

**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**

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### **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**

The Children & Families Sub-Group will be meeting in October to plan a programme of School visits and the Youth Summit for January 2024.

#### **Update from Burley, Little London, Quarrymount Childrens Centres**

Family Work has slowed a little and we currently have managed to reduce our waiting list to zero with the addition of a new family outreach worker. The team are all carrying a caseload of 10, 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.

The team have planned for service delivery from September to Christmas 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. The Little London group is developing really well and continues to be very busy, as does our provision in Burley.
- PEEP – A group for both parents and their children to come together at Little London Primary – the PEEP group will be recommencing in October in Little London Primary School
- HENRY (Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the really young)– will be delivered in Burley CC in September.
- Family Learning for adults –Burley Park commencing September only as there is a shortage of trainers.
- Breast feeding group in Burley and Little London have recommenced this week.
- ESOL in Little London Primary School – commencing in October.
- Leeds Domestic Violence Services will be delivering a group in Little London in September – this is a confidential closed group and we do not promote this. It is invitation only.
- We are continuing to gift the Moses baskets /Fire Alarms/Carbon monoxide detectors to families who require these.
- A new stay and play group is planned for October in QMCC.

**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.

We have updated our WHATS ON leaflet but given changes to the rooms in Little London it requires updating again, so once done I will send it on.

Committee members are welcome to attend any of our sessions to meet the staff and parents and children.

### **Environmental Sub-Group: Champion Cllr J Akhtar**

4.The Environment Sub-Group will meet in October and determine a plan of action for the rest of the financial year tackling key environmental issues.

### **Health and Well-Being: Champion Cllr A Marshall Katung**

A programme of School visits will be planned this Autumn to promote healthy eating for children especially fruit and vegetables which are so important for children's health and wellbeing.

### **Rightsizing campaign**

People aged 50 and over living in West Yorkshire are being targeted with an innovative new campaign to help them 'rightsize' and find a home that's right for them. The aim of the 'rightsizing' campaign is to help people choose where they live before other factors, such as ill health, make that decision for them. The campaign press release is [here](#) or visit the new website for more information [Your home, your choice](#). If you wish to help promote the campaign a toolkit is also available here: [Rightsizing campaign toolkit](#)

## Annual flu report

UKHSA's annual report has been published and summarises the levels of influenza (flu) across the UK for the winter period, 2022 to 2023. The analysis indicates that excess deaths in England associated with flu were higher (14,500) than the average figure (13,500) for the five years before the pandemic. This is the highest figure since the 2017 to 2018 season, when there were 22,500 excess deaths associated with flu.

You can read more [here](#)

## Child Poverty Action Group

[These are some free resources from the Child Poverty Action Group which can be shared with constituents and the third sector.](#)

Many of our resources are free to read online because of partnerships we've made. These include:

- [Mental Health and Benefits Handbook](#) this has just come out and has been produced in conjunction with MIND
- [Fuel Rights Handbook](#)
- [Debt Advice Handbook](#)
- [Children's Handbook Scotland](#)
- Selected [articles from the Welfare Rights Bulletin and Poverty](#)
- Factsheets on welfare topics – available on our [topics pages](#).

## Measles Action Cards

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Yorkshire and Humber have recently circulated communications and guidance to acute trusts and primary care following a rise in the number of confirmed Measles cases both within Yorkshire and Humber and nationally during the first part of 2023. Children and young adults continue to be susceptible to infection due to a gap in immunity, contributed to by the fall in vaccination uptake rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Health Publications website contains UKHSA measles resources for settings which can be downloaded and printed or ordered (usually for free). To access all of the available resources visit [Publications - Health Publications](#).

The 'If you think you've got measles call ahead' poster can be printed [here](#) to be displayed in surgeries, or if you would like this to be posted to you please contact the Public Health Resource Centre [PHRC@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:PHRC@leeds.gov.uk). This poster can also be shared on social media platforms and GP practice websites to raise public awareness of measles symptoms and actions.

The autumn booster programme will aim to increase protection against severe Covid for those at higher risk. In addition, there is a need to address inequalities in the uptake of the flu vaccination. Low vaccine confidence amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and negatively impact some of the poorest communities. Skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing provides staff with an important resource that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths, whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what are safe and effective vaccines.

You can find out more and book online [here](#)

## **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update**

### **Headingley & Hyde Park + Little London & Woodhouse Wards**

#### **Street Cleansing**

We are continuing to work on our daily high foot fall areas as well as targeting a different section of the 2 wards each day. This is working well to ensure all areas of the wards are cleansed at least once a week on top of us clearing hotspot areas too. The student Changeover program went really well and led to a lot of positive Feedback from residents in all areas of the wards.

#### **Enforcement**

We are still receiving a high amount 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. We are having many positive results due to the working relationships our officers have in the community. We had 150 Formal cases opened relating to Student Changeover and the majority of these have been closed successfully due to good compliance, we are still investigating a number of the cases which are more complex.

#### **Education**

Our Street Wardens James has been working well in targeted areas taking on projects such as targeted bin etiquette education project in the burley lodge area after Councillor Brooks raised a few of the local residents' concerns and put me in touch with them. This work is still ongoing with a site meeting with Councillor Akhtar booked in. James also came up with and led the foodbank donation project during student changeover and received a thoughtful thank you from Rainbow Junction. James is always happy to work with members, residents and local businesses to resolve waste related issues.

#### **PSPO**

PSPO continue to be one of our priorities and we still have a 100 percent successful prosecution with these cases in court. We do receive a lot of requests for PSPO enforcement across the ward and have prioritised the areas in most need based on issues that could have a detrimental impact on public health if not addressed.

#### **General Staffing**

We are in our highest period of annual leave requests at the moment, but the team are working well to ensure all of our street cleansing priorities such as litter picking, litter bin emptying and fly tip removal are all still carried out. We are still in the process of training our new path sweeper driver and should see an increase in mechanical sweeper work being carried out in the wards over the next few months.

#### **Housing Leeds**

Housing Leeds held an action day in the Tinshill area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, providing skips jointly with local ward members to enable residents to dispose of their unwanted items, to encourage them to tackle overgrown gardens and hedges and to generally clean up the area.

Partner agencies were involved, including the Cleaner Neighbourhoods team, who were on site collecting extra waste. Housing Officers were out speaking with local residents, encouraging them to tackle their gardens and getting stuck in by helping to cut hedges, clear paths and tidying up the area.

## Housing Advisory Panel

Current spend and budget below.

<b>Budget Summary Sheet 2023/24 Inner North West</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	
			<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	Budget for 2023/24	£29,228.75		<b>32.90%</b>
	Carry Forward from 2022/23	<b>£250.96</b>		
	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 BUDGET</b>	<b>£29,479.71</b>		<b>% available</b>
	Approved Budget Spend 2023/24	£9,700.00		<b>67.10%</b>
	<b>Available Budget (Balance)</b>	<b>£19,779.71</b>		

Recent approved HAP bids

INW\_07\_2324 Beevers Court Seating

INW\_08\_2324 Iveson Rise - Garden

INW\_09\_2324 Little London Litter Pickers.

Bids in the pipeline for next HAP meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September

INW\_12\_2324 Oatland Place barrier

INW\_13\_2324 Beevers Court Gardening equipment

INW\_15\_2324 Little London residents – fun day.

Update on previously funded bids.

INW\_01\_2324 Little London Fun Day – was a success despite the rain. Came in under budget.

INW\_05\_2324 Green Guardians – Housing staff are completing referrals.

Currently working with Ireland Wood residents' group to re-establish, Little London Voices group is working well to make positive changes to their environment. Blenheim View and Lovell Park View residents' associations have recently had their annual support grants to support with running costs.

**Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks** Is working on a new initiative with the LCC Jobshops, to reduce barriers to employment. More details will be given at a future update once the initiative has progressed.

## Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Inner North West Community Committee area is 3,451. This is an increase of 92% since March 2020, and an increase of 10 claimants 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		April 2023		May 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	46,811	9.0%	47,079	9.0%
<b>Inner North West</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Headingley & Hyde Park	549	1.9%	1,084	3.7%	1,078	3.7%
Little London & Woodhouse	862	2.6%	1,534	4.5%	1,547	4.6%
Weetwood	391	2.7%	823	5.7%	826	5.7%

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

## Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Inner North West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)
<b>Inner North West</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>441</b>
Headingley & Hyde Park	382	393	114	76	94	111
Little London & Woodhouse	688	893	185	156	138	242
Weetwood	215	261	64	41	61	88

- During April 2022 – March 2023
  - 14,179 people accessed the Service, 1,547 of whom were residents from the Inner North West.
  - Supported 2,999 people into work, 273 of whom were residents from the Inner North West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, construction, health and care including childcares, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
  - Supported 3,753 people to improve their skills, 441 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. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.

All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes City Centre, Headingley Community Hubs. There is also the following pop up Jobshop:

- Holt Park Community Hub, Holtdale Approach, LS16 7RX, Friday 9:00 – 17:00

Community Learning provision 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 April 2022 - March 2023, in the Inner North West, 262 courses were delivered at 19 venues. 514 residents have accessed a course. In addition, there were 50 courses delivered on-line. ESOL support will continue to be delivered at City Centre Hub and Little London Primary School from September 2023.

Between April 2022 - March 2023, 15 Developing You Health and Wellbeing courses, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment were delivered across the city, 123 people completed the course and 24 of whom were supported into work. Developing You courses were developed and delivered to people with Learning Disabilities, 18 people completed the course and are being supported by the Employment Hub to support progression to further learning, employment or volunteering.

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

Delivering in partnership the Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers work focuses on narrowing inequalities with a one system approach across the sector, adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice in the system, targeting the Priority Wards. The pathways that are being delivered provide people with a supported programme into Administration and Care roles within the NHS and Adult Social Care. There are functional skills (Maths, English and ESOL) support provided to upskill individuals to the required entry level for their pathway of choice. Since February 2022, 422 people, 51% of whom were from the Priority Wards have attended the information sessions, 167 have achieved a qualification and 174 people have been supported into work. New pathways that have been developed for Children's Residential, Care Practitioner roles and Care Navigators within GP Practices and will be delivered from September 2023. For further information please visit: [Health and Care Careers](#).

Within the last year the Service has supported 342 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.

### **Delivered Events and Activities**

- **Informed Choices** supported school careers events and parents evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 10,535 young people, 458 parents/carers and 409 teachers.
- **Next Steps** support for young people following GCSE or A Level results is hosted on Start in Leeds [Next Steps after School or College](#).
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** delivered 28 information sessions between January and July 2023 at 7 venues across the city, five of the LCC Community Hubs, Age UK and One Community Centre
- **Jobs Fairs** 19 recruitment events delivered since April 2023 at 10 venues across the city, seven LCC Community Hubs, Wetherby Community Hub, Farnley Community centre and the White Rose Shopping Centre.
- **Leeds Community Learning and Employer Provider Apprenticeships Celebration Awards 2023** took place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Civic Hall to celebrate the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embrace their future progression into further/higher education, volunteering and/or employment.
- **SEND Next Choices Event**, Getting Ready for Adult Life took place on 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 67 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities and along with other specific support. 2,200 young people attended with very positive feedback.



- **Financial Wellbeing Events** delivered in partnership with Credit Union, Yorkshire Water and Leeds City Council, Housing, Jobshops for residents concerned with the rising cost of living. Support provided included debt advice and employment assistance.
- **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF)** took place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. A total of 106 organisations participated and 8,000 visitors attended.
  - 78% of visitors were either more likely to start an Apprenticeship or more interested in an Apprenticeship since attending the event.
  - 85% of visitors would recommend the event to a friend.
- **Family Learning Festival** was delivered on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Carriageworks Theatre, approx. 150 people participating along with 25 exhibitors from across the Community Learning sector. Local skills providers, colleges, universities, employment advisors attended to provide advice for anyone looking to develop their skills further or to plan their next steps.
- **Reducing Re-Offending** construction recruitment events took place on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at HMP Leeds, 5 construction companies attended offering employment opportunities. 77 serving prisoners engaged with the advisors who delivered employability support sessions.

### **Planned Events and Activities**

- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** information sessions are planned to be delivered at the following venues:
  - Richmond Hill Community Centre on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  - Reginald Centre on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  - Dewsbury Road Community Hub on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023
  - Compton Community Hub on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
  - City Centre Community Hub on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023
  - Beeston Community Centre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023
  - Kentmere Community Centre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023
  - Armley Community Hub on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- **The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023** will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event is aimed at those exploring a career in tech and digital. Attendees will be given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Digital Careers Fair 2023](#).
- **Reducing Re-Offending** a jobs fair to take place at HMP Wealstun on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The event will offer support to prisoners due for release. A range of employers, from different sectors, are attending alongside Employment and Skills Advisors.
- **The Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event will showcase the wide range of opportunities within the creative and culture sector. There will be a range of employers and providers as well as interactive activities and information sessions. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Creative Skills Festival 2023](#).
- **The Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** will take place at Leeds First Direct Arena on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Further details will be available in the Autumn.

### **Further Information**

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, 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>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@employmentandskills>



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For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit:

<https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>

The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter was launched in March 2023, which provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 2,700 subscribers. To find out more please visit: [www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com](http://www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com)

## **Social Media**

3. The Inner North West Community Committee Facebook Page now has 976 followers (18/09/23) an increase of 43 from May 2023.

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

## **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

5. 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**

6. 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:
  - 76Vision 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**

7. 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**

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

## **Risk Management**

9. 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**

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