about this year's course of action. Communities will be informed when the decision is made. The report on last year's changeover showed student donations at approximately the same level as previous years despite the additional collections. The challenge is to increase these and decrease the amount going into black bins or as side waste. The Universities are being pro-active and liaising with LCC Waste Management and Cleaner Neighbourhoods and also The Police.

More trees are being planted next to Woodhouse St. LCC Parks are working with Woodhouse Ridge Action Group (attended by Cllr Garthwaite) on developments on the Ridge. The boundary wall around Sparrow will also be strengthened

Health and Well-Being: Champion Vacant

HEALTH INEQUALITIES FUND-CARING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT-COMMUNITY 'CHECK-IN PROJECT'. (UPDATE).

Public Health working with North Central Local Care Partnerships have secured some health inequalities funding for Little London to run health checks at Little London Community Centre. The provider for this is the well established and respected third sector organisation barca This project will allow local residents especially those reluctant to visit GP surgeries to access free blood pressure checks as well as assistance for mental and emotional health issues and support in surviving the 'cost of living crisis'. Healthy living advice will be available after the blood pressure tests and signposting to relevant health services. The project's friendly and informal nature set in the community has encouraged more local people to enjoy the benefits of this service and build resilience and self-sufficiency in financial as well as emotionally tough times as we emerge from the pandemic. Partners are very excited to have secured the funding which should guarantee eight months worth of activity on these vital topic areas.

The initiative has enjoyed some early success averaging ten community members visiting each week, this is very encouraging and we hope this continues throughout the rest of this year. At the LCC Housing and Communities Team event the staff conducted over forty health checks. The project is to be reviewed mid term in March 2023 and it is hope further funding will be secured. The project may join forces with LCC Wellbased project to recruit more local residents to the project. For more details follow the link. [WELLBASED | School of Earth and Environment | University of Leeds](#)

FREE THERAPY SESSIONS FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS.

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 experincing feeling difficult to cope with after caring for others during the Covid-19 epidemic. There is also a oppourtubnity to have an intial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a counsellor if you are ensure.

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>

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

The key messages are these:

- 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.
- 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 our self-referral <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update

Headingley & Hyde Park + Little London & Woodhouse Wards

Street Cleansing

The current mapped structure of how the team carry out our street cleansing operations is working well, There is currently a lot of a lot of annual leave to contend with up until April. The team is are closely with Headingley Stadium now the rugby season has restarted to ensure the area is cleansed well before and after events.

Enforcement

The team continues to receive a high number of service requests for enforcement action within both wards and the 2 officers we have are managing this and prioritising based on risks to public health. The team are having many positive results due to the good working relationships the officers have in the community.

Education

The team Street Warden James continues to work in the area with great enthusiasm and work ethic and is out educating residents across the wards on waste containment/disposal and is also doing a lot of work around advising commercial businesses on what to do with their waste. James has now been joined in the role by new recruit Tom who shows the same enthusiasm and work ethic for improving the area. James and Tom also help out on patrols on the PSPO work.

PSPO

PSPO continue to be one of the team priorities and there have now been 14 cases successfully prosecuted in court resulting in over £11,000 in fines, victim surcharges and costs. The team is now working closer with the city's higher education institutes and looking at ways to engage with students as early in the PSPO process to change behaviours and negate need for enforcement.

Housing Leeds

No Report

Housing Advisory Panel

Below bids were all approved at the last HAP meeting of the year.

INW_44_2223 Oatland Place – Fence.

INW_46_2223 Little London Pantry – Supporting with the cost of living crisis, social isolation and community engagement.

INW_48_2223 Little London Breastfeeding – In partnership with children’s centre manager Mandy Quayle.

INW_47_2223 Westfield - Fence - Resulted from an engagement email sent to residents in the Little London area.

INW_30_2223 Raynel – Garage – In support of the Ls16 Free uniform exchange, this project will rent a garage plot for a year and purchase a freestanding shed for storage. Project was matched via MICE money.

INW_32_2223 OPAL – Little Library – Resulted from a Facebook post, matched funded via Communities Committee team.

INW_49_2223 Raynel Bin – This was a result of the Your Place – Raynel Estate project on Your Voice Leeds.

There are currently two further projects in the pipeline for consideration for the Weetwood area, these will be sent out via email to the panel for a decision.

Currently the remaining budget stands at £1,310.46.

Your Place – Raynel Estate is live until 20th March, one referral for Green Doctors has been complete following a comment from a local resident. Several issues have been reported to the police following comments received.

A very successful “**We’re here to help**” event took place at the Little London community centre. The Little London Housing Office team supported over 40 residents, with the Housing Officer Income supporting a further 30 residents. Third party organisations including Caring Together, Barca Leeds, Citizen Advice Leeds, Yorkshire Water and Scope attended, supporting over 130 local residents with energy support, health checks, fuel vouchers and referrals for further advice. Leeds City Council Employment & Skills Team completed 38 referrals with many eligible for the ‘6 month follow up support program’. Leeds Credit Union supported 155 resident and took 141 referrals.

Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Inner North West Community Committee area is 3,255. 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 116 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.

The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner North 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 North West	1,802	2.4%	3,420	4.4%	3,139	4.0%	3,255	4.2%
Headingley & Hyde Park	549	1.9%	1,152	3.9%	999	3.4%	1,042	3.5%
Little London & Woodhouse	862	2.7%	1,441	4.3%	1,392	4.1%	1,430	4.2%
Weetwood	391	2.7%	827	5.7%	748	5.2%	783	5.4%

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

Employment and Skills Services

The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner North 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 North West	778	836	152	142	181
Headingley & Hyde Park	237	207	46	37	63	58
Little London & Woodhouse	406	485	71	82	78	131
Weetwood	135	144	35	23	40	46

- During April – September 2022
- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 836 of whom were residents from the Inner North West.
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 142 of whom were residents from the Inner North 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, 235 of whom were from the Inner North West.

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.

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 on Tuesdays at Headingley Community Hub, 10:00 – 17:00.

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>

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>

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.

Between September – December 2022, in the Inner North West, 86 courses were delivered at 7 venues. 218 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.

For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Inner North West, 190 courses, including ESOL, Maths and Arts and Crafts, are planned at 9 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.

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.

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.

For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

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](#)

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- 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

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

- **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.
- **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

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF) will take place on Monday 6th February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena 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](#)

- **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

- **Reducing Re-Offending** in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority an event is scheduled 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.
- **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](#)
- **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](#)

Social Media

4. The Inner North West Community Committee Facebook Page now has 917 followers (15/03/23) an increase of 2 from December

Consultation and Engagement

5. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

6. 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

7. 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:

8. 76Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
9. Best City Plan
10. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
11. Children and Young People's Plan
12. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
13. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

14. 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

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

Risk Management

65. 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

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

Recommendation

To note the content of the report and provide comment.