

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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for consideration

## **Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report**

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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.

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme**

#### **Children & Young People: Councillor Zara Hussain**

3. On the 30<sup>th</sup> August the last multi-sport camp of the summer holidays took place at Scott Hall Leisure Centre, it was also the week after England Lionesses had done so amazingly well in the World Cup!
4. The coaches decided to run a football world cup themed day, 25 children split in to 5 teams with members of the Inner North East Community Committee, who kindly funded the camp, joining in the fun. Providing much needed support from the committee were Cllr Mohammed Rafique, Moortown Cllrs Mohammed Shahzad and Cllr Sharon Hamilton, without whom children in the community wouldn't be able to enjoy such a wonderful opportunity in safe environment.

5. Despite best efforts from a depleted Team Lionesses, losing only one match it was Team Seals that stormed to victory winning all their games!



**Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor**

## **Community Committee Health and Wellbeing Report**

### **Heating on Prescription**

6. Public Health Localities and Primary care have been successful in securing funding from Household Support Fund 4 to redeliver the Heating on Prescription scheme in primary and secondary care. The overarching aim of the scheme is to ensure that those most clinically at risk of ill health due to cold are able to stay well and warm at home this winter. The scheme is being delivered by third sector organisation Care & Repair, in partnership with Green Doctors and will be available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Heating on Prescription provides eligible patients financial assistance towards paying energy bills and practical solutions to reduce energy costs and tackle the causes of heat loss, damp and mould. Patients will also be supported with onward referrals to other organisations for additional support if needed. Referral pathways have been in-built into Primary and Secondary Care clinical systems to support a quick and efficient referral process and over the coming months we will be working with PCNs to raise awareness of the scheme at upcoming flu clinics.

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## **Winter Wellbeing**

7. Cold weather increases the risk of heart attacks, strokes, lung illnesses, flu and other diseases. People slip and fall in the snow or ice, sometimes suffering serious injuries. Some groups, such as older people, very young children, and people with long term conditions are particularly vulnerable to the effects of cold weather and living in deprivation.
8. Although there are several factors contributing to winter illness and death, in many cases simple preventative action could avoid many of the deaths, illnesses and injuries associated with the cold.

Key messages are as follows:

- Get vaccinated – if you're eligible ensure you've had your flu jab and Covid booster.
- If you are able to, keep the inside of the house warm. If you can't heat the whole house then heat the room you're in.
- Seek help if you're struggling with fuel bills or energy efficiency.
- Keep active and seek support if you're worried about a fall.
- Have regular hot food, drinks and snacks.
- Connect to the local community.
- Be prepared for winter.

For advice and support visit <https://bit.ly/LCCcostofliving>

## **Flu and Covid update**

9. The latest information from UKHSA shows that Covid case rates have slightly decreased, flu rates remain low and more people have come forward for both their Covid and flu vaccines. Those aged 75 and over continue to have the highest hospitalisation rates from Covid, although these have decreased from the previous week.
10. The national booking system for autumn Covid vaccines is open. Those eligible include all those aged 65 and over, pregnant women and those with an underlying health condition. These people will receive invitations from the NHS to encourage them to get their Covid and flu vaccines.

## **Innovative ABCD in Leeds programme celebrates milestone**

11. An event marking a special birthday of a pioneering asset-based community development programme in Leeds took place recently.
12. Over 150 attendees, including members of third sector organisations, interested representatives of other local authorities and city councillors came together to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) programme.
13. Developed in partnership between Leeds City Council and third sector organisations, a key aim of ABCD in Leeds is to shift power back into the hands of local communities and provide them with the support and tools they need to make meaningful change in the areas they live through a variety of different projects. In doing so, ABCD has played its part in helping to improve the skills, learning, and health and wellbeing of residents, and the tackling of different issues such as loneliness and social isolation.

### **Campaigns**

#### **Lung cancer awareness month November**

14. Lung Cancer is the third most common type of cancer in the UK. The symptoms are difficult to spot early on, so it's important to know what to look out for and how you can reduce your risk.
15. LTHT has a walk-in chest x-ray service for adults aged over 40 with signs of potential lung cancer. This service can be accessed without the need for a referral or appointment.

### **Training and Development**

#### **Want to know more about... Winter messaging 13 December, 11.30am to 12.30pm**

16. Extreme cold can have a significant impact on people's health. Reasons for the increased risk of ill-health during cold weather include poor quality housing, increased circulation of flu and other infectious diseases, physical hazards such as snow, and poor mental health related to isolation. Increases in the cost-of-living and the impact that food and fuel poverty can have on health especially during winter months is also a factor.

The webinar will cover:

- National Adverse Weather Plan and new weather alerts
- Key Public Health winter messages
- Organisations and services in Leeds to support the most vulnerable

- Winter vaccination messages
- Mental Health risk factors and support
- Cost-of-living support and signposting
- Resources and support links

The session will be delivered by staff from the Public Health team.

### **Success**

17. On 11 October the ninth annual Public Health and Wellbeing Conference took place at Leeds Civic Hall – A Bridge over Troubled Water: Public Health in a “cost of living crisis”. The conference was aimed at anyone who works, volunteers or studies in Leeds and has a role or interest in promoting health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities.
18. The event was a great success with over 80 delegates attending and there was a real buzz with great speakers including the Joseph Rowntree Foundation talking about their research into deep poverty and 28 local organisations holding stalls and able to promote the fantastic work they are doing in Leeds in response to the cost of living crisis. Delegates were also able to attend a range of interactive workshops including ‘In Our Shoes: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children in Leeds’; ‘There's no self-care without self-empowerment - mental health, money, power and the cost of living crisis’ and ‘Marmot and the Localities Public Health team practical application’.

### **Covid19 Vaccination Programme**

19. The UK COVID-19 vaccination programme is now entering its third autumn season. Vaccination helps to protect against severe illness, hospitalisations and deaths from COVID-19. The advice for this autumn is to offer the vaccine to those at high risk of serious disease and who are therefore most likely to benefit from vaccination.
20. Specifically, Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises the following groups to be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine this autumn:
- residents in a care home for older adults
  - If adults aged 65 years and over
  - persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as laid out in the [Immunisation Green Book](#), COVID-19 chapter (Green Book)
  - frontline health and social care workers
  - persons aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts (as defined in the Green Book) of people with immunosuppression
  - persons aged 16 to 64 years who are carers (as defined in the Green Book) and staff working in care homes for older adults

21. Further advice on the choice of vaccine products for use this autumn will be provided in due course. Professor Wei Shen Lim, Chair of COVID-19 immunisation on the JCVI, said:

- The autumn booster programme will continue to focus on those at greatest risk of getting seriously ill. These persons will benefit the most from a booster vaccination.
- It is important that everyone who is eligible takes up a booster this autumn – helping to prevent them from hospitalisations and deaths arising from the virus over the winter months.

22. Dr Mary Ramsay, Director of Public Health Programmes at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

- The COVID-19 virus has not gone away and we expect to see it circulating more widely over the winter months with the numbers of people getting ill increasing.
- The booster is being offered to those at higher risk of severe illness and by taking up the booster vaccine this autumn, you will increase your protection ahead of winter, when respiratory viruses are typically at their peak.

23. To optimise protection over the winter months, JCVI advises that the autumn programme should aim to complete vaccinations by early December 2023 ahead of winter, mindful that protection is highest in the first 3 months following vaccination. This will help maximise the potential benefits of the programme.

24. At the same time, JCVI recognises some need for operational flexibility in relation to when these vaccines will be offered, taking into consideration factors such as vaccine supply.

25. From autumn 2023, JCVI additionally advises that primary course COVID-19 vaccination for persons who have not had any COVID-19 vaccines before should consist of a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Eligibility for primary course vaccination will be the same as for the autumn 2023 booster.

26. Last year's autumn booster programme ended on the 20 February 2023. Data up to 12 March showed that 73.2% of people aged 65 to 70 years in England had been vaccinated and this increased in older cohorts rising to 83.7% (just under 2.5 million) in those aged over 80 years.

27. Data from last autumn's programme showed that those who received a booster were around 53% less likely to be admitted to hospital with COVID-19 in the 2 to 4 weeks following vaccination, compared to those who did not receive a booster.

### **Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique**

#### **LASBT EAST**

		<b>% Change on previous month</b>
<b>Current East Caseload</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>+ 16%</b>
<b>Cases Open in last Month</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>+ 127%</b>
<b>Closed Cases in last Month</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>- 6%</b>
<b>% of active citywide caseload</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>- 2%</b>

#### **Current Cases in Inner North East = 20**

Cases Opened in the last 3 months by ward.

Chapel Allerton = 9 of which 1 x Noise, 6 x ASB, 1 x Hate, 1 x DV

Moortown = 6 of which 2 x Noise, 2 x ASB, 1 x DV

Roundhay = 3 of which 3 x ASB

#### **Key issues:**

- Problem solving group established to pick up issues in and around Roundhay Park (Police, LASBT & Parks – feeding back to residents)
- A takeaway is no longer trading from the back of Chapeltown Road – longstanding complaint of noise and nuisance behaviour now resolved.
- Premises Closure Order granted earlier this month on Beckhill Fold to give neighbours respite while we seek possession of the property. Ongoing issues around noise, rowdy behaviour, drink, drugs and DA.

#### **Leeds HAP Panel**

#### **Engagement/Involvement**

- New Tenant Engagement Officer covering Inner North East is Andrew Kyrover.
- Following the success of Your Place Brackenwood, A new Your Place project is being planned. The area is yet to be determined.
- No update regarding the future of Team Beckhills yet.

#### **Housing Advisory Panels**

HAP budget as below:

- INE HAP available budget is **£17,677.97**
- HAP budget spent financial year 2023/24 is £10,220
- The budget for 2023/4 has been reduced by 10% so even more work will take place to encourage bidders to look for part funding from other sources.
- Still have vacancies for Housing Leeds residents on Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel and will be actively looking to recruit.

### **Community Payback / Skill Mill**

- Community Payback – Are accepting referrals. Housing staff are submitting referrals where appropriate.

### **Working In Partnership**

- Tenant engagement officer will work to build new relationships with community organisations such as InterAct, BCA and Childrens Centre.
- Continue to build strong relationships with Housing staff, ward members and other council departments to ensure customers receive the best service.
- Continue to use the ABCD approach to assist groups identifying funding opportunities through Funding Leeds and other avenues.

### **Environment: Councillor Jordan Bowden Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)**

28. De leafing for the wards Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay has now commenced. Due to staff leave and long-term sick of several staff members, litter picking will less of a priority during this time.
29. Number of new bins for INE to replace damaged/old bins. Referrals for this will be taken by the usual channels.
30. Large fly tips reported on Ridge Road- SECT team have retrieved evidence from first incident and are carrying out their investigations and well as further incidents have now been captured on CCTV installed by the team. Enquiries ongoing and awaiting update from SECT.
31. Ginnel to rear of Riviera Gardens - This will be cut back by the team once de leafing has been completed.



32. Charity bins on Chapeltown Road - Gaining evidence before visiting the business owner regarding these. We'll give opportunity to deal with them otherwise we can take action to have them removed.

33. Back Newton Grove – quotes have been received and the Environmental Action Officer is in the process of sending a covering email out to all owners in the hope that they will all join together and meet the cost of installing new fencing..

### **Community Hubs Update**

34. All Community Hubs and Libraries across Leeds are 'Welcome Spaces' this initiative is to provide a warm welcome with free hot drinks and games where residents can spend some time with company.

35. We are collaborating with Zero Waste Leeds on the Winter Coat appeal and are drop off and collection points for redistribution of winter coats/fleeces etc more information can be found here <https://www.zerowasteleeds.org.uk/projects/leeds-winter-coat-appeal/>

### **The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library**

#### **Weekly events**

- Every Monday Local Medical Practice Coffee Morning 10am-12pm to combat social isolation.
- Chapeltown and Harehills Law Project attend every Monday 9-1 to give support to local residents with advice on welfare and benefits.
- ESOL classes with Path – Monday from 9.30
- Citizen's advice bureau appointment based every Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm
- Police drop in weekly on a Wednesday 10am to 12pm
- Story and rhyme time every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- Stay and play every Wednesday 11.30am to 12.30pm
- Money Buddies weekly on a Thursday 1pm to 4pm very well used due to cost of living crisis.  
claiming DWP and other benefits.
- Advonet Advocacy Session every Thursday 1pm – 3pm
- Men's Self Advocacy Pop Up every Thursday 10am-2pm
- A Yoga session takes place every Thursday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

### **Ongoing Project Work**

36. Leeds City Council welcome hub for Ukrainian arrivals to Leeds. Working collaboratively with internal and external key stakeholders to offer a warm welcome to Ukrainian refugee arrivals. The Reginald Centre has currently welcomed 777 individuals from Ukraine through the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

37. We are a designated 'Welcome Space' and have a social table where customers can come in and participate in an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are available.

38. This launched for the second winter on the 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **August 2023**

39. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Healthy Holidays commenced and ran for four weeks. A **The Not So Big Bad Wolf**: performance by Wrongsemble theatre company, at Reginald Centre (1/8/23)

40. Health and Wellbeing hypertension pop up.

41. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August- Dogs Trust Volunteering Pop Up

42. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Micro bit: Ready, Set, Reaction! Coding event in support of Summer Reading Challenge, where children designed a game controller before coding a Micro bit to test their reaction speed, This Session ran to fully booked audience at Reginald Centre on 7/8/23.

43. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Banner Making Workshop and the launch of Arts and Crafts session at the centre.

### **September 2023**

- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Touchstone Health and Wellbeing Pop Up
- Clay Session delivered by volunteer – attended by 10 people.
- 18<sup>th</sup> September a Digital Drop in took place.
- On the 29<sup>TH</sup> September Relaunch of Fabian Hamilton's MP Surgeries – last Friday of each month

### **October 2023**

44. On site display and themed film showings for Black History Month – On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October we showed 'The Help' which was attended by 15 people and on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October we showed 'Black Panther' to a packed house of 50 people.

45. Customer feedback

"Excellent event, we need to see more movies like this in the Centre".

"Really enjoyed the movie and watching it with people from the community".

- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Touchstone Health and Wellbeing Pop Up

- 4<sup>th</sup> October – Northern School of Contemporary Dance Café pop up.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Citizens Advice Bureau Volunteer Recruitment Event – recruited eight new volunteers for the Chapelton branch.
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Support session for Expectant Mothers in Romanian Community
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – New Roots – Path Pop Up to support Ukrainian Refugees into employment.
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Liver Buddies Bus – 18 participants had scans taken of their liver to check for signs of liver disease and access wellbeing information.
- 25<sup>th</sup> October RJC Dance 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition launch, Reginald Centre – launch event for exhibition, including flash talks and dance demo. Fantastic audience of around 60-70 people, very engaging, fab atmosphere in building and great interaction between attendees and exhibition.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – Relaunch of BHI Café space
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – Relaunch of Welcome Spaces and Hillcrest Academy primary school visit.

### **Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library**

#### **Regular events**

46. Weekly Storytime and Rhyme time at Moor Allerton takes place every Tuesday 10.30-11.30am. Story and Rhyme time is led by the Customer Service Assistants. Average attendance is 45.
47. Weekly Digi drop ins, Mondays 1,.30 – 2.30pm: Need help to use your tablet, smart phone, or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required.
48. Chess Club in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities. Fortnightly on a Wednesday 3:30-5pm. This fun and friendly club will be welcome to players of all ages and abilities. Free event, no booking required.
49. Long Covid Group attending every Tuesday between 2-3pm
50. Hearing Aid Clinic. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
51. Barclays Bank Every Monday and Thursday 9-4pm Drop in and appointments are offered for Bank enquiries in light of recent closure of local branch.

52. Jobshop Pop-Up and LCC Jobshop Advisor attend Every Thursday, 9-5pm

53. We are a 'Welcome Space' and have a social table where customers can come in and participate in an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are available.

### **August 2023**

54. Barclays Post Office Banking Presentation -Monday 7th August 2-3pm Barclays Customers were advised to learn about how they could do their banking at the Post Office. They also held a presentation with the Police to give a presentation regarding online fraud/Scams.

55. Tuesday 8th August, 2:30-3:30pm Let **the Games Begin – the Story of the Olympics**: immersive storytelling performance by Same Difference theatre company took place at Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library in support of the Summer Reading Challenge

### **September 2023**

56. Dogs Trust held a pop-up on the 6<sup>TH</sup> September. Advising how you could volunteer to foster a dog.

57. Leeds 2023 Bid Creative Digital Workshop took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm 7th September 2-4pm A creative arts/tech workshop run by an external facilitator on topics such as video editing, photo editing and image creation.

### **October 2023**

58. 17<sup>th</sup> October hosted a class visit from Moor Allerton Church of England Primary

59. 19<sup>th</sup> October hosted class visits from both Manor Wood Primary and Allerton Church of England

60. Hate Crime Awareness Pop Up ASB Team held a pop up to promote reporting hate crime. Monday 16th October 1-3pm

61. **30<sup>th</sup> October: Sphero Ghost Train at Moor Allerton**, part of half-term children's events. Children designed a ghost train track, then coded Sphero Bolt robots to follow the track (including tunnel and ramp challenges). Sold out event, plus additional drop-in attendees. 12 children and 10 adults in attendance, feedback: "Amazing activity", "Provided access to something we wouldn't otherwise do", "Really engaging".

## Chapel Allerton Library

### Regular Events

62. We are a 'Welcome Space' and have a social table where customers can come in and participate in an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are available.

63. Story And Rhyme Time Every Thursday 10.30-11.30 this continues to be hugely popular with up to 60 adults and children attending every week.

### August 2023

64. **Storybook Sports:** librarian-led session combining junk-modelling, game design and storytelling, run at Chapel Allerton on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

65. **Steampunk Stories and Sky Whales:** author event at Chapel Allerton featuring children's author Hannah Durkan. Held in partnership with The Little Bookshop. Audience of 20 children and their grown-ups in attendance, who enjoyed the chance to meet Hannah in person and get their books signed.

**Chapel Allerton Festival.** Series of events/workshops, including:

66. **Mask-making workshops** – both Reginald Centre and Chapel Allerton Library hosted mask-making workshops where participants made masks to wear as part of the festival parade. Workshops were 18<sup>th</sup> Aug at Reginald Centre and 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August at Chapel Allerton Library.

67. **A Thousand Words: Writing Poems from Local History** – poetry workshop led by Ian Harker at Chapel Allerton Library (30<sup>th</sup> August), using Leodis photo archive as inspiration. 9 people in attendance, some who had written poetry before, some who were giving it a go for the first time.

### September 2023

68. **Café Run:** Chapel Allerton Library hosted a number of acoustic music performances as part of the Chapel Allerton Festival's café run strand on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep.

69. **14<sup>th</sup> Sep, Book Launch: Rusted Souls by Chris Nickson, Chapel Allerton Library** – an audience of 30 people enjoyed the launch of Chris' new (and final) book in the Tom Harper series. Event held in partnership with The Little Bookshop, with attendees able to get book signings and also enjoy a glass of wine!

### Oakwood Library

70. We are a 'Welcome Space' and have a social table where customers can come in and do an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are available.

71. We have a weekly Story and Rhyme Time Session that takes place every Monday 1.30pm-2.30pm. This is well attended and very popular.

### **August**

72. **The Not So Big Bad Wolf:** performance by Wrongsemble theatre company, took place outside on Oakwood Library lawn (23/8/23). Sold out performance. "Very engaging, really lovely performance, excellent moral, outside setting was lovely".

### **Chapel Allerton Playground**

73. On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Chapel Allerton ward members attended the opening of the new playground. They were joined by Chapel Allerton Play Group who worked tirelessly to secure funding for the improvements to the playground along with members of their local community. There were many activities on offer which included face painting, circus entertainment, pop donuts and coffee stalls. The official ribbon opening ceremony took place at 1.30pm.



### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

75. 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**

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

Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30

Best City Plan

Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan

Children and Young People's Plan

Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

77. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Conclusions**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

82. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.