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Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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For Decision

Outer South 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 Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

3. The Children and Families Sub Group is planned for Monday 28th October 2024 at 10am. Final planning for the 24/25 Youth Summit will take place and the group will set dates for the coming year and listen to updates from the Clusters, Youth services and Breeze.
4. The sub group will consult with the young people from Morley Cluster Council on plans for the upcoming Youth Summit at their meeting on Thursday 24th October.

5. Consultation for the date of this years event took place at the Morley Cluster partnership meeting on Wednesday 9th July which included headteachers and teachers from several different schools across the Outer South.
6. The Communities team attend all the Youth Services Summer Activity days and the Breeze in the Park Events in the Outer South to consult with young people on the Youth Activity Consultation.

Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South - April to June 2024

Introduction

7. **Appendix 1** - This report will focus on the work of the Outer South Youth Service Localities Team.

Environment: Cllr Karen Bruce

8. In the coming month the Communities Team will set up the first sub group meeting of 2024/25 where priorities and dates for the rest of the sub group meetings will be set for the rest of the year.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report

9. Statistics for Outer South Leeds from 1st May to the 7th August 2024:

	Ardsley and Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
S_FLYT	11	30	18	19
E_FLYT	11	25	12	22
S_LITR	1	12	13	6
S_ROAD	12	9	6	10
H_OVEG	99	60	38	55
E_WIG	3	6	17	5
S_SCBC	183	150	221	218

10. Description of above codes:

S_FLYT: Fly tipping that has been collected proactively or reported to us which doesn't contain evidence and no further actions can be taken.

E_FLYT: Fly tipping found/reported which contains evidence and some further action is taken by Enforcement.

S_LITR: Reports to service about litter issues

S_ROAD: Reports to service about streets requiring sweeping.

H_OVEG: Reports to service of issues relating to overgrown vegetation affecting the Highway.

E_WIG: Reports to service about Waste in gardens.

S_SCBC: Scheduled Civic/ Bulky Collections (free waste collections from households)

11. The above figures have been taken over a 3 month period and show there has been a decrease in Fly tipping reports for both street and Enforcement to deal with, there has been a very slight increase (1 or 2 extra reports per area) of the need for litter patrols or street cleansing.
12. However the team have seen a very large uptake in requests for free Bulky/Civic collections throughout the Outer South which has hopefully helped prevent any further reports in illegal deposits of waste within these areas.
13. Reports of Waste in gardens have dropped across the wards but as expected there has been a very high number of reports for overgrown vegetation, this is due to the time of year and with it being growing season.
14. Over all the areas have remained much the same with regards the number of requests for service as it was at the start of the year.
15. If there are any issues with regards anything in this report or any elected member wishes to ask anything with regards the area and the service, CNT provide please feel free to contact Lee Hayward directly.

Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update September 2024

16. Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) officers are working a mixture of remote, community work and office based.
17. ASB Drop in sessions have been set up across the ward areas the next sessions are on:
 - 17th October 1pm-3pm Morley One Stop
 - 2nd October 11am-1pm Rothwell Hub
18. At the time of this report 45 Cases across the ward areas (increase of 5).
19. Current open cases:
 - Ardsley & Robin Hood = 13 (stayed the same)
 - Rothwell = 9 (increase of 1)
 - Morley North = 10 (increase of 2)
 - Morley South = 13 (stayed the same)

Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Assault	0	0	1	0
Noise	2	2	2	2
Hate	1-sexual orientation	0	2-Race	1-Race
Threats	5	3	5	2
Litter	0	0	0	0

Youth Nuisance	0	1	2	0
Criminality	2	0	0	0
Rowdy	2	1	0	0
Verbal	0	2	0	2
Nuisance	0	0	0	0
Drug/Substance	0	1	1	1
Domestic	0	0	1	0
Vandalism	1	0	0	0
Misuse of Public Space	0	0	0	1

Ardsley & Robin Hood

20. Continuing problems with motorbikes, LASBT working alongside West Yorkshire Police to tackle this issue where council tenants are involved, ASBI warnings have been served and tenancy action taken, gathering evidence for legal action. Action day completed with Police to gather evidence/witnesses.

Morley North

21. The NPT are currently gathering statements for two unrelated cases to apply for Partial Closures for properties with potential cuckooing of vulnerable tenants.

Morley South

22. LASBT have successfully obtained a Full Closure on a property due to criminality and drug use, due to this the tenant has signed the property back to Housing Leeds. The team have carried out a seizure of noise making equipment due to a breach of a Section 80 Noise Abatement Notice, the noise was affecting the quality of life of vulnerable neighbours since the seizure the situation has improved.

Rothwell

23. Case involving a vulnerable tenant where property had been taken over. With partners working together the accused parties have moved out and the tenant is now safe.

24. A NISP has been served on a tenant due to criminality/violence, possession will be sought.

Police Update

25. Ardsley and Robin Hood

	June Crime	July Crime	July 2023 Crime
Burglary	6	10	5
Robbery	0	0	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	8	5
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	6	5
Hate crime	1	1	2
Hate incident	1	3	0

26. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	3
HAIGH MOOR RD GARDEN HOUSE LN TATTON LN	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	3
BRADFORD RD CHERRY TREE WK THORPE LN	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
EASTLEIGH DRIVE	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	10
NORTHFIELD AVE NORTHFIELD AVE NORTHFIELD AVE BRADFORD RD BATLEY RD CASTLEFIELDS LEEDS RD THE CRESCENT LEEDS RD HOPEFIELD DR	
YOUTH RELATED	12
WESTERTON WK WESTERTON WK BRIGHT ST MAIN ST BRADFORD RD BRADFORD RD CHERRY TREE WK AMBLERS ORCHARD	

SMITHY LN GARDEN HOUSE LN BRADFORD RD EASTLEIGH DR	
Grand Total	29

27. Ward Area - Ardsley and Robin Hood

28. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe.

29. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1093 Osborne

30. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and nuisance motorbike usage around the Northfields estate in Carlton This also overlaps into Rothwell with bikes crossing into the manor estate using the Rothwell Greenway.

31. ASB related crime in and around Tingley.

Updates from March Priorities

32. NPT have targeted several youths in Tingley who currently pending court action for the offences are they have been charged with, the team have also worked with Leeds anti-social behaviour team and youth offending who are working with these young people and others to attempt to prevent and deter this offending.

33. NPT continue to pay regular attention to the area to - deter anti-social behaviour. The team are targeting those they find to be involved, officers will work with the offroad bike team and Leeds anti-social behaviour team to target this behaviour.

34. Morley North

	June Crime	July Crime	July 2023 Crime
Burglary	5	13	6
Robbery	2	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	11	5	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	6	3
Hate crime	4	5	1
Hate incident	1	1	0
Theft from Shop	51	45	49

35. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	2
GELDERD RD MARGETSON RD	
ALCOHOL RELATED	1

WHITE ROSE SHOPPING CENTRE	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
A650 A650	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	17
FAIRFAX AVE FAIRFAX AVE MOORLAND RD WALTON DR WAKEFIELD RD MOORSIDE VW FINKLE LN WHITEHALL RD DAFFIL GR GRANGE PARK DR MARGETSON RD NEW VILLAGE WAY MOORSIDE VW KING ST MOORSIDE VW SPRINGBANK RD MOZART WAY	
YOUTH RELATED	5
BRADFORD RD WAKEFIELD RD VICTORIA AVE VICTORIA AVE VICTORIA AVE WHITE ROSE SHOPPING CTR ASQUITH CL VICTORIA AVE FLOSSMORE WAY	
Grand Total	31

36. Ward Area – Morley North

37. Lead Area Sergeant: PS 3147 Duncan

38. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3300 Sheldon

To target youth-related anti-social behaviour throughout Morley North.

39. NPT are aware of reports via councillors of an increase in ASB, however have not received any calls, the team require assistance from the public in letting them know when ASB is occurring so that officers can deal with it. Once identified the team will work closely with partners in Youth Service Provisions, to engage with young people, to direct them into available diversionary activities. In addition, officers will liaise with

Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to review and act against those repeatedly involved in anti-social behaviour.

Update

40. NPT have recently identified a number of these individuals who have been plaguing the area with ASB whilst also committing several other offences. They have been dealt with where several charges and court dates were received, NPT will be looking to utilise their power to request Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) on these individuals to prevent it happening in the future.

To promote Road Safety relating to the anti-social use of cars and motor bikes in the area.

41. This will be done by Conducting Road Safety Operations with partners at Operational Support and DVLA and VOSA using legislation to tackle Anti-social driving.

Update

42. The NPT continue to conduct speeding operations where advice, further training and tickets are given out, there has been a reduction in calls to service for this, the team will continue to monitor moving forward.

To prevent and deter theft of motor vehicles and theft from vehicles in the area.

43. Due to recent increase in theft of motor vehicles special attention is being paid in identifying and targeting known offenders, whilst also paying regular passing attention to known hotspots.

Update

44. The NPT continue to hear a number of these offences have occurred through partners and partner agencies however their systems do not reflect them, the team request that if any offence occurs be that big or small, please make them aware as it may fit into a bigger picture. Example of a positive result recently is where officers have managed to find over 3000 power tools in a lock up, stolen from vehicles.

45. Regular patrols are conducted in the area, however if you do see any ongoing ASB/criminality **please do contact the police via 999/101** or through a web report and we can deal with it positively.

46. Morley South

	June Crime	July Crime	July 2023 Crime
Burglary	8	10	13
Robbery	4	5	2

Theft from Motor Vehicle	8	3	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	4	8
Hate crime	1	3	5
Hate incident	2	1	0
Theft from Shop	26	50	20

47. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
MIDDLETON RD	
ALCOHOL RELATED	2
QUARRY LN HIGH ST	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	2
HIGH ST SCATCHERD PARK AVE	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
QUEEN ST HOWLEY PARK RD	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	1
HESKETH LN	
YOUTH RELATED	8
BRADFORD RD DENSCHAW DR CLOUGH ST VICTORIA MWS UPPER GREEN DR BEDALE ST ELMFIELD CT BITTERN RS	
Grand Total	16

48. Ward Area - Morley South

49. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 83 Martin

50. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4335 Brown

51. To target and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Morley area paying attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence.

52. This will include focused speed enforcement.

53. To engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour within the local parks.

54. The NPT will conduct high visibility and covert patrols were proportionate use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if necessary. The team will continue to work in partnership with Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the parks.

55. The NPT will continue to act upon community intelligence in relation to the use and supply of drugs.

Updates from ongoing priorities above:

56. The NPT have a contact point at Morley Police Station for all types of crime prevention advice and to listen to concerns from you. The Fire Service may well be present also. Currently this is on every third Saturday and will be advertised their social media.

57. A regular contact point at Morley library on Tuesdays between 10am and 11:30am, again dates will be posted on social media.

58. The NPT have continued regular high visibility patrols around Windsor Court and Morley Town Centre to deter anti-social behaviour.

59. Rothwell

	June Crime	July Crime	July 2023 Crime
Burglary	15	12	3
Robbery	0	1	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	3	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	6	5
Hate crime	1	7	3
Hate incident	0	2	1

60. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
LEEDS RD	
ALCOHOL	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1
HAIGH VW	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
PYMONT DR	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	23
YEW TREE DR	

STONE BRIG LN HAIGH RD ORCHARD WAY HAIGH RD COTSWOLD DR POTTERY LN POTTERY LN POTTERY LN LEMON ROYD LOCK FLEET LN HAIGH RD THE LOCKS THE LOCKS POTTERY LN ABERFORD RD CHURCHFIELD LN FLEET LN REDWOOD CL POTTERY LN YEW TREE DR	
YOUTH RELATED	6
LEEDS RD MANOR RD CHURCHFIELD GR LEEDS RD ORCHARD WAY FOURTH AVE	
Grand Total	30

61. Ward Area – Rothwell

62. Lead Area Sergeant: - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

63. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4869 McLoughlin

64. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial Street, Rothwell, the town centre.

65. The NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.

66. The team seek to target and reduce ASB around Tesco express and Beechwood shops.

67. Deter ASB on off road and other motor bikes along the Rothwell Greenway, links to issues on the Northfields estate on the Ardsley – Rothwell boarder.

Updates March Priorities

68. The NPT have recently used dispersal order legislation to prevent and deter ASB in the town centre however this was effective for several weeks, but officers have seen a

recent increase in ASB around town. The team encourage the public to report this behaviour when they see it via 101 or online reports it is only the reporting of these matter that will allow them to map times, dates and locations and best deploy what resources they have to the right place and time or seek to obtain other resources from other departments.

69. The NPT are working with stores and partners to identify the youths involved in ASB in the town centre, some have already been given community resolutions and ASB warnings by ASB team. The team are continuing this work.

70. The NPT are arranging for a community contact point once a month with our engagement van an officer's being present to speak to the public, take reports and gather information to help us best tackle the issues. This will be up and running in April and time, dates and a location will be announce once they have them.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Employment and Skills

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

71. The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of June 2024, in the Outer South Community Committee area is 7,104. This is an increase of 159.7% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 140 claimants on the previous month.

72. The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		May 2024		June 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	88,802	17.1%	90,295	17.3%
Outer South	2,735	5.0%	6,964	12.6%	7,104	12.9%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	646	4.4%	1,727	11.8%	1,755	12.0%
Morley North	647	4.7%	1,588	11.4%	1,599	11.5%
Morley South	838	5.8%	2,146	14.8%	2,197	15.1%
Rothwell	604	5.0%	1,503	12.4%	1,553	12.9%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

73. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2024, in the Outer South Community Committee area is 3,960. This is an increase of 136% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels) and remains static from the previous month.

74. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in Leeds, the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs						
	March 2020		April 2024		May 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	55,008	10.6%	55,352	10.6%
Outer South	1,678	3.0%	3,959	7.2%	3,960	7.2%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	403	2.8%	982	6.7%	993	6.8%
Morley North	409	2.9%	909	6.5%	873	6.3%
Morley South	500	3.4%	1,174	8.1%	1,208	8.3%
Rothwell	366	3.0%	894	7.4%	886	7.3%

*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

75. The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)
Outer South	564	645	161	147	214	184
Ardsley & Robin Hood	85	103	35	22	28	28
Morley North	143	175	29	35	55	41
Morley South	215	257	62	57	70	87
Rothwell	121	110	35	33	61	28

76. During April 2023 to March 2024:

- 13,513 people accessed the Service, 564 of whom were residents from the Outer South.
- Supported 3,094 people into work, 161 of whom were residents from the Outer South. 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 4,300 people to improve their skills, 214 of whom residents were from the Outer South.

Leeds Employment Hub

77. 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.

78. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Dewsbury Road, Hunslet, St Georges Centre and City Centre Community Hubs.

Community Learning

79. 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.

80. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 730 courses delivered at 74 community venues in Leeds, with 3,596 residents starting a course. In the Outer South Community Committee area, 28 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 199 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 34 courses delivered on-line.

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

Multiply

82. 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 in order to help their children.

83. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 77 courses delivered at 48 community venues in Leeds, with 657 residents starting a course, of whom 36 were residents of the Outer South. Courses include Family Learning, Count Me In and Money and Work.

Community Engagement

84. Engagement with a number of community organisations within the area during this period to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 109 community engagement activities taken place during this period across the city supporting 3,062 people, of these 21 activities have taken place within the south of the city engaging with 1,228 people.

School and College Engagement

85. There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and college, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 108 School and College activities across the city supporting 7,160 young people, 1,173 parents and carers, and 357 teachers. Of these, 48 events have taken place within the south of the city engaging with 2,341 young people, 425 parents and carers, and 125 teachers.

Events delivered between January and July 2024

86. Scape Accommodation Recruitment information sessions were delivered at City Centre Hub in July 2024 to support recruitment into roles for Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives and Receptionists, 50 people attended. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the recruiter through informal interviews. Those who demonstrated potential were invited to a second interview, moving one step closer to securing a position, all attendees and candidates were signposted for support throughout the process.

87. Connecting Schools to Hospitality programme matched six schools with hotels across Leeds, a total of 90 students participated in the programme, offering a flexible

schedule of 3-4 visits to either the school or hotel. The activities included masterclasses in mocktail making, cooking classes, bedmaking, and other skills development opportunities. The programme concluded with a Celebration Event on 8th July 2024 at Leeds City College Printworks campus, where students who showed exceptional passion or enthusiasm were recognised with an award.

88. SEND Next Choices Event took place on 25th June 2024 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 70 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities along with other specific support. 2,000 young people attended and the feedback was very positive.
89. Recruitment to Health and Care Careers 25 Information / Assessment Sessions were delivered in 6 venues across the Priority Wards and the City Centre, 178 people attended. These sessions supported recruitment to roles within Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner, Administrative, Primary Care Navigator, Pharmacy Apprenticeships and Facilities Technician roles.
90. Seasonal Gardeners Recruitment Events were held in May and June 2024 at various community hubs. The sessions aimed to provide support for the recruitment of Seasonal Gardeners, a key initiative for maintaining the city's public spaces, 80 residents attended the sessions.
91. Tech Careers Launchpad workshop took place on 26th May 2024 at Accenture, City Centre for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 38 people attended.
92. Tech Careers Launchpad specific for WILD (Women In Leeds Digital) took place on 16th May 2024 in the City Centre. Part of the series of Tech Launchpad, delivered in partnership with AND Digital and other digital organisations to deliver a workshop for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 60 people attended.
93. Global Banking School Business, Accounting & Digital Jobs Fair was held on 19th April 2024 at Great George Street. Delivered a presentation about Apprenticeships within this sector and promoted our upcoming events, 45 people attended.
94. Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad took place on 13th March 2024, hosted at HAYS Tech Recruitment, delivered in partnership with North coders. The event welcomed guest speakers who discussed some of the 'routes into tech' including Apprenticeships, bootcamps and tech academies to help attendees understand the various options available to them. 40 people attended the event and around 40% of people attending were female, with attendees including students, graduates, career changers, people out of the labour market.
95. Hospitality Sector Jobs Fair was held on 23rd February 2024 at Park Place Jobcentre, over 200 people attended. The event was a huge success with many employers commenting on the quality of candidates.
96. Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair took place on 5th February 2024. Visitors could find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers across all sectors. 119 exhibitors attended on the day to offer information, advice, guidance, and live vacancies. 11,000 visitors had the opportunity to find out about Apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, higher and degree Apprenticeships as well as hear from apprentices about their journeys. There were 17

presentations, attended by approximately 250 people that ran throughout the event providing an insight on various topics including STEM, Green Apprenticeships, the power of work experience, a day in the life of an apprentice and how to submit a successful application form.

97. Careers in Catering recruitment information and interview sessions took place on 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support the promotion of Kitchen Assistant posts in schools across the city.

98. Digital Skills bootcamps delivered 22nd January – 29th March 2024 in partnership with Microsoft and UA92. The options included Cloud skills and Data Analysis, with no prior tech skills required, aimed to help boost people's skills and employment prospects.

Planned Events and Activities

99. Recruitment to Health & Social Care Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub in line with planned pre-employment courses that will start in September 2024. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Careers in Care within the NHS, Administrative and Primary Care Navigator roles.

100. Leeds Digital Careers Fair is scheduled to take place on 24th September 2024, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The Fair aims to connect visitors with the vast opportunities available within the digital and tech sectors, contributing to the growth of Leeds as a digital hub. Preparations for the Fair are well underway, with a focus on building upon the success of the previous year's event, which had over 4,000 attendees. The Fair serves as a crucial platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future stars in the digital landscape.

101. Reducing Reoffending Offer as part of the early release scheme introduced to alleviate capacity pressures within the prison estate, Employment & Skills will be conducting an information session for individuals due to be released on 10th September 2024. The session will be delivered to the first cohort on 5th September 2024 and is tailored for those residing in the Leeds area, providing them with essential guidance on employment opportunities, skill development, and support services available upon their release. The aim is to facilitate a smoother transition back into the community by equipping participants with the tools they need to secure employment and build a stable future. Further sessions will be delivered up to December 2024.

Employer Engagement

102. 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.

103. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter 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

104. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses.
105. 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
106. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds
107. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: www.employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing: Councillor Stewart Golton

108. The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group is planned for Friday week commencing 27th September at 1pm this will be an online meeting. Prioritises and dates for the rest of 2024/2025 will set and feedback will be given at this meeting.

Public Health Update

Health and Wellbeing update September 2024

UK Smoking Ban

109. The latest Director of Public Health Annual Report for Leeds is available for sharing along with an accompanying short film, both titled *Ageing Well: Our Lives in Leeds*. To hear the experiences of some of the 900 people surveyed, read the reports and watch the film:
- Full report: https://observatory.leeds.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/AgeingWell_OurLivesInLeeds.pdf
 - Executive Summary: observatory.leeds.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/DPHAR-Executive-summary_final.pdf
 - Film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdl86IEFNps>
110. This year's report focuses on experiences of ageing well in Leeds and inequalities amongst different groups. It combines survey responses from over 900 local people with latest data and trends on factors impacting ageing – such as diet, smoking, alcohol intake, mental health, travel, housing, employment and financial wellbeing. The recommendations in this report build on our long-standing commitment to being an Age Friendly City, identifying further actions to increase the number of years spent in good health.

111. This report and supporting film will be shared and discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board next week and various other meetings over the upcoming months. You are welcome to join the Age Friendly Leeds Partnership on the 12th September 13:00-15:00, if you want to hear more about the report and the discussions around actions taking place to progress the recommendations. Please contact agefriendly@leeds.gov.uk for an invitation.
112. The team are also delighted that “our Leeds” report has been commended as one of the best in-depth single topic submissions nationally by the Association for the Directors of Public Health.
113. The public health team always welcome feedback on their Director of Public Health Annual Report. If you have any comments, please email: publichealth.enquiries@leeds.gov.uk

Public Health Resource Centre

**Want to Know More Session - Prioritising mental health in the workplace:
Thursday 10 October 2024, 10am to 11.30am**

114. This online session will explore the critical relationship between employment, mental health, and the wider determinants affecting wellbeing in Leeds. Providing valuable insights into the challenges faced by both employees and employers, with a particular focus on reducing mental health stigma in the workplace. This webinar is suitable for anyone interested in fostering a more supportive work environment. This session will cover:
- an overview of headline data from Leeds and the impact of wider determinants on mental health
 - insights into how employment affects mental health
 - a case study from a Leeds employer on handling mental health in the workplace
 - discussion around the impact of stigma and stigmatising language on mental health
115. The session will be led by representatives from the Public Mental Health Team (Leeds City Council), Mindful Employer (Leeds Mind) and Touchstone.

Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw

116. In the coming month the Communities Team will set up the first sub group meeting of 2024/25 where priorities and dates for the rest of the sub group meetings will be set for the rest of the year.

Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Robert Gettings

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Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

118. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter will be produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.
119. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity, for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs and Libraries Update

Ardley & Tingley Library

Activities/Events

120. SRC Event - Lego Spike Beatbox 15/08/24; a free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 5+.

Regular activities

121. Social Zone Library.

Morley Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events

122. School visits - Seven Hills visit on Wednesday 12th July - facilitated visits to help encourage school children to join the library and garner interest in reading books at a young age.
123. Knitting Group -Started 13th June every Thursday 10am – 12pm.
124. Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers Tuesday 20th August 2pm – 3pm at Morley.

Upcoming Activities

125. Local school visit – Local History Room -12th June
126. Craft Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm – 11th June – time to get crafty from 3.30pm – 4.30pm
127. Number Natter - Starting 10th June - 1 till 4 every Monday. New one to one session to help customers brush up on maths skills, budgeting or any specific maths need you may have

Regular activities ongoing

128. Lego Club: Build a love of books events – Free Library led event for the over 5's. Runs every third Saturday of the month 11-12 with the exception of school holiday.
129. Number Natter – 1pm – 4pm every Monday - one to one session to help customers brush up on maths skills, budgeting or any specific maths need you may have.
130. Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Tuesday 10.30am to 11.30pm.
131. Money Buddies drop in - every Thursday morning 9 till 12. Money Buddies provide free and impartial advice to help customers save money on their bills, maximise their income, develop budgets, complete financial statements for creditors, negotiate with people they owe money to, help switch utility suppliers and apply for grants.
132. Morley Book Club – Every third Thursday of the month from 2pm.
133. Chatty Café – Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Members of the public can pop in, meet other customers and sit for a drink at our chat and natter table.
134. Local Independent Party - Every 1st Friday of the month 11am – 12pm.
135. Councillor Surgery – Every first Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12pm.
136. Anti-Social Behaviour Drop in 1pm – 3pm every 3rd Thursday of the month. Drop in that allows members of the local community to speak to an Anti-Social Behaviour Case Officer about any issues or concerns in their neighbourhood.

Gildersome Library

137. Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers Wednesday 7th August 2pm – 3pm at Gildersome Library.

Rothwell Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events

138. SRC Event - Marvellous Makers 31/7/24, a free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 5+.

Regular Activities ongoing Social Zone library.

139. LASBT & Police drop-in Surgery - 1st Wednesday of the month.
140. Bounce & Rhyme sessions - weekly session.
141. Spanish Classes – Every Wednesday evening 7 till 8pm.

Housing Leeds

Ardsley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Housing Management Area Update June

Voids Levels (empty properties)

142. Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team currently have 4 properties ready to let for which they have identified applicants and are signing up this week.

Income Collection

143. The teams rent collection figures at week 23 are 95.99%.
144. Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, collection has increased by 0.90%.
145. The team are working closely with residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost-of-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.
146. The housing team continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The Income Housing Officer is working with the more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.
147. Conversations are ongoing with British Gas over this year's allocation of vouchers for Leeds City Council tenants with prepayment gas and electric meters who are struggling to heat their homes, qualifying tenants will be entitled to up to £150 worth of vouchers to top up their meters, it anticipated the scheme will be up and running by November.

ASB

148. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). The team have strong links with local police officers to share information.
149. There are six open ASB cases across Rothwell area office which are managed locally by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.
150. Six weekly partnership working meetings take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams

Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)

151. Housing is currently in the 3rd year of the ATCI cycle with all remaining tenants not visited in the last 2 years now requiring a visit. The team are focusing on those tenancies that have not had a visit in the last 3 years and are making good progress and have visited 32% of our tenants since April.

Environmental

152. Quarter 1 Estate Walkabouts have been conducted, with Quarter 3 walkabouts to be scheduled for October/November. The key issues identified during the walkabouts were fly tipping and overgrown / untidy gardens. Housing Officers ensure they report any fly tipping on the estate whilst performing their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Community Payback and Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work.

Morley Housing Management Area Update

Estate Management

Walkabouts

153. Staff have completed walkabouts to all their land and properties in the second quarter. Nothing out of the ordinary was picked up but the team did establish some priority locations. If anyone would like an accompanied ad-hoc walkabout with their Housing Officer, then feel free to get in touch with the relevant office or manager. Priority areas for Morley have been identified as Springbank in Gildersome and Hepworth's in Churwell and Back Hartley Street.

Community Payback

154. Andrew Kyrover is the new tenant engagement officer for outer inner and outer South wards. Earlier in the year Andrew was working to identify projects for Community Payback and Skill Mill. The community payback service now has a backlog of approximately 2 years work so have put a freeze on accepting any new referrals.

Income Collection

155. Positive reduction in arrears in Morley which continues to improve on last year, having both collected a greater amount of rent and reduced the amount of debt owed to us.

156. Housing staff continue to support residents through the cost-of-living crises, the benefits advisors are currently helping customers to confirm if they should be entitled to Pension credits. In addition, housing expect to soon have British Gas vouchers to offer tenants who meet certain criteria including financial hardship. Please note that officers follow strict criteria for allocating these credits as laid down by British Gas

(who provide the money) so the team don't invite contact from the public, and they can't consider referrals.

Lettings & Void Performance

157. Void properties are coming back at a much quicker rate due to additional contractor resources which is showing an improvement in the number of void properties in repair. Biggest challenge is the number of adapted properties been returned which then means an occupational therapist needs to attend the viewing which is causing some delays.
158. The Morley and Middleton team currently have a collective number of voids of 39 this week which is less than 1% of council stock which means that the team are continuing to hit its targets for relets.
159. As with previous report the team continue to lose staff who receive promotions within the Housing Service or beyond, but recruitment is underway.

Summary of Annual Tenancy Contacts

160. Housing is in the final year of the annual home visit 3-year cycle with the team focusing primarily on those that are classed as priority and those that haven't had a visit in the last 3 years or more. Where staff are unable to gain access, the tenancies are put into the enforcement procedure. The team have been set individual weekly targets to cover their own patches as well as any vacancies to ensure that as many tenants are being reached and supported as possible. In addition to this the teams have been set a target to complete these by the end of 2024 (December)
161. The Morley team have visited 34.3% of all customers between 01 April 2024 and 13 September 2024, so there is a little catching up to do in the remainder of the year. Enforcement has begun in a handful of cases where customers are refusing to give us access to complete the visit. Whilst officers understand letting them in isn't always a customer's priority when the team are repeatedly unable to visit it can raise concerns for the customers welfare, for the condition of the property or the potential for fraud.

ASB

162. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Also have police officers working within the team to share information.
163. 6 weekly partnership working meetings booking in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams. Also, regular Housing Attendance at Community Safety Meeting and Lauren Steward

(Housing manager) is on the panel for the citywide Hate Crime MARAC and Housings community safety group.

164. The ASB surgery has been running successfully with great turnout every session, so much so officers have had to offer tickets for waiting. The surgery was set up to offer advice and assistance to residents at the Morley Hub on the third Thursday of every month between 1pm and 3pm. This is advertised on social media.
165. Leeds City Council Wide our ASB policy and Procedures, are under consideration for renewal As are the associated policies the Good Neighbourhood Management Policy, and a Good Neighbour Guide. Consultation will have begun with panels of customers by 4th October.

AOB

166. The Tenancy management team continue to work closely with their partnership office at Middleton to share resource and knowledge which is also managed by Housing manager Lauren Steward. This has proven effective when staff resource is low and has helped teams jointly with the workloads while carrying vacancies and absences.
167. With the news from the regulator around the need for housing professionals to have a recognised qualification, Tenancy management Team leader intends to pursue a Level 4 Qualification in Housing Management alongside her role to get ahead of the game but also to gain further knowledge and experience to compliment her role.
168. Jass Bambhrah, former housing assistant at the Morley office recently gained a promotion to the Housing officer role and was successfully and appreciatively allocated to the Morley office. Jass has been in post now for 4 weeks and manages the Newlands and Denshaws area.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

170. 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

171. 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

172. 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

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

Risk Management

174. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

177. 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.