

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 (as lead) and Cllr H Bithell

3. The Children and Young Person Sub-Group agreed a new approach at the previous Community Committee, held in November. It was decided that 'Homelessness in Young People' would be the topic that was investigated in more detail. Since that meeting the CYP Sub-Group has met with the Executive Member for Housing and both the Chief Officer of Housing and the Head of Homelessness.

Environment: Champion Cllr A Rontree

4. The Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group is next due to meet on 27th March, it had been decided at a previous meeting that this upcoming meeting would look more at the Community Safety side of the sub-group.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update

General Staffing

5. There has been a temporary change in Area Managers at the West CNT, to cover the Service Manager Role at the Household Waste & Recycling Centres & bring sites until 31st March 2023. To ensure continuity a temporary Area Manager will be covering during this period.
6. The Team Leader role for the area is vacant, the Area Manager will be the point of contact for any Partners and Ward Members until the position is occupied. This has meant that there have been some delays in responding to Ward Members and we know this will improve once the post is occupied.
7. There is x1 Environmental Action operative, which is vacant, and is awaiting for approval.

Street Cleansing and Enforcement

8. The annual De leafing programme has now been completed for the year. This is the largest piece of work that we complete each year and we use existing resources from within the team. This year team collected approximately 335 tonnes of leaves.
9. The Graffiti Team continue to remove any offensive graffiti tags and in most cases within 48 hours, any requests for service must be sent to WNWAction@leeds.gov.uk.
10. We have supported various Action Days throughout the summer in the Inner West wards. Any issues or improvements to how these Action Days work have been addressed locally in partnership with Housing and Ward Members. There are no further planned days until early 2024.

Parks and Countryside Update

11. Armley improvements from Heights Lane Dev has completed.
12. Bramley Falls Park - Play Area Painting is awaiting start.
13. Broad Lane 5 a side posts are awaiting installation.
14. St Peters Church Bench has been installed.
15. Burley Park Improvements are awaiting start.
16. Cragside Rec play area and path improvements are awaiting start.

17. Sandford Road play area improvements are awaiting start.

18. Aston Lane, Kingway Fence repair has completed.

19. Stanningley Park MUGA resurfacing is awaiting start.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champions Cllr J McKenna & Cllr T Hinchcliffe

Universal Credit

20. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Inner West Community Committee area is 6,608. This is an increase of 104% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and an increase of 13 claimants on the previous month.

21. 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		October 2023		November 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	48,825	9.4%	49,108	9.4%
Inner West	3,244	6.7%	6,595	13.6%	6,608	13.7%
Armley	1,547	9.0%	3,177	18.5%	3,153	18.3%
Bramley & Stanningley	952	6.5%	1,867	12.7%	1,892	12.9%
Kirkstall	745	4.5%	1,551	9.4%	1,563	9.5%

*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

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/202	2022/202	2023/202	2022/202	2023/202	2022/202
	4	3	4	3	4	3
	(Apr – Dec)	(Apr – Dec)	(Apr – Dec)	(Apr – Dec)	(Apr – Dec)	(Apr – Dec)
Inner West	1,022	1,154	272	266	283	250
Armley	569	596	139	159	133	103
Bramley & Stanningley	192	222	62	44	61	57
Kirkstall	261	336	71	63	89	90

23. During April – December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 1,022 of whom were residents from the Inner West.
- Supported 2,457 people into work, 272 of whom were residents from the Inner West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest

numbers in construction, health and care including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.

- Supported 2,975 people to improve their skills, 283 of whom were from the Inner West.

Leeds Employment Hub

24. 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.
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 at Bramley Community Hub, Thursday 09:30 – 16:00 and New Wortley Community Centre, Wednesday 09:30-16:00.

Community Learning

26. 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 includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
27. Between April - December 2023, 3,554 people started a Community Learning course. There were 559 courses delivered at 118 venues, in addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line. In the Inner West area, there were 24 courses delivered at 7 venues, and 309 people started a course.
28. In addition to the above Community Learning courses and in response to requests for ESOL support, a 12-week ESOL course continues to be delivered to residents from the local community at Castleton Childrens Centre, New Wortley. The courses have been well attended with 2 courses delivered since February 2023. A new curriculum is in place to support the continued learning from September which is open to new and current learners. A creche has been requested and will be offered alongside the programme in partnership with Castleton Childrens Centre.
29. ESOL support will continue to be delivered at City Centre Hub, Horsforth Childrens Centre and Little London Primary School from September 2023.
30. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

31. Employment & Skills had a full Ofsted Inspection from 11th – 14th December 2023. The Community Learning provision was graded Outstanding across all areas, the first Local Authority to achieve the Outstanding judgement since the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF) commenced in September 2019. The inspectors found:

- Adult learners gain valuable skills, which often transform their lives.
- They benefit from a highly ambitious curriculum that meets a diverse range of needs across the city, widens participation in learning, improves life chances and develops stronger communities.
- Subcontractors are carefully selected with expertise in community learning to enable them to meet the needs of specific local communities and groups, and to meet skills priorities.
- Subcontractors deliver highly effective, bespoke programmes to support the most vulnerable learners to access education.

32. The first event Community Learning Celebration Awards took place on the 18th July 2023 at Leeds Civic Hall. This event celebrated the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embraced their future progression into further/high education, volunteering and/or employment.

Multiply

33. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills to help their children.

34. In January 2024, an introductory session will be delivered at New Wortley Community Centre enabling consultation with the local community regarding the content of a Multiply course to be delivered from February 2024.

Delivered Events and Activities

35. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers 19 Information and Assessment Sessions were delivered in priority wards from July to December 2023. 197 people engaged in the sessions of whom 82 were referred to pre-employment courses, 23 referred into We Care Academy and 68 were referred for Numeracy and Literacy support via Community Learning.

36. School and College Engagement and Delivery during July – December 2023, delivered 55 activities to a total of 5,660 young people, 596 parents and carers and 129 teachers. This included 48 Apprenticeship Awareness sessions delivered at 27 schools to a total of 3,730 young people, 518 parents and 119 teachers. The sessions were delivered at the following schools in the West of the City:

37. Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Coop Academy Priesthorpe, Dixon Unity Academy, Farnley Academy, Horsforth School, Lawnswood School, The Pennington Centre, Springwell Academy, Ruth Gorse Academy and Leeds College of Building.
38. Security Recruitment Event at the City Centre Community Hub held on the 27th July 2023. Advisors engaged with 53 customers and DWP for a Sector-Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP) Fair on 27th September 2023
39. A tech careers information session was delivered at Leeds Maximus office on 6th September 2023. This session provided information to 15 employment advisors and team members to let them know about tech career options and entry routes to help support their customer groups into sustainable employment options in the tech sector.
40. Black Young Professionals event held at the Infinity Works office in Leeds on 6th September 2023, 25 people attended. The team promoted upcoming events and support for finding employment in Leeds, the aim was to encourage a diverse audience to consider digital and creative careers.
41. Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad 3.0 - Getting Hired in Tech took place at BJSS office in Leeds City Centre on 20th September 2023. Guest speakers from BJSS, Glean and NHS LTHT joined the session to provide guests with knowledge and tips on getting hired in tech roles. 40 people attended.
42. The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023 took place on 26th September 2023, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at those new to a career in tech and digital. 4,000 attendees were given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available, plus attend interesting talks and demonstration sessions.
43. Virtual Careers Expo (LDCF) as part of Leeds Digital Careers fair, a virtual careers expo was launched on 26th September until 31st December 2023. This was an immersive platform for young people to access careers and skills information and opportunities in Leeds, with a focus on our emerging sectors. A mini roadshow also took place at 3 higher education venues to showcase the virtual careers expo to students and encourage sign ups, allowing more students access to the emerging sector careers information.
44. Reducing Re-Offending: Jobs Fair was delivered at HMP Wealstun 28th September 2023. 7 organisations attended with Advisors engaging with 60 prisoners to offer support on their release.
45. UK University Search Jobs Fair held at Elland Road on 17th October 2023. 480 young people aged 15-19 attended. Delivered a presentation on benefits of doing an Apprenticeship to approximately 180 of the attendees.

46. SEND Employment Forum was launched by E&S on 17th October 2023 at the City Museum. 100 people attended and covered:
- How to help young people with additional support needs take their first step on the career ladder.
 - Pathways to employment, including supported internships.
 - How you can help to build an inclusive workforce across the city.
 - How to sign up for a supported internship
47. Jobs Fairs Community Hubs working in partnership with DWP delivered the following:
- Youth Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 27th October 2023.
 - Jobs Fair at Kirkgate Market 20th October 2023.
 - Over 50's Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 22nd November 2023.
48. Have a Go Fortnight as part of the national Lifelong Learning campaign, local partners delivered taster and have a go skills session from 6th November 2023 to 17th November 2023. The focus was on digital and other priority sector skills as part of the fortnight of activities, aiming to encourage adults to undertake further learning to help progress their career. 4 skills taster sessions took place with 26 people attending the in-person and on-line sessions.
49. Refugee Jobs Fair held at the Civic Hall on 7th November 2023, 71 refugees and migrants attended, with lots of previous experiences and transferable skills.
50. The BIG Social Care Jobs Fair was delivered on 15th November 2023 at the Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts. The event was co-ordinated in partnership with We Care Academy and provided information and opportunities for people interested in accessing roles within the care sector. 304 visitors attended. 27 employers provided opportunities offering interviews, collected CVs and distributed applications form. Employers included Children's Residential, private care homes and Adult Social Care. E&S Advisors also provided support, 10 job offers were made on the day.
51. Leeds Creative Skills Festival returned to the Leeds first direct arena on 20th November 2023 with exhibitors showcasing opportunities in the creative and cultural sector. The event offered the 3,081 visitors a chance to speak to 63 exhibitors including training providers, colleges and universities who offer creative courses; talk to employers; attend interesting speaker sessions to learn about creative careers, skills and pathways; and also offered interactive activities. 9 Leeds schools block booked students and were sent the targeted LCSF23 presentation prior to the event.
52. EME (Elected Home Educated) Community Forum held on 23rd November 2023 at Civic Hall, attended by parents/carers and young people to gain a better understanding of various opportunities available to them in Leeds. Offered support and guidance for post 16 options through E&S.

53. IMI Precision at their Woodhouse site, redundancy support provided to 30 staff. Full site redundancies, staggered from December 2023 to March 2024. Invited businesses to present current opportunities. Provided IMI staff with Employment Hub support details and information of opportunities. 3 Job offers have been made so far from the support provided.
54. Migrant Access Project 8 week facilitated training programme for 14 migrants new to Leeds. The event took place at Dewsbury Road Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services which included DWP, West Yorkshire Police (WYP), Prevent and Employment and Skills (E&S).

Planned Events and Activities

55. Careers in Catering recruitment information and interview sessions planned for 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support promotion of kitchen assistant posts in schools across the city.
56. Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair will take place on 5th February 2024. Visitors can find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers. Over 100 organisations have booked stands to exhibit at the event and approximately 6,000 visitors are expected on the day.
57. Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair Community Events community based information sessions will be delivered early in the new year within the priority wards to support the engagement of residents with the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 5th February 2024. The sessions will give those attending the opportunity to speak to E&S staff about Apprenticeships and what to expect from the recruitment fair.
58. Smart Works Jobs Fair at Leeds Beckett University Students' Union planned for 8th February 2024. This event will provide information on vacancies, Apprenticeships and supported internships to all attendees.
59. Leeds Local Offer event planned for 21st March 2024 at the Pudsey Civic Hall. The event will provide a marketplace where families of children with special educational needs and disabilities in the city can find out about services available to them.
60. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers fortnightly Information and Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner and Administrative roles. Additional Community Learning provision will also be in place.
61. Reducing Re-Offending a planned pilot to offer support to prisoners due to be released into Leeds from HMP Wealstun will be offered early in the new year.

Advisors will establish contact with the identified group prior to release to enable support in accessing employment and training opportunities when resettled.

62. Digital skills bootcamps with UA92 and Microsoft on-line and Tech North training centre. Working with UA92 and Microsoft to support 2 digital skills bootcamps to be delivered to Leeds residents, to upskill them in areas of Cloud and Data. On completion of the 10-week bootcamp, graduates will be supported to gain employment in the tech sector.

Employer Engagement

63. Within the last year the Service has supported 385 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.

64. E&S provides a school brokerage service 32 businesses provided activities to approximately 1,680 young people at 6 events. The events included a careers fair, 4 mock interview sessions and an employability session.

65. A Business Sustainability Event was delivered on How to Build a Greener Future, in partnership with Leeds Beckett University and West Yorkshire Combined Authority E&S delivered the first Business Sustainability Breakfast Event in Leeds with over 20 businesses signing up to attend. Guest business speakers included Co- founder and Director at Shine and HR Manager at C-Capture shared their green journey experiences to date and plans. Businesses attending the event found out about a range of support options available:

- Measuring their environmental impact, understanding how climate change might affect their operations and taking steps to improve energy efficiency or flood resilience measures.
- Ensuring they attract, develop and retain a greener, healthier and inclusive workforce.
- Accessing research and academic expertise to enhance their business.

66. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 5,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

67. 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: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

- Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds
- X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds
- Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds
- LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/
- YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

68. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds

69. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Community Safety: Champion Cllr T Hinchcliffe

70. The Environment and Community Safety Sub-Group are next meeting on 27th March. Items have been requested on Neighbourhood Watch and Cold Calling Zones.

LeedsWatch

71. An update from LeedsWatch can be expected every 6 months as per the agreement with the service.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Armley

72. 12 cases - In the last update we were experiencing a lot of youth related issues at the Armley Leisure Centre however, following some partnership work and the centre encouraging the youths to get involved in classes at the centre there have been dramatic improvements and this is not a current issue for LASBT, we have had no complaints as of recently.

73. From a LASBT point of view there is no key points of concern in the Armley ward now.

74. A new team named 'Capable Guardian' has recently started, they are a team of patrol officers who will be working in higher priority wards, working with local communities and businesses intelligence building and leading with the 'broken window' approach to help tackle ASB and crime. Armley is one of the wards on their list now.

Bramley and Stanningley

75. 29 cases - Similar to the previous update, we still have a number of ongoing legal cases in the Bramley area however, youth related issues are still at lower levels than we have seen previously and we're not seeing a major problem in the area as we did previously however, youth related ASB and crime in the area does remain a priority and will likely do so for some time.

- 1 Hate crime (Disability)

- 4 Threats/actual violence
- 3 Drug/Substance misuse/dealing
- 2 Sexual acts & prostitution

Kirkstall

76. 19 Cases

77. 4 cases are classed as hate related cases. 1 case is for an Asian family who have had something written on their window/door by an unknown suspect. 1 case is in relation to noise, but the victim perceives the noise is being targeted at them deliberately due to their ethnicity. 1 case is in relation to verbal abuse & harassment which the victim perceives to be happening due to their ethnicity. The final case is in relation to verbal abuse & harassment which the victim perceives to be happening due to their disability.
78. In 1 of the above hate related cases, the allegations have been denied & counter allegations of verbal abuse & harassment have been made & so we have a counter allegation case for this.
79. 8 cases are in relation to noise complaints. On 4 of the cases, noise has been witnessed by Council Officers so Section 80 Noise Abatement Notices have been issued.
80. For 1 case we are awaiting the outcome of a criminal trial before we decide what action to take in relation to an alleged assault.
81. For 2 cases we are awaiting the outcome of a criminal investigations to alleged drug offences before we decide what action we can take (these cases are not linked)
82. 1 case is in relation to a partial closure where we approached the Courts for this order as concerns had been raised over ASB being caused at the address by visitors.
83. 1 case is in relation to a full closure order where persistent ASB was not stopping despite the best efforts of us, WYP & Support Providers.
84. 1 case in in relation to an allegation of threats being made by one neighbour towards another.

West Yorkshire Police

Kirkstall

85. We are continuing to work with the Kirkstall ward councillors, members from Leeds City Council Anti-social behaviour team, Housing services and the police will be running some 'days of action'. These days will involve partners visiting the local community and discussing any issues or concerns they may have. This is vital work as not everyone is able to come to community meetings. There will also be skips that the local community can use on the day.

86. ASB involving off road motorbikes and quad bikes continues to be a concern for residents in the local area, there are several operations planned with the Leeds Off Road motorbike team to target those committing a nuisance and offending on motorbikes.
87. Officers in Kirkstall are working closely with partners such as housing and LASBT to protect those most vulnerable within our community. Several partial closure orders have been obtained to protect vulnerable people and officers continue to check and take positive action against those that are breaching the orders.
88. NPT are committed to reducing anti-social behaviour and low-level crime at the retail centres, such as Savins Mill Way, Kirkstall Bridge, and Cardigan Fields.
89. As a result of intelligence/information from members of the community the NPT and other police departments have executed several warrants in the ward. Many of which yielded positive outcomes.

Bramley and Stanningley

90. Officers have focused on targeting Anti-Social vehicle use and off-road bike/quad use, speeding and inconsiderate parking in and around identified hot spot areas within the Bramley area. Partner agency work is ongoing with tenancy action being taken on addresses where off-road bikes are being stored. Numerous operations with traffic officers and the Off-Road Bike Team have taken place, with bikes having been recovered. More such operations are planned. Ward officers and PCSOs conducted additional operations as part of NPT awareness week. Such work included traffic operations, focusing on promoting road safety and reducing the number of drivers speeding in busy residential areas.
91. Officers continue to work to disrupt and engage with nuisance youths at the Bramley shopping centre, particularly utilising Misuse of Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour legislation. Individuals have been issued with Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions with conditions to not attend the Shopping Centre, plus non-associations attached to the Injunction. Two individuals are now subject to Criminal Behaviour Orders and any breaches are proactively and swiftly pursued. In addition, the NPT are working closely with LASBT, BACIL, and business at the centre to reduce the level of theft and other offences. Where possible, work is ongoing to prevent and deter offenders from entering the centre.
92. Partner agency work is ongoing to protect vulnerable victims of cuckooing. Several addresses now subject to Partial Closure Orders with compliance checks conducted on a regular basis. Several days of action around tackling ASB in the Bramley area have been organised with partner agencies.

Armley

93. 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.

94. Ward officers have continued to monitor Armley Leisure Centre and immediate vicinity due to an escalation in Youth ASB. Reports have since reduced.

95. In conjunction with Leeds City Council and the Canal and River Trust, Ward Officers are looking to tackle ASB along the canal tow path and surrounding area.

96. NPT continue to work with partners in the ward, focusing on improving areas such as the Wythers, New Wortley, and Town Street.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champions Cllr K Ritchie and Cllr A Parnham

Local Care Partnerships

97. Local Care Partnerships which cover Armley, Bramley and Stanningley are revisiting their focus topics for 2024 and beyond. As well as ongoing Cost of Living Crisis work such as the successful mobile pop ups last year organised by Leeds City Council Housing, Local Care Partnerships, Communities Team, Voluntary Faith and Community Sector and partners these multi-disciplinary teams are considering health topics which are prevalent within Inner West Wards such as Emotional Health and families Living with Obesity.

Armley Rise Guide-People, Places and Activities to raise Mood.

98. An experimental guide for local LCC Hub Staff and partners has been produced which describes the services, organisations, people, places, tools and friendship groups to help local people lift and maintain their emotional health. For a copy please contact. Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Trinity Projects

99. Two of the the three components continue as we seek funding for the third.

100. Flourishing families provide structured healthy cookery courses aimed at families living in poorer areas and work in local Primary Schools with children and have fuel efficiency, nutrition and affordability engineered into their recipes. This organisation has recently won the King's Award for charitable work.

- Home - Flourishing Families (flourishingfamiliesleeds.com)

101. Recipe Station is a mobile sometimes estate based initiative where residents receive a free bag of ingredients and recipe card. These recipes are easy to replicate at home, always with a budget in mind and consider the cost of fuel in preparing the meal. Recipe Station has a series of video shorts and a recipe booklet to help residents produce nutritious food easily.

- vimeo.com/user/18202720/folder/13985662

- Recipe Station Flyers (barca-leeds.org)
- Barca-Leeds launches a low-cost recipe cookbook | Barca-Leeds

West Wards-Weight Management Directory

102. A comprehensive directory detailing fun, free physical and cooking activity to help residents has been developed. It can be used by any one. It is published every month. To receive a copy sign up to LCP Digest at LCPDEVELOPMENT (LEEDS COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST) lcht.lcpdevelopment@nhs.net or contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Would Like to Know More Sessions from the Public Health Resource Centre

103. These popular sessions continue to be requested and details of the sessions available and where to access recorded sessions if you have missed them are listed below.

104. The following 'Want to Know More About...' webinar is now available to book:

- Just One More campaign
- Thursday 14 March 2024, 2pm to 3pm

105. Booking for this online session is via Eventbrite.

106. To reserve a spot – please visit the Leeds Public Health Training webpage <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc/public-health-training/want-to-know-more-sessions> where you will find full details of all WTKMA sessions and Eventbrite booking links.

Priority Neighbourhoods

ALC Youth Space

107. A new youth provision out of Armley Leisure Centre starts on 20th February and will operate weekly on Tuesdays (5.30-7pm) as a pilot project until 23rd July. The project is a legacy of the 'Friday Night Project' formerly run by Breeze and sees partners coming together to provide much-needed regular youth provision in an area that has seen some recent challenges with youth anti-social behaviour.

108. Supported by the Armley Ward Councillors with Youth Activity Funding, the project is a true example of a partnership response to an identified need with several key local youth providers coming together to facilitate a range of different activities for young people. The project is being managed by Interplay Theatre who will also deliver activities along with New Wortley Community Centre, Barca, Youth Services and Leisure Centre staff. The exciting offer will include sports, crafts, music, drama and much more.

Key Partnerships Supporting Local Priorities

109. Following the development of the Armley Priority Ward Partnership Plan (PWPP) which outlines the local challenges, strengths and opportunities that will form the basis of Locality working in the ward, Communities Team officers have been working with key partners and stakeholders to establish the partnerships that will deliver against and track the progress of the various priority themes.
110. The former New Wortley Safer, Cleaner, Greener partnership has now widened its scope to an Armley Ward focus and will facilitate partnership working to address community safety and environmental priorities. A Task & Finish subgroup has recently been agreed to look at the Wythers estate including identifying gaps in services/provision, environmental challenges, housing issues and opportunities for community engagement.
111. A new Children & Young People's Partnership (CYPP) has been formed to look at priorities under the children, young people and families' theme. The CYPP will look to build on the excellent work already being done by local third sector organisations and partner services in the area by strengthening the partnership approach. Current work includes development of the pilot weekly youth provision at Armley Leisure Centre, mapping of all existing youth provision in the ward to identify gaps and promote activities, and the ambition of an exhibition event where young people and their families can go and find out what's on offer locally and even try out some activities.
112. Strong links are being maintained with the Armley Local Care Partnership (LCP) looking at priorities that fall within the Health, Wellbeing and Welfare theme of the PWPP. As well as working with relevant partners on health inequalities and initiatives to better connect residents with services, the LCP has led on the local Cost of Living response.

Leeds City Council Youth Service

Bonfire Intervention and Partnership work - Inner West

3 x Community Engagement Sessions in partnership with the Police and Communities Team

113. Engaged with more than 100 members of the public and young people, promoting youth activities and providing useful contact number to report as both the bonfire period.

7 x Bonfire and Halloween themed centre-based youth sessions

114. Young people learnt about bonfire safety, risk taking behaviour and consequences.
115. 95 young people enjoyed making toffee apples, pumpkin carving and playing group games with their friends.

Intervention Day with West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

116. Attended by 12 young people from across Inner West. This included young people from the area that we hadn't connected with before and have since signposted to our weekly provision. Young people learnt everything from drills, hose work and discipline of a fire fighter, as well as listening to a talk by the fire fighters themselves on the dangers of fireworks if used irresponsibly.

Detached Street based sessions using the Mobile Provision Unit.

117. Youth workers worked alongside the police and visited hot spot areas across West during the bonfire weekend engaging with young people on the street.

Decisions Programme

118. From October and December 7 young people involved in low level crime or at risk of becoming involved in crime attended a 7-week Decisions Programme (5 hours face to face time each week). The Programme's main aim was to divert and help young people from being involved in youth violence, risky behaviour and offending. We successfully created an environment in which young people felt safe to examine their attitudes and behaviour related to violence and offending and we enabled young people to experience positive alternatives. By actively taking part in issue-based sessions they gained an understanding on the impact and consequence of youth violence and increased their knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting their lives. They learnt how to make better informed choices and better understood the consequences and seriousness of violent behaviour. Young people showed a keen interest in the outdoor activities and showed good examples of teamwork. Topics covered included weapons awareness, peer pressure, knife crime, gangs and grooming, consequences of crime, violence against women and Hate Crime.

Town Centres Update

Armley

119. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator (NCC) met with the Capable Guardians team in January. At that point the group was operational but waiting for additional PPE equipment before starting foot patrols. The Safer Stronger Communities Team secured a grant from the UK Prosperity fund to provide capable guardianship to key areas in the city to reduce crime and ASB through intelligence led high visibility patrols. The project will run until 31st March 2025 and will focus on the priority wards of Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Beeston & Holbeck, Killingbeck & Seacroft, Armley, Riverside & Hunslet; Aiming to identify and liaise with key networks (both individual and group based) to develop a tactical picture of crime & ASB concerns, leading to the agile deployment of patrols. There is also scoped to work in other areas where there is an increase in crime or ASB. The project will consult with key partners to share intelligence and deliver reduction in crime and ASB, including improvements to the physical environment to tackling place-based issues, fully engaging with Priority Neighbourhood Projects & Boards.

Bramley and Stanningley

120. The NCC is attending the February meeting of the Bramley Business Forum. Traders' groups operate in an increasing number of district centres around Leeds providing a focus for raising issues and finding solutions. The February meeting includes discussion of on the ongoing ASB issues suffered by local businesses. When London & Cambridge Property (LCP) bought Beeston Shopping Centre as part of a major purchase of shopping centres in Leeds and elsewhere in the UK, concern over their reductions of security guards and removal of local managers was investigated by the NCC but no response was received from LCP. To try and get a group to keep looking for solutions the NCC called into businesses, discussed the problems and delivered an invitation to all businesses in Bramley Centre and elsewhere to a meeting to launch a trader's group. The meeting was held in the library on 23.02.2022 and no businesses attended.

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121. A business asked if protections could be introduced to make the shop less prone to attacks such as last year's ram raid. The NCC discussed with Highways and responded to the questions including mention that shop security should be placed within the confines of the building rather than on Council-owned pavements. The NCC offered to visit the premise with the owners to see what could be done.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

122. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Housing Leeds

Annual Tenancy Contact Update

123. The new Annual Tenancy Contact process continues to go well within Inner West. We are now in year two of our three-year program to visit all residents in their home.

124. We continue to pick up support and safeguarding issues highlighted from these visits and have put some important intervention in place for these residents.

125. We have a two-pronged approach to visits, we will visit 33% of our tenants this year as well as all those believed to require additional support, this roughly equates to a further 11%.

126. Plans are in place with local housing officers to ensure we meet these targets. Inner West are in a really good position and to date have completed 3,934 successful visits, against a target of 4,633 and is comparable with the rest of the city.

Walkabouts

127. The purpose of an estate walkabout is to ensure Housing Leeds provide an excellent and consistent estate management service to all our tenants and communities. The walkabout provides opportunity for all customers and interested parties to walk around their estate with members of staff from Housing Leeds, and other Leeds City Council departments to monitor our performance and recommend improvements to the environment of our estates.
128. Teams are preparing formal dates for quarter one walkabouts and these will be circulated towards the end of the financial year to take place by the end of June.
129. Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a 'block champion' for your High-Rise block/ walkabouts, you can help by coming along and pointing out areas of concern or sharing your ideas on how to improve your estate/Block. If you are interested, please contact Housing Leeds on 0113 378330, or via email on housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk . Alternatively, you can talk to your local Housing Officer.

Anti-Social Behaviour

130. All teams within Inner West continue to work together with LASBT and West Yorkshire Police to help tackle and reduce crime related activity and Anti-Social Behaviour within our areas.
131. The main themes are neighbour disputes mainly linked to noise. Again, these have been topical given we have just been through the summers period and would expect this to reduce over winter. We do have some more serious incidents of crime in hot spots area, but local teams are working with partners to tackle these elements at ASB.
132. We still encourage all residents to report all Anti-Social Behavior breaches by calling 0113 222 4402 (Weekdays, 9am to 5pm, except Wednesdays when we're open from 10am), Outside of office hours (6pm – 3:30am and weekends) – call 0113 376 0337 or reporting this online via Report antisocial behaviour or hate crime - leeds.gov.uk If you've been a victim of crime you should report this to the police on 101, or 999 if it's an emergency.

Area Updates/Good News Stories

Armley

133. Work well underway to introduce a children's play area in between the Clyde blocks, this will also incorporate thermoplastic markings for children to play on.
134. Armley have just filled the 2 vacant Housing Officer posts with internal applicants so they should be up to speed quickly.

135. The Reema engagement sessions have gone well and now have contacted around 75% of residents.
136. Positive piece of work on the garage front for Armley to help generate more income for LCC after letting out a number of garages.
137. Housing Officer income working hard to support tenants in financial hardship to maximise their income, tapping into food parcels and fuel vouchers. Food parcels now kept on site locally for delivery to those customers who cannot travel.
138. Patch Blitz's where Housing Officers have all been out and visited and carried out Annual Home Visits on different patches which has proved successful – future ones also planned.

Bramley and Stanningley

139. Bramley Housing Team continue to work with residents to help with the cost-of-living crisis, BARCA HSF referrals, food and fuel vouchers are being issued to residents that require the support. This continues to be a key topic in team meetings as the team continue to receive information on support available for residents.
140. We continue to support residents via the British Gas voucher scheme, 414 vouchers have been issued to Bramley residents and vouchers are being offered at sign up for residents with pre-payment meters.
141. Multi Agency meetings set up for the Fairfield's have proven successful and reduced ASB. Housing, LASBT, Police and ASC have worked together to manage resources, act and reduce ASB calls.
142. Recent ASB training refresher training delivered to the team by one of the experienced LASBT officers, the aim was to help develop the teams' investigative skills, find solutions and know how to action cases to gain the best outcome for our customers.
143. Bramley have a new HO Niamh who has started with the team this week, meaning we are at full capacity for Housing Officers and all patches are covered. Bramley have one HA vacancy at the next recruitment.

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144. Full block refurbishment of Moor Grange Court high rise still expected completion of this scheme by the end of this year. Scheme includes external wall insulation and updates to ventilation system as well as refurbished walkways.
145. Work progressing on ground source heat pumps and sprinklers in the Clayton high rise blocks which will enable residents to reduce their utility bills and assist in fire containment should one occur.

146. Two Housing Officer vacancies recruited to with new officers starting in February. Housing Assistant vacancy being recruited to.
147. Scheme justification forms continue to be submitted to our capital delivery team to attract investment across the area.
148. On target to achieve appropriate level of successful annual tenancy check ins.
149. British Gas voucher scheme rollout ongoing after additional funding attracted. Over 118 customers assisted so far in the ward.
150. Local team supporting the development of tenants' participation at Claytons high rise.
151. New car parking solution at Grayson Crest in place to assist with bin collection.

Inner West Housing Advisory Panel

Budget for 2023/24	£44,618.34
Carry Forward from 2022/23	£12,781.37
Total 2023/24 Budget	£57,399.71

Approved Budget Spend 23/24	£37,559.94
Available Budget	£19,839.77

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount committed by Panel	% Committed
Inner West Total	35	23	£37,559.94	65.44%

Community Engagement: Social Media

1. **Appendix 1** 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.

Background documents¹

9. 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.