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# **Inner East Community Committee**

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft

Meeting to be held in Leeds Civic Hall Wednesday, 28th July, 2021 at 2.00 pm

#### Councillors:

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A Khan

D Ragan

S Arif

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K Maqsood

P Drinkwater

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D Jenkins

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- Killingbeck and Seacroft;

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# AGENDA

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2			APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS	
			To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)	
			(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)	
3			EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
			1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.	
			2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.	
			3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-	
			RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-	

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4			LATE ITEMS	
			To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.	
			(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)	
5			DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
			To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.	
6			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
			To receive any apologies for absence.	
7			OPEN FORUM	
			In accordance with Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.	
			In order to facilitate the Open Forum whilst certain restrictions relating to the pandemic remain in place, the process has been adapted slightly, so that members of the public are invited to make written submissions in advance of the meeting on any matter which falls within the Committee's terms of reference. These will be read out under the agenda item and considered by the Community Committee.	
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			The 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.	
			(Report attached)	
11			INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - FINANCE REPORT	71 - 88
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			(Report attached)	

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12			COMMUNITY COMMITTEE YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND CONSULTATION REPORT  To consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships that provides the Committee with an update on the Youth Activity Fund consultation with children and young people. The consultation aims to inform the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2021/22 financial year.  The report also provides the Committee with reflections from the last year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges that this has presented Community Committees, the Communities Team and youth activity providers.  (Report attached)	89 - 96
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#### INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

# WEDNESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Ragan in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, K Dye, A Hussain,

D Jenkins and A Khan

# 61 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everybody to the remote meeting of the Inner East Community Committee. The Chair explained that internet connectivity may be an issue for some participants and suggested it may be appropriate to appoint a Vice Chair who could assume the Chair should the Chair lose connectivity. The Chair proposed that Councillor Salma Arif be nominated as the Vice Chair, the proposal was seconded, and upon being put to the vote the motion was passed.

# 62 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

# 63 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

### 64 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

# 65 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### 66 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors P Drinkwater and K Maqsood.

### 67 Open Forum

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On this occasion, no submissions have been received.

# 68 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 14 January 2021

**RESOLVED -** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, be approved as an accurate record.

#### Matters Arising

Minute 55, Poole Estate Development – it was noted that discussions had taken place with Strata and Keepmoat in relation to planning application referenced 21/01505/FU. (Full Planning Application for 189 new dwellings with associated works and public open space. Land at Seacroft Hospital York Road Leeds LS16 6UH) It was confirmed that natural trim trail and play equipment will be subject to consultation, to the north of the site and also alongside the path on the southern edge.

Minute 57, Domestic Violence and Abuse – it was confirmed that domestic violence would be taken forward as a priority for the Inner East Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) and that good practice and work of the Seacroft LCP to decrease domestic violence in the Inner East area would be replicated across all LCPs.

# 69 Compassionate City Awards Update

The Chair introduced the item and requested that this be brought to the Inner East Community Committee, to receive an update from three local community groups (Nowells Community Group, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers and DAMASQ) who were recently recognised at the Compassionate City Awards, for their good work supporting people in the Inner East Community Committee Area.

Sawsan Zaza (DAMASQ) informed the Community Committee of the initial challenges with digital inclusion. Damasq Ltd collaborated with many partners and funders such as 100% Digital, to provide devices across the local community. Sawsan outlined some of the projects that had moved remotely, in terms of the Health Holidays Scheme and its aim to reduce inactivity and isolation faced by some of the poorest children and families. Damasq Ltd were awarded with the Jo Cox award.

Karen Pearse, Director of PAFRAS, set out the role of volunteers and partners to help deliver projects. Projects included emergency crisis intervention, food/toiletry parcels and mental health support, all of which the organisation delivered those projects outdoors from March 2020. Financial support had been made available to support people into accommodation through Third Sector and Home Office support. As of September 2020, services moved indoors in a COVID-19 safe environment, and provided accessibility for face to face support. PAFRAS were awarded with the community organisation or project of the year award.

The representative from the Nowells Community Group had been experiencing connectivity issues, and was unable to provide an update on behalf of the community group. The Chair requested that on behalf of the Inner East Community Committee, their thanks be passed on to the community group for their hard work across the Inner East area, particularly in relation to the support provided to young people.

**RESOLVED** – To note the verbal updates provided on behalf of the community groups, and to commend the service provided across the Inner East area.

# 70 Connecting Leeds - Transport Strategy

The report of the Director of City Development, was to bring to members' attention details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

In attendance for this item were:

- o Paul Foster, Transport Planning Manager
- o Finn Campbell, Team Leader (Forward Planning)

The Community Committee were provided with a presentation of slides to inform the consultation process.

Members' were informed of the following points:

- The Transport Strategy has the vision that Leeds is to be a city where you don't need a car;
- The objectives of the strategy are to: tackle climate change, deliver inclusive growth; and improve health;
- The 6 big moves identified to focus on the Transport Strategy are: De-carbonising transport;

Creating healthier streets, spaces and communities;

Transform the City Centre:

New mobility solutions;

Deliver a mass transit network

It was noted that during the Transport Consultation held in 2016, the feedback from the Inner East area highlighted that the cost of public transport is too high, the importance of bus reliability and accessibility and the need to increase cycle parking provision.

Consultation on the Transport Strategy will be open until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. A copy of the Transport Strategy was appended to the report and can be found on the Leeds City Council web pages. The Committee also heard that the team are doing a number of webinars, links to these could also be found on the Council's web pages.

Members discussed the following matters:

 The importance of communities being able to access all parts of the city, to ensure accessibility for economic opportunities, shops and leisure facilities. Members also discussed the need to ensure transport is made 'friendlier', and a suggestion was made that bus shelters be made from plastic and not glass;

- The mechanisms in place to tackle anti-social behaviour relating to motor/quad bikes;
- Adding to the healthier streets initiative by tackling on-street parking;
- Ensuring that all communities are involved in the consultation stages, and the measures in place to tackle language barriers;
- Encouraging take up of bicycles, and ensuring this is possible for the most deprived communities;
- Fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour issues related with subways;
- Incorporating CCTV to Park and Ride schemes, to provide assurances to the community around safety;
- The role of private hire had been acknowledged, although the importance of ensuring competitive prices across public transport had been expressed.

Members were informed of the following points:

- There are plans to pilot a 'flexi bus' in the Outer East area to tackle connectivity issues, and there will be a possibility for this to be rolled out further. It was confirmed that West Yorkshire Combined Authority have further details in relation to this;
- Plans for mass transit;
- Liaison is ongoing with West Yorkshire Police to reduce illegal road activity/behaviour and speeding;
- It was reported that most cars are only being used less than 5% of the overall time, and the strategy presented that there would be less of a need for private cars;
- An update was provided on the bike library scheme and it was acknowledged there would be a requirement to fund smaller interventions to ensure accessibility across communities;
- Efforts are being made on an individual community based approach, in relation to parking and business considerations;
- Ward Members are encouraged to discuss particular issues with the Traffic Engineering Team, and discuss wider strategic priorities with WYCA on detailed schemes.

The Chair thanked officers for their attendance.

**RESOLVED** – To note the contents of the report, along with Members comments.

# 71 Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities updated Members on the work which the Communities Team are engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The report also provided updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champion roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Members discussed the following matters:

- The "Green Guardians" scheme in Seacroft;
- Seacroft Wombles:
- A suggestion was made to invite the new CEO at Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange (GATE) to provide an update on their work;
- Priority areas for Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) Members acknowledged that health inequalities and domestic violence and abuse remained the biggest priority for the Inner East area. It was identified that further work would be required with take up of the COVID-19 vaccination, particularly in relation to overcoming barriers with ethnic minority and deprived communities.

**RESOLVED** – To note the contents of the report, along with Members comments.

# 72 Inner East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2020/21.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Wellbeing Fund full breakdown and projects were provided at Table
   1. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2020/21 is £233,634.69, with a remaining balance of £25,010.93;
- Tribe Youth Group "I Am Me" project;
- Youth Activities Fund Balances and projects were set out at Table 2. The remaining balance is £9,911.09;
- Small Grants and Skips 2020/21 set out in Table 3;
- Covid-19 ward allocation 2020/21 as set out in Table 4, with a remaining balance of £13,270.11;
- Covid-19 Government Grant allocation 2020/21 as set out in Table 5, with a remaining balance of £2,962;
- The Capital Budget 2020/21 and an update on projects to date as outlined in Table 6. The remaining balance is £79,822;
- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) balance was £84,051.06 with the CIL allocation outlined in Table 7.

Members were asked to consider the following applications:

Project Title	Wards	Amount	Decision
		requested from	

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		Wellbeing	
DI ( D' I	D ( ()	Budget	
Places to Ride	Burmantofts and	£8,000	Approved
	Richmond Hill	(Wellbeing)	
Refurbishment of	Burmantofts and	£5,000	Approved
Torre Mount Play	Richmond Hill	(Wellbeing)	
Area			
Gardening Club	Killingbeck and	£765 (Wellbeing)	Approved
	Seacroft		' '
Space2	Gipton and	£3,000	Approved
	Harehills	(Wellbeing)	
Life in Leeds	Burmantofts and	£4,438 (YAF)	Approved
	Richmond Hill		
St Cyprian's	Burmantofts and	£5,803.20	Approved
Boiler	Richmond Hill &	(Capital)	
Replacement	Gipton and		
'	Harehills		
Ashton Park	Gipton and	£10,800 (Capital)	Approved
Fencing	Harehills	, , ,	
Installation			
Community	Gipton and	£3,000 (Capital) /	Approved
Voices Equipment	Harehills	£1,000	
		(Wellbeing)	
Sports Hall	Gipton and	£3,213 (CIL)	Approved
Refurbishment	Harehills		

# **RESOLVED** – To note details of the following:

- a) Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b) Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- c) Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3)
- d) Covid-19 ward based Budget (Table 4)
- e) Covid-19 government grant Budget (Table 5)
- f) Capital Budget (Table 6)
- g) Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 7)

The Community Committee approved the following applications as outlined above.

### 73 Dates and Times of Community Committee Meetings 2021/22

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Members were advised that the Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee. The report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2021/22, in line with previous practice. The

proposed schedule has been compiled with a view to ensuring an even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year.

The proposed date were presented at paragraph 8 of the report as:

- Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 6 pm

**RESOLVED** – To approve the following dates for the next municipal year:

- Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 6 pm
- Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 6 pm

(The meeting concluded at 19:35)



# Agenda Item 9





**Report of: City Solicitor** 

Report to: Inner East Community Committee (Burmantofts & Richmond Hill; Gipton &

Harehills; Killingbeck & Seacroft)

Report author: Natasha Prosser (0113 3788021)

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 For decision

# **Community Committee Appointments 2021/2022**

# **Purpose of report**

1 The purpose of this report is to note the appointment of Councillor D Ragan as Chair of the Community Committee for 2021/22 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and also to invite the Committee to make appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 / the appendices.

### Main issues

### Noting Appointment of Community Committee Chair for 2021/22

1. Members are invited to note the appointment of Councillor D Ragan as Chair of the Community Committee for 2021/22, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council.

# <u>Appointments to Outside Bodies including Cluster Partnerships, Housing Advisory</u> <u>Panels and Local Care Partnerships</u>

- 2. Member Management Committee annually determines which Outside Bodies will be delegated to Community Committees for appointment. Attached at Appendix 1 is the current schedule of organisations as delegated to the Community Committee.
- 3. Most recently, Member Management Committee agreed in 2019 that appointments to Local Care Partnerships be delegated to Community Committees for determination.

# **Appointments to Community Committee 'Champions'**

4. The Constitution requires that Community Committees appoint Member 'Champions' in several designated areas. Currently, these areas are: 'Environment & Community Safety'; 'Children's Services'; 'Employment, Skills & Welfare'; and 'Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care'.

# **Appointment to Corporate Parenting Board**

5. In recent years Community Committees have been used as the appropriate body by which local Elected Member representatives are appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board.

# **Schedule of Appointments**

6. The Committee is invited to review the details in the table below together with the accompanying information which follows / is appended, and determine appoints for the 2021/22 municipal year:

Organisation	/ Outside Body	No. of Places	Current Appointee(s)
Outside bodies	Chapeltown Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Councillor K Maqsood
	Richmond Hill Elderly Action	1	Councillor D Ragan
Clusters	Seacroft / Manston	1	Councillor D Jenkins
	Inner East	2	Councillors D Ragan & S Arif
	2Gether	1	Councillor S Arif
Local Housing Advisory Panels (LHAPs)	Inner East	2	Councillors K Maqsood & R Grahame
, ,	Outer East HAP	2	Councillors D Jenkins & P Drinkwater

Local Care Partnerships (LCP)	Seacroft, Crossgates and York Road LCP	1 x Killingbeck & Seacroft  1 x York Rd	Councillor D Jenkins (Seacroft)  Vacancy (York Rd)
	Chapeltown and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill LCP	1 x Burmantofts & Richmond Hill / Gipton & Harehills	Councillors A Khan & A Hussain
<u>Champions</u>	Children's Services**	1	Councillor S Arif
	Community Safety	1	Councillor D Ragan
	Environment Safety	1	Councillor D Ragan
	Employment, Skills and Welfare	1	Councillor R Grahame
	Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care	1	Councillors A Khan and D Jenkins
Corporate Parenti appointment same Services Champic	e as Children's	1	Councillor S Arif

# **Options**

### **Outside Bodies**

7. The Community Committee is invited to determine the appointments to those Outside Bodies as detailed within the table at section 6 / the appendices. The Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules can be made available to Members upon request, however, a summary of the rules can be found at sections 8-14:

8. The Community Committee should first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder<sup>1</sup> either by reference to the constitution of the outside body concerned (if available), or in the light of any other circumstances as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example it may be considered necessary or otherwise appropriate to appoint a specific Ward Member

- determined by the Community Committee. Such appointments would then be offered on this basis.
- 9. Nominations will then be sought for the remaining places, having regard to trying to secure an overall allocation of places which reflects the proportion of Members from each Political Group on the Community Committee as a whole.
- 10. All appointments are subject to annual change unless otherwise stated within the constitution of the external organisation, which will therefore be reflected on the table at Appendix 1. Each appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.
- 11. Elected Members will fill all available appointments but it is recognised that Political Groups may not wish to take up vacancies which are made available to them. In such circumstances, vacancies will be notified to the Community Committee and agreement sought as to whether the vacancy will be filled.
- 12. A vacancy occurring during the municipal year will normally be referred to the Community Committee for an appointment to be made, having regard to the principles described above.
- 13. Community Committees may review the list of organisations to which they are asked to make appointments at any time and make recommendations to Member Management Committee.
- 14. Please note, any appointments to those Outside Bodies detailed in the appendices / section 6 which are made by the Committee at today's meeting are subject to Member Management Committee approving at its first meeting of the municipal year, that arrangements for such appointments remain unchanged and that they continue to be made by this Community Committee.

### **Local Housing Advisory Panels**

Ward Members play an important role in helping HAPs undertake their activity; sharing wider Community Committee priorities, giving updates about key pieces of work or projects, helping HAPs establish their priorities and by sharing local knowledge about community or environmental issues. Council nominations also help HAPs consider every opportunity to join HAP funding resources with local Community Committee or other funding sources for the benefit of communities.

During 2021/22 HAPs continue to focus their interest and resources on supporting local community projects and activities in response to COVID-19, along with contributing to wider Best Council Plan priorities.

The East Inner Community Committee in their 2021/22 round of nominations are therefore requested to:

- a) Nominate 1 Ward Member from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward and 1 Ward Member from the Gipton and Harehills Ward for the 'Inner East' HAP.
- b) Nominate at least 1 Ward Member from the Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward for the 'Outer East' HAP and reflecting the single ward for the HAP area, consider nominating 2 Ward Members at the Community Committees discretion.
- c) To undertake the above on the basis that all nominations are for full members, with HAP voting rights.

d) Consider the number of Council homes in each Ward. For Wards with relatively few Council homes, nominations are sought on an optional basis (see Appendix 2)

# **Local Care Partnerships**

Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) bring health and care providers together with other partners and local communities to improve people's experience of care to be more personalised and joined up. The second purpose and to tackle the health inequalities that exist both within local communities and across Leeds. LCPS are aligned to Primary Care Network boundaries; NHS funded collaborations of GP practices working together locally to share resources and extend their offer. Further information on Local Care Partnerships and their current priorities can be found on their website <a href="http://inspiringchangeleeds.org/local-care-partnerships/">http://inspiringchangeleeds.org/local-care-partnerships/</a>

From July 2019 forwards Community Committee meetings agreed individual arrangements for representation from Members at Local Care Partnership meetings. Members raised that representation on LCPs could helpfully be aligned with the existing Community Committee Health Champion role for some committees, as well as consider how wider elected members were included. Community Committees recognised there were already good relationships in place between some Members and individual GPs but that the picture varied significantly from GP practice to GP practice.

In 2019 a number of LCPs were newly formed and others yet to come together. Proposals were put forward on a 'best fit' approach to membership, mapping the geography of LCPs to Community Committee boundaries. Appendix 3 captures this best fit.

All LCPs are now in place and meet on a regular (usually monthly) basis. During COVID these meetings have been virtual which has resulted in a greater breadth of partners being able to attend and contribute regularly. This includes participation by Members. LCPs have played a vital role in the local coordination of the COVID response. As we emerge from COVID it is likely that most LCP meetings will remain virtual with quarterly in person meetings to facilitate networking and strengthen relationships.

Members are an integral part of Local Care Partnerships and we are requesting that the links between Local Care Partnerships and Community Committees are retained and strengthened. Community Committees are therefore requested to nominate members to the LCPs aligned to their Committee.

A key change in the Appendix from the 2019 position - There is a specific request from York Rd LCP for Member representation for the Halton Moor area. This Local Care Partnership has appreciated the local perspective brought by Members from Richmond Hill and Killingbeck but also has a significant population in Halton Moor registered with York Rd GPs.

### **Community Committee 'Champions'**

17. The Community Committee Champions role aims to provide a local "lead" perspective and further facilitate local democratic accountability; particularly in conjunction with the relevant Executive Member. It is formally defined as covering the following areas:

- To provide local leadership and champion the agenda at the Community Committee.
- To represent the Community Committee at relevant meetings, forums and local partnerships.
- To build links with key services and partners.
- To provide a link between the Community Committee and the Executive Member to ensure local needs are represented, issues are highlighted, best practice is shared and to facilitate local solutions to any issues.
- To maintain an overview of local performance.
- To consult with the Community Committee and represent local views as part of the development and review of policy.
- 18. As set out in the Constitution, the Community Committee is invited to appoint to the Community Lead Member roles detailed in section 6.
- 19. Given that these roles may need to be tailored to best reflect specific local needs and circumstances, Community Committees may wish to consider splitting 2 of the roles namely:
  - Environment & Community Safety with one Member focusing on the environment agenda and another on community safety.
  - Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care with one Member covering the public health and wellbeing agenda and another focusing upon adult social care.

# **Corporate Parenting Board**

- 21. Under the Children's Act 1989, all local Councillors are corporate parents, this means they have responsibilities relating to the quality of services for those children who have been taken into care by the local authority (children looked after).
- 22. Executive Board has previously agreed a clearer framework for the corporate parenting role in Leeds. This included establishing a core group of councillors with a special interest in leading the work on Corporate Parenting the 'Corporate Parenting Board'. This core group includes representation from each of the 10 Community Committees and takes particular responsibilities relating to influencing, performance monitoring, and governance of those issues and outcomes that affect looked after children.
- 23. In February 2015, Executive Board approved a report that proposed a number of developments to enhance the Corporate Parenting Board, including a better link to the 'Care Promise' for looked after children and more regular involvement from senior leaders and partners both within and outside of the Council. The Board considers information including fostering services, residential care, looked after children's educational attainment and their voice and influence across the city. Representatives are asked to link back to local looked after children's issues through their Community Committee and champion the importance of effectively supporting those children. This is an important role within the overall framework of support and accountability for looked after children's services. The March 2015 Ofsted report for Leeds highlighted the positive benefits and impact of the Board's work.
- 24. The Community Committee is asked to appoint one representative to the Corporate Parenting Board for the duration of the 2020/21 municipal year. The Committee may

- consider it appropriate to combine the role with that of the Committee's Children's Services 'Champion'.
- 25. It should be noted that membership of the Corporate Parenting Board is encouraged for any Elected Members with a particular interest in the outcomes of looked after children, therefore whilst each Community Committee is asked to appoint one Member (to ensure an even geographic spread), it is possible for additional Members to participate. Therefore, additional Members with a particular interest are advised to approach the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board, or make the relevant officers aware.

# **Children's Services Cluster Partnerships**

26. Clusters are local partnerships that include, amongst others: the Children's Social Work Service, schools, governors, Police, Leeds City Council youth service, Youth Offending Service, Children's Centres, Housing services, third sector, health, local elected members and a senior representative from children's services. Local clusters are key to the Children & Families Trust Board partnership and delivery arrangements.

# 27. They aim to:

- enable local settings and services to work together effectively to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families;
- build capacity to improve the delivery of preventative and targeted services to meet local needs;
- create the conditions for integrated partnership working at locality level;
- promote the Children & Young People's Plan and the ambition of a child friendly city across the locality.
- 28. A "well-coordinated locality and cluster approach results in early identification and extensive work with families according to need." (Ofsted report, March 2015).
- 29. Clusters began life as extended services for schools and have grown to engage a wide range of partners who provide early help and early intervention and prevention. In April 2011, the Children & Families Trust Board and Schools Forum agreed the adoption of a minimum standard for the terms of reference across the cluster partnerships, which included elected members as standing members of the governance group for each partnership.
- 30. Elected Members also sit alongside a senior leader (Local Authority Partner) from the Children's Services directorate to be part of the Council's representation on each cluster partnership.
- 31. In June 2013 Member Management Committee delegated the nomination of Elected Member representatives to local Children's Services Cluster partnerships to Community Committees. This was with the aim of establishing a clear formal link between those Committees and Clusters. It was also with the intention of building closer working arrangements to better support the needs children and families across the city.

# **Corporate considerations**

# a. Consultation and engagement

This report facilitates the necessary consultation and engagement with Community Committee Members in respect of appointments to the designated positions and

Outside Bodies. Given that the Community Committee is the relevant appointing body, there is no requirement to undertake a public consultation exercise on such matters.

# b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

Both the Community Committee Champion roles and the Corporate Parenting role aim to champion, address and monitor issues arising in their respective fields, whilst also providing clear links with the relevant Executive Member, Council officers and partner agencies. As such, these roles would also look to address any equality, diversity, cohesion or integration issues arising in their specific areas.

Also, Council representation on Outside Bodies and Children's Services Cluster Partnerships will enable those appointed Members to act as a conduit in terms of promoting the Council's policies and priorities. As such, this would potentially include matters relating to equality, diversity, cohesion or integration.

# c. Council policies and city priorities

Council representation on, and engagement with those Outside Bodies, partnerships and organisations to which the Community Committee has authority to appoint, is in line with the Council's Policies and the Best Council Plan's 'Best City Priorities'.

# d. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to those decisions taken by Community Committees.

If a Councillor is nominated to an Outside Body by the Council then that Councillor receives full indemnity from the Council. For example should someone attempt to take action against a Councillor personally in their role as a Council appointed trustee/director of an Outside Body; then the Council would cover the cost of defending the action against that Councillor, and if the action were successful the Council would cover any compensation which the Councillor had to pay. The only exception to this is for "fraud, or other deliberate wrongdoing or recklessness". The indemnity applies to a company, trust, or charity and whether a Councillor is nominated as a director or trustee. If a Member has not been nominated by the Council, then the indemnity will not apply, and the Member should check that the trust, company etc. has got appropriate insurance cover for its trustees/directors.

# e. Risk management

In not appointing to those Outside Bodies listed within the report, there is a risk that the Council's designated representation on such organisations would not be fulfilled.

#### Conclusion

32. The Community Committee is asked to consider and determine the appointments to those designated Outside Bodies, partnerships and organisations as detailed within the report and appendix.

# Recommendations

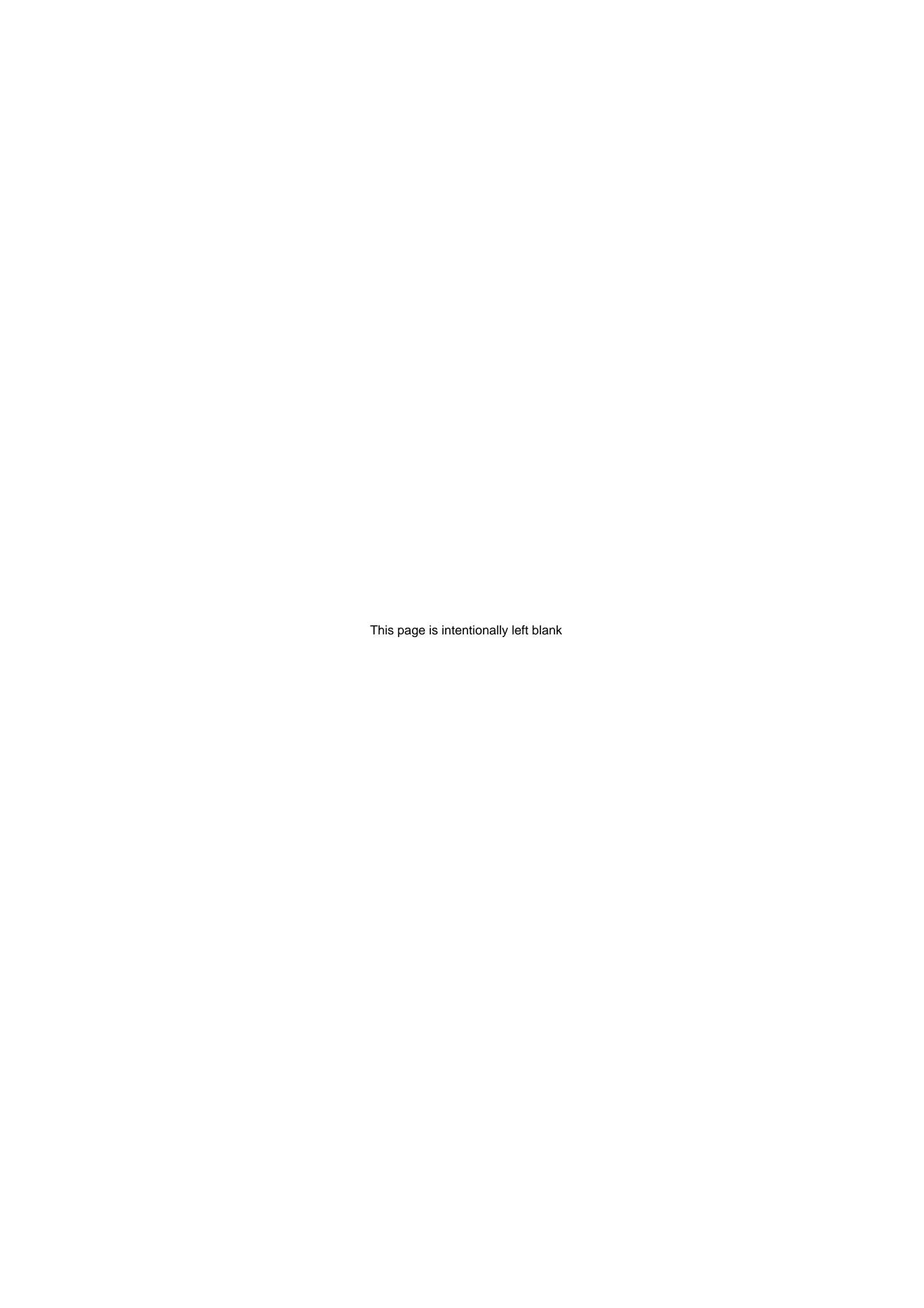
- 33. The Community Committee is asked to consider and confirm appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 / the appendices, having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as summarised in this report;
- 34. The Committee is also invited to note the appointment of Councillor D Ragan, as Chair of the Community Committee for the duration of 2021/22, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council.

# **Background information**

None



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Inner East	6973	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	4342
		Gipton & Harehills	2631
Inner North East	2978	Chapel Allerton	1893
		Moortown	484
		Roundhay	601
Inner North West	3671	Headingley & Hyde Park	490
		Little London & Woodhouse	1882
		Weetwood	1299
Inner South	6305	Beeston & Holbeck	2404
		Hunslet & Riverside	1791
		Middleton Park	2110
Inner West	8006	Armley	2662
		Bramley & Stanningley	2926
		Kirkstall	2418
Outer East	4306	Killingbeck & Seacroft	4306
Outer North East	2315	Alwoodley	1096
		Harewood	372
		Wetherby	847
Outer North West	3586	Adel & Wharfedale	631
		Guiseley & Rawdon	698
		Horsforth	877
		Otley & Yeadon	1380
Outer South	4140	Ardsley & Robin Hood	875
		Morley North	922
		Morley South	1087
		Rothwell	1256
Outer South East	5369	Crossgates & Whinmoor	1844
		Garforth & Swillington	868
		Kippax & Methley	1122
		Temple Newsam	1535
Outer West	4955	Calverley & Farsley	715
		Farnley & Wortley	2512
		Pudsey	1728

(2020/21 Year End)



# Councillor Alignment to LCP areas

LCP		Suggested Community Committee Member Appointment
Seacroft, Cross Gates and York Road	Seacroft	Inner East
	York Road	Inner East and Outer East (Halton Moor and Cross Gates)
	Cross Gates	Outer East
LS25/26	Garforth/Kippax/Rothwell	Outer East
		Outer South
Central	Central	Inner North East
HATCH (Chapeltown, Harehills, Richmond Hill & Burmantofts)	Chapeltown	Inner North East
Richmond Hill & Burmanitoris)	Harehills, Richmond Hill and Burmantofts	Inner East
Wetherby	Wetherby	Outer North East
Holt Park and Woodsley		Inner North West
Leeds Student Medical Practice		Inner North West
Aireborough & Aire Valley	Otley and Yeadon	Outer North West
Middleton & Beeston		Inner South
Morley	Morley	Outer South
Armley	Armley	Inner West
	Bramley, Wortley & Middleton	Inner West and Outer West
West Leeds	Pudsey and Bramley	Outer West

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# Agenda Item 10





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts &

Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck &

Seacroft

Report author: Ruth Tiernan, Localities Officer, Tel 0113 5351085

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 For consideration

**Inner East 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

### **Sub Group Nominations**

3. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Inner East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2021/22.

The 220/21 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Inner East Environment and Community Safety Sub Group	3	Cllr Denise Ragan Cllr Katie Dye Cllr Arif Hussain	Cllr Denise Ragan
Inner East Children and Young Peoples Sub Group	3	Cllr Salma Arif Cllr Denise Ragan Cllr Paul Drinkwater	Cllr Salma Arif

Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Inner East Community Committee Sub Groups.

# **Updates by theme:**

# Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor David Jenkins and Councillor Asghar Khan

## **Inner East Public Health funding**

- 4. Public Health IE Funds have successfully awarded eight culturally diverse community groups to deliver health messages within their own communities. The sessions will be delivered via zoom, face to face, radio and will incorporate COVID vaccination, easing of restrictions and testing information.
- 5. The community groups where given a list of services and organisations to choose from to inform their communities/clients of services available. The list of services included public health, financial inclusion and other services. To ease access of applying for the grant funding innovative methods were used including videos/presentations and simple application forms to cater for diverse groups including those with English as a second language.

#### Food resilience toolkit

6. The Building Food Resilience Toolkit aims to support food aid providers to have helpful conversations and signpost to appropriate support services to work on the challenges that people present with. The toolkit showcases a range of approaches to build food resilience and encourages providers to evolve their provision to help support people back to food independence. The toolkit has been led by Food Wise Leeds and partners and has been shaped via two webinars working with food aid providers to capture learning – the webinars can be viewed on the Food Wise Website: https://foodwiseleeds.org/

#### **Covid Vaccination**

7. The NHS is continuing to work hard to vaccinate as many people as possible. The approved vaccines are, Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccines. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS.

## **Vaccination delivery**

- 8. As well as the vaccination centre at East Park Medical Centre, a roving vaccination bus have been set up. The details of when the bus will arrive are below. There has been a huge number of local people vaccinated through the vaccination clinics. These operate at:
  - Bilal Centre every Wednesday 10am 4pm
  - Infinity Centre every Friday 2pm 5.30pm.

#### **Covid resources**

 Information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on the NHS website by visiting the following link <a href="nhs.uk/CovidVaccine.">nhs.uk/CovidVaccine.</a>. Leeds CCG have created a webpage to provide information and videos with resources available in community languages with a focus on COVID-19 vaccination information <a href="https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/">https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/</a>

# **Community Engagement and vaccine hesitancy**

10. Public Health are working with a wide range of partners including Hatch LCP and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations to develop new approaches of working with communities in Burmantofts, Harehills and Chapeltown. This is to enable local people to make an informed choice about the vaccine, using trusted information and local organisations. If you would like to get involved contact Chetna Patel chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk

# **Covid-19 Community Champions Project**

11. The Covid-19 Community Champions Project is led by Leeds City Council and delivered in partnership with Voluntary Action Leeds, Forum Central and Hamara, working closely with Public Health and NHS Leeds CCG. The project is looking for people who:

- Live or work in Leeds to support their friends, family, neighbours and community to have the information about Covid-19 and the vaccine which will help them feel supported, make informed choices and stay safe.
- Feel confident about having conversations on Covid-19 and the vaccine and signposting people to support once provided with up to date information.
- Sign up to be a Covid-19 Community Champions by registering <u>here</u>

# **Covid-19 Micro Grant Funding**

12. The micro grants are aimed at voluntary and community organisations and groups.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to support organisations and grassroots level groups to share key health messages around Covid-19, vaccinations, government guidance and restrictions in ways that are accessible and appropriate for communities. If you would like to discuss your idea with us beforehand or need assistance in completing the application form please email: <a href="mailto:communitychampions@leeds.gov.uk">communitychampions@leeds.gov.uk</a>

# **Public Health Covid 19 prevention grants**

13. Space 2 alongside Shantona Women and Family Centre, Zest, People in Action, The Old Fire Station and Health watch Leeds were successful in applying for the Public Health Covid 19 prevention grant. Focusing on communities in Gipton and Harehills a range of activities have taken place this included pop up events, telephone conversations, an on-line survey and designing a film' talking heads' to record local people's feelings about how they have coped during the pandemic; to promote Covid vaccine and prevention messages; and what changes they would like to see in the next 5 years.

There have been fantastic results from this short fast paced project including:

- People were contacted by telephone over a period of 4 weeks and of these 27 have provided detailed information for the local questionnaire by phone.
- Pop up community engagement has been delivered in priority vaccine hot spot locations in Gipton and Harehills Ward over a 4-week period. During this time 44 people provided detailed information for the local questionnaire and 400 leaflets/door knocks were completed.

 'Talking heads' videos of 10 Gipton and Harehills residents' interviews are being developed and a final report based on survey questionnaire responses will be completed by early June.

For further information please contact Keri Wilkins - <a href="mailto:keriw@space2.org.uk">keriw@space2.org.uk</a>

# **Hatch - Local Care Partnership (LCP)**

- 14. HATCH is a well-established and vibrant partnership which covers the areas of Chapeltown and Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill. The LCP works with a diverse range of partners including general practice, community health services, Public Health, Adult Social Care, elected members and a broad range of Third Sector and community groups.
- 15. The LCP focus on building relationships to deliver improved services with approaches around conversations, connections and assets and strengths. The current priorities are ageing well, supporting families who are shielding and children and families.
- 16. The LCP is working with key partners to develop a Domestic Abuse training session which will take place in September. For further details contact: Rachel Ainscough <a href="mailto:rachel.ainscough@nhs.net">rachel.ainscough@nhs.net</a> (LCP Development Team)

# **Environment and Community Safety: Councillor Denise Ragan**

# **Environment and Community Safety Sub Group**

- 17. The Inner East Environment and Community Safety Sub Group met remotely 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 with service updates provided from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Parks and Countryside, Housing Leeds and LASBT. It was notes in the meeting that there has been a number of staff changes across many of the services due to staff leaving the Council on the early leavers' scheme and services thanked members for their understanding in the period of adjustment that has followed these changes.
- 18. There have been changes to management positions in Housing Leeds with Peter Wadgner and Jamie Martin becoming Area Managers for the Inner East area. Peter will be responsible for Gipton and Harehills and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill wards and Jamie is responsible for the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward.
- 19. There have also been changes in the Cleaner Neighbourhoods management structure following Susan Hardy's recent retirement. Abu Bungay is now the Area Manager for the East Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. Stuart Brown has Team Leader responsibility for the Gipton and Harehills and Burmantofts and

Richmond Hill wards and Carol Colins is the Team Leader for the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward.

20. A full list of the new management structures for Housing and CNT can be requested by ward members via Ruth Tiernan.

### **LASBT**

- 21. The LASBT East team continues to work largely from home and utilises our risk assessments to enable visits, letter drops, door knock, noise seizures, serving papers, as required. A return to a mixture of home working and office based work is expected from July onwards.
- 22. LASBT recently carried out two Premises Closure Orders, one in Harehills and one in Seacroft, both in response to the levels of anti-social behaviour at these properties fuelled by alcohol and drugs misuse.
- 23. LASBT East currently has 93 active cases in the Inner East area, broken down by ward with 25 cases in Gipton & Harehills, 26 cases in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and 42 cases in Killingbeck & Seacroft.
- 24. There is an emerging spike of hate related incidents in part of South Seacroft with two arson attacks on motor vehicles and "EDL" sprayed on the walls of a void property. LASBT, Housing and the NPT are working hard to try and identify the perpetrators and to safeguard residents, the matter has been discussed at Killingbeck & Seacroft Tasking and will be discussed at the Safer Leeds Hate Crime MARAC.
- 25. During the last month LASBT have secured further premises closure orders in relation to all communal areas of thirteen tower blocks in the Lincoln Green area. This is the second time we have had to do this, the first was successful for a period but problems returned prompting us to repeat the action to deal with rough sleepers, drug dealing and misuse, cuckooing and harassment of residents.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Update**

### Anti-Social Behaviour in Killingbeck and Seacroft

26. There has been a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour with this ward area, along with increased prosecution relating to repeat victims of race/hate crimes. The area has experienced a high volume of anti-social behaviour in the

past few years, and recent data shows this has reduced. This is due to targeted neighbourhood policing patrols, partnership working and running operation within the area to target offending.

#### **Hate Crime**

27.PS Lee Nicholson created a multi-agency meeting looking at repeat victim of hate/race crime, this was to allow partners to discuss cases, consider options, and deliver. This has resulted in such offences being reduced in the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward and saw some significant arrests for such offenders.

## **Organised Crime and Drug Supply**

28. The supply of cannabis continues to be a local problem particularly in the Harehills area which officers have been addressing over a long time period. We continue to work closely with partners regarding this issue, looking at disruption techniques, and safeguarding.

#### **Knife Crime**

29. We have continued to see violent offences involving knives, and Leeds District continue to work with partner to tackle this problem.

#### We are:

- Delivering knife awareness training in schools, both at primary and secondary schools
- The Neighbourhood policing team carry out regular searches of key locations to located 'dumped' weapons. This is a success and are regularly taking a number of knives off the streets
- The Neighbourhood policing team are carrying out daily disruptions of nominals involved in knife crime, referring to partner agencies, and providing support for the families
- We have weekly tasking meetings to ensure incidents of such crimes are being progressed by CID
- Social media is utilised to deliver safety awareness
- We utilise extra resources within Inner East to target the key locations and offer reassurance to the public, and also disruption to the offenders
- We have held a week of action around knife crime, and such events will continue throughout the year
- We utilised the knife arch at one of the local schools, 186 pupils passed through and arch and no weapons were located. We are looking to use this within all secondary schools.

#### **Gipton and Harehills PACT Meeting**

30. We recently trialled an Online PACT meeting which was successful and had similar numbers attending online, as we did when we could do them in person. The feedback from the attendees was positive, and we now be rolling these out across other ward areas for Leeds.

## Children and Young People: Councillor Salma Arif

## **Breeze Pass Annual Membership Summary - Breeze Card Update**

31. Breezecard has traditionally been a free card since 2000, it has given discount at leisure centres, council leisure facilities, acts as a junior library card, and gives free access to Breeze summer events.



- 32. Over the last 6 months we have carried out consultation across the city and engaged a Leeds based Branding company to look at Breeze and what it is as a brand and what direction it needs to take now to continue to be a strong recognised Brand for young people and families in Leeds.
- 33. To make that next step to improve the offer of the card, move to smart mobile technology, an annual fee of £5 per year (whilst still free to those economically disadvantaged) will now be introduced.
- 34. The existing offers and discounts for Breezecard are limited and with little resources allocated to it, public perception of the card shows there is minimal value to it other than leisure centre discounts and access to Breeze summer events.
- 35. The introduction of a fee based membership will be based on feedback from young people and their parents who have indicated an appetite for an extended offer which will be made accessible through a new website and app and a refreshed communication strategy to deliver the comprehensive offer.

#### 36. The Vision

The vision for Breeze Membership is to give all children and young people in Leeds access to a wide range of rich and diverse cultural and sporting activities through a range of free, discounted and VIP access to services, to make Leeds the best city for young people to grow up in.

## 37. The Aims

 Providing opportunity for all children and young people to access quality provision by working with cultural, sporting and commercial leisure sectors in

- Leeds to offer discounted or free access to services and activities with a Breeze Leeds membership.
- Removing barriers for those most vulnerable and in need, to ensure all young people can access Breeze membership benefits in an inclusive and equitable way.
- Offering engaging, accessible and easy to use communication channels with information about membership benefits, discounts, Breeze events as well as other services from partners across the city.
- Ensuring young people are consulted with and at the heart of what we do, offering them the opportunity to shape and develop the cultural and sporting offer in Leeds.

## 38. The Strategy

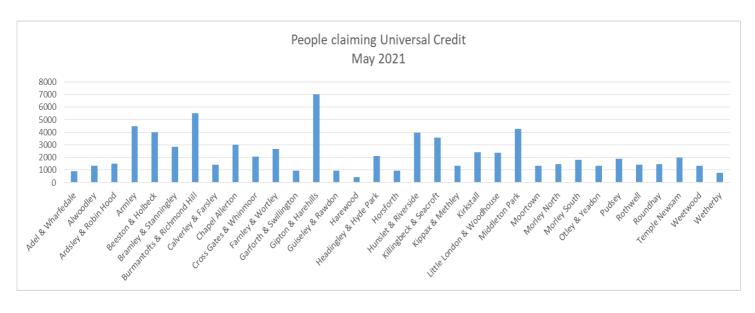
- To introduce a paid annual membership to Breeze, to add value and credibility to the scheme.
- To offer a free membership to children on free school meals.
- Re-brand the membership to position it as a new product but maintain links with the quality recognition of the events and services provided by Breeze.
- To engage with council services and the commercial sector to secure discounts (annual and seasonal) or exclusive VIP offers (early bird ticketing, VIP packages) in areas of:
  - o Family and young people leisure venues
  - Visitor attractions and museums
  - Leisure centres and sporting facilities
  - Cinemas and theatres
  - Play Centres
  - Holiday events and activities
  - Sporting events (Leeds United and Leeds Rhinos)
  - Concerts and festivals
  - o Shops
  - Food venues
- Redevelop the website to support the new brand and its offer and sign up, to ensure it is engaging and attractive to the target audience.
- Develop an app to support the membership along with push notifications of new offers and promotions.
- Devise a successful 'launch' marketing campaign through schools, digital platforms and through cultural and sporting venues.
- Develop a full communication strategy to continually support the services provided by the membership to be focused on social media and digital communications.
- To establish a young people's project team to be able to continually consult and support development of Breeze and all its services.

## **Inner East Youth Activity Fund Consultation**

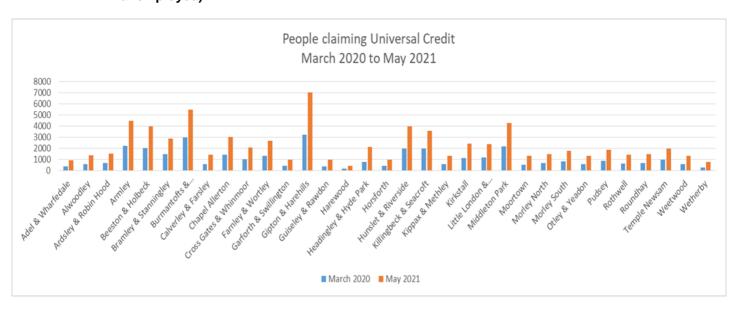
- 39. The Inner East Youth Summit has been cancelled due to the national lockdown, in its place, an online survey has been sent out to all local schools and Youth Groups, the survey will enable and encourage all children and young people to influence how youth activity funding is allocated in the Inner East area.
- 40. The Youth Activity Fund consultation survey was promoted from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, giving young people over two and a half months to provide feedback via the survey. The Inner East Community Committee received 289 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund survey. Details on the finds of the survey can be found in the Inner East YAF Consultation report and infographic to be presented at the Community Committee meeting.

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Ron Grahame**

- 41. The Universal Credit claimant count is updated monthly and is therefore a useful measure for contributing to our understanding of the economic changes and impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on our communities. For information, please see below, the latest headline information on the number of people claiming Universal Credit at city level with further detail included in the attached document on the numbers for both in and out-of-work claimants at ward level.
  - 42. The provisional figures for the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Leeds local authority area in May 2021 is 75,010 which is 14.5% of the working age population.
  - 43. This includes all claimants whether they are in employment or not in employment and is an increase of 887 claimants on the previous month. (112% increase since March 2020).
  - 44. The revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds that were unemployed in April 2021 is 47,061, which is 9.2% of the working age population.
  - 45. This represents a reduction of 316 on the previous month. (99% increase since March 2020).



Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit (both employed and unemployed)



The figures are a count of the number of people on Universal Credit on the second Thursday of each month – 13 May in this instance. Rate shows the number of claimants as a percentage of the working age population.

## People on Universal Credit

	Working Age	March 2020		March	2021	April 20	021 (r)	May 2021 (p)	
	Population 2019	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Adel & Wharfedale	10967	371	3.4%	894	8.2%	905	8.3%	919	8.4%
Alwoodley	13242	572	4.3%	1345	10.2%	1337	10.1%	1350	10.2%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	14717	646	4.4%	1525	10.4%	1503	10.2%	1510	10.3%
Amley	16953	2203	13.2%	4408	26.0%	4412	26.0%	4462	26.3%
Beeston & Holbeck	17612	2004	11.5%	3921	22.3%	3919	22.3%	4005	22.7%
Bramley & Stanningley	14753	1474	10.0%	2852	19.3%	2840	19.3%	2860	19.4%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	18413	2957	16.4%	5415	29.4%	5397	29.3%	5509	29.9%
Calverley & Farsley	14489	565	3.9%	1414	9.8%	1416	9.8%	1423	9.8%
Chapel Allerton	16571	1439	8.7%	2961	17.9%	2975	18.0%	3005	18.1%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	13683	1028	7.4%	2045	14.9%	2045	14.9%	2059	15.0%
Farnley & Wortley	15350	1304	8.5%	2682	17.5%	2665	17.4%	2681	17.5%
Garforth & Swillington	11575	412	3.5%	968	8.4%	949	8.2%	958	8.3%
Gipton & Harehills	20237	3230	16.3%	6954	34.4%	6932	34.3%	7023	34.7%
Guiseley & Rawdon	13781	353	2.5%	961	7.0%	939	6.8%	949	6.9%
Harewood	10208	152	1.5%	468	4.6%	453	4.4%	437	4.3%
Headingley & Hyde Park	29651	763	2.5%	2181	7.4%	2124	7.2%	2117	7.1%
Horsforth	13427	425	3.2%	973	7.2%	955	7.1%	968	7.2%
Hunslet & Riverside	21278	1959	9.3%	3920	18.4%	3903	18.3%	3984	18.7%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	15268	1985	13.2%	3583	23.5%	3571	23.4%	3597	23.6%
Kippax & Methley	12815	590	4.6%	1315	10.3%	1309	10.2%	1342	10.5%
Kirkstall	16091	1105	6.8%	2423	15.1%	2414	15.0%	2431	15.1%
Little London & Woodhouse	31932	1153	3.7%	2340	7.3%	2350	7.4%	2388	7.5%
Middleton Park	17717	2159	12.3%	4225	23.8%	4234	23.9%	4284	24.2%
Moortown	14257	531	3.7%	1322	9.3%	1306	9.2%	1336	9.4%
Morley North	13880	647	4.6%	1444	10.4%	1433	10.3%	1454	10.5%
Morley South	14448	838	5.9%	1815	12.6%	1783	12.3%	1798	12.4%
Otley & Yeadon	12812	582	4.5%	1324	10.3%	1321	10.3%	1329	10.4%
Pudsey	15152	877	5.8%	1910	12.6%	1894	12.5%	1889	12.5%
Rothwell	12085	604	4.9%	1392	11.5%	1387	11.5%	1411	11.7%
Roundhay	14243	674	4.7%	1468	10.3%	1449	10.2%	1473	10.3%
Temple Newsam	12833	978	7.6%	1961	15.3%	1947	15.2%	1972	15.4%
Weetwood	14348	587	4.1%	1335	9.3%	1316	9.2%	1329	9.3%
Wetherby	11266	293	2.6%	768	6.8%	737	6.5%	756	6.7%
Leeds	516054	35450	6.9%	74515	14.4%	74123	14.4%	75010	14.5%
Yorkshire & The Humber	3419608	277920	8.1%	520442	15.2%	519305	15.2%	524135	15.3%
England	35116566	2591995	7.4%	5198433	14.8%	5186098	14.8%	5232350	14.9%

## **Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter**

46. **Appendix 1,** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner East Community Committee Facebook page.

#### The Communities Team

#### **Cliftons and Nowells**

## **Nowells Mini Operation Champion**

- 47. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team responded quickly to a recent spike in calls for service from properties in the Nowells. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April a team from LASBT, Housing Leeds, PCSO's and the Communities Team carried out a comprehensive door knock in the area to gather intelligence, promote reporting and offer reassurance to the community.
- 48. LASBT did pick up a number of specific complaints that are now being dealt with by the service. Residents appreciated the door knock and recognised the need to work together with services to tackle ASB. The Nowells has seen a sustained reduction in ASB over the last 3 years, the proactive approach taken by LASBT and partners will ensure it stays this way.

## **Nowells Youth and Community Hub**

49. Safer Stronger Communities Team staff are working with colleagues in Childrens Services to develop a plan for re-opening Nowell Mount Community Centre. During Covid the centre has been largely closed with the exception of some targeted youth provision and the Food Club. Now that indoor activities are permissible again the team are working towards re-establishing provision in the centre and working with local youth providers, partners and the local community to develop a full activity programme in the Centre. An event will be planned later in the summer to officially open the centre and invite people the community in to look at the much improved facility.

#### Youth provision

#### **CATCH on Wheels**

50. CATCH have been working with a small group of older teenagers from the Nowells over the past 6 months. The team from CATCH have been working with young people at Nowell Mount to get the new building ready for opening. Young people have built a number of raised beds on the site ready for planting,

installed outdoor seating, tidied up the grounds and installed equipment in the new extension. Young people from the Nowells have also attended sessions down at CATCH on Hovingham Avenue.

#### **Youth Services**

- 51. Throughout the ongoing pandemic the Youth Service team have continued to engage with young people across Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, and specifically in the priority neighbourhood. They have engaged several groups in a variety of discussions around the current and ongoing impact of the pandemic and the constant challenges with respect to their education.
- 52. They have significantly increased their one-one provision alongside the delivery of welfare checks. This has enabled their Youth Work team to continue to engage with a number of young people they would have perhaps not seen during the delivery of our regular detached provision in the area.
- 53. Earlier in the year Youth Service delivered over 150 wellbeing packs and resources across the ward. These were created following some additional funding received from the local Housing Advisory Panel. Through linking in with local partners (which included members of Nowells Community Group) they were able to significantly increase the number of packs handed out and thus total number of young people reached.





- 54. The handing out of these packs was further supported by a range of issue based youth work to enable young people to explore their mental health and welling and identify strategies for encouraging positive mental health whilst also identifying pathways for support should this be needed.
- 55. Youth Services have been continuing to deliver their Violence Reduction Unit funded provision. The aim of the project is to engage with young people and

highlight the ongoing impact/risks of knife crime. They have put together a detailed programme which includes a range of targeted sessions (Substance Misuse / Impact upon family and community) / Emergency First Aid / Peer Pressure), which will continue to be delivered over the coming months.

## **Nowells Community Group**

56. The Nowells Community Group working with Active Leeds have delivered a 6 week programme of physical activities on the park for children. "Nowells Get Active" was led by local volunteers supported by professional coaches and consisted on 3 activity sessions per week offering football, tennis, boxing, rounder's and street dance.

#### Youth Association

57. Youth workers have continued to engage young people vulnerable to involvement in crime and violence, both across the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward and specifically in the priority neighbourhood. Youth workers have offered street engagement activities largely focused on relationships, teambuilding and multisports. Over the past twelve months, many young people have been involved in high levels of antisocial behaviour; setting fires, fireworks, robbery, riots, violence and drug culture. Their approach has been very informal, facilitating discussions around their own behaviours and consequences of their actions.

## StreetSafe workshops

58. Youth Association teams have engaged large numbers of young people at street-level, running knife-crime awareness, drugs awareness, drill music and stop and search awareness workshops on a large scale. Street-based workshops have been interactive and engaging, using games, discussions and multimedia to increase appeal and focus. Workshops have been delivered within existing social groups and in young people's own social spaces, creating cooperative learning environments.





- 59. Their StreetSafe workshops enable discussion with young people about current issues, including conflict between different gangs, and we are building positive, trusting relationships with the young people, while allowing them to explore positive things they can do for their areas.
- 60. They have found that many of the young people are interested in drill music, which has negative influences from subjects around gang life, drugs, knife crime, sexualizing women and violence. Their workshops have encouraged young people to look closely at their role models within the music industry and how this influences them within their communities. They have done this by providing workshops around:
  - positive role models
  - substance misuse
  - knife crime
  - negative relationships
- 61. In delivering these workshops they have been aiming to start (conceptually) where the young people are at in their lives, keeping the work relevant. Taking it to street level has made participation more accessible. Groups have been able to reflect on how they are seen in their communities and think of ways to change this, with the help of youth workers as positive role models.
- 62. During the past few months, they have been working in partnership with Leeds City Council Youth Service and West Yorkshire Police to improve their understanding of the day-to-day needs of our communities in respect of youth violence. In parallel, they have built strong relationships with many groups involved in ASB and youth violence, and are now exploring ways in which their voices can be heard within the community.

#### **Lincoln Green**

- 63. Highways improvements Phase 2 of the "Mini Holland" Highways scheme has now started on site in Lincoln Green. This phase will see the redesign on Lincoln Road, making it one way and incorporating improved cycling infrastructure down to Cherry Row and ultimately along Mabgate into the City Centre.. Highways anticipate completing Phase 2 by the end of the summer.
- 64. Asset Based Community Development Touchstone's ABCD project is making headway in Lincoln Green. The Community Builder has been organising fortnightly conversations in Lincoln Green Square, these events have been small scale but really effective based around live music, food and arts based activities to attract people into the square. In July the ABCD worker will be hosting a "You Chose" event this event is an opportunity for local informal groups to bid for small sparks funding to support their ideas for community-led activity in Lincoln Green.

#### Vaccination Bus

- 65. In order to support the Covid-19 Vaccination rollout Public Health have deployed a roving vaccination bus targeting neighbourhoods with a lower than average vaccine uptake. In April the bus came to Lincoln Green for 3 days followed by 4 days outside Nowells Mount Community Centre.
- 66. The service was publicised in advance through GP's who sent texts to eligible patients backed up by a targeted communications campaign. In Lincoln Green the bus was situated opposite Burmantofts Health Centre, a very visible and high footfall location, over the three days 179 people attended and received their first vaccine dose. Nowell Mount was a quieter location so a substantial effort was put into door knocking, Migrant Community Networkers supported by staff from across the Council and local third sector organisations managed to knock on every door across the 4 target LSOA's from the Bellbrooks down to Torre Drive. By the end of the week 113 people came forward for their first dose.

## **Target Wards**

#### **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill**

## **Digital Inclusion work**

- 67. A working group to support digital inclusion has been established. This group will share best practice, common challenges, opportunities for funding, training and partnership working, and acts as a unified entity to coordinate digital inclusion work in the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward.
- 68. Following the November 2020 Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership, where the issue of digital exclusion loomed large as a common barrier to residents accessing various services (e.g. health, housing, financial inclusion), 100% Digital Leeds and Communities Team identified key partners to meet and discuss this subject.
- 69. From looking at evidence in the recent Healthwatch Leeds report we can see that there are five key themes that help to define digital exclusion when it comes to accessing health and care services: money and resources; training and information; space, safety and privacy; communications preferences and the Accessible Information Standard; and, listening over the long term to people's concerns and experiences.
- 70. Using these findings and other resources, we are meeting to think about what a digitally inclusive Burmantofts and Richmond Hill would look like and how we begin to create this:

#### Greater awareness and engagement in the community

- Improving organisations' awareness of the barriers to and benefits of getting online via receiving Digital Champions training and knowing how to better understand and help digitally excluded people, particularly those with accessibility barriers e.g. language, disability, literacy
- More organisations signed up to the 100% Digital Leeds mailing list where opportunities to strengthen infrastructure via training and are regularly promoted
- Sharing knowledge about community initiatives which could help to increase digital inclusion among residents

# <u>Greater community capacity by bringing in resource to the area (i.e. funding/schemes)</u>

 More community organisations and stakeholders able to offer free internet access and/or computer/device use in the area to help digitally excluded people, whether through community spaces or loan schemes

## More local representation at an individual level and greater accessibility

- More representation of local people with lived experience of digital exclusion when designing solutions that work for those in the community, in a similar fashion to the approaches of Healthwatch Leeds and Leeds Poverty Truth Commission
- Co-production of alternative options and resources for people with specific additional barriers that may stop them engaging with digital inclusion activities (e.g. those with limited English comprehension skills, disability, mental health issues, cultural barriers)
- 71. Since the group have been coming together 3 new digital projects have been created which are:
  - East North East Youth Service Digital Inclusion Project working with youth Service to deliver a 12 week targeted programme for young people to take part in a range of online activities (including cooking, wellbeing activities, and origami) whilst within each session engaging in issue based discussions on the subject of digital inclusion, knife crime awareness, COVID safety messages and how to stay safe online.
  - BRH HUB Device loan scheme to offer a tablet lending scheme to BRH residents with data included. All tablets are now on load to people who are digitally excluded
  - REAH Digital Engagement Sessions Hosted at REAH Community Centre in IT suite. In person (when allowed) and remotely. Hourly sessions 3 times per week giving skills, questions and social skills.

#### **Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership Update**

- 72. The BRH NIP regrouped in November 2020. The meeting was focused on the emerging impact of Covid-19, examples of strong partnership achievements over the last nine months (partners were asked to feedback ahead of the meeting to understand challenges and successes throughout 2019-2020) and next steps for the NIP. Since November new partnerships have emerged in line with partner feedback focused on current priorities across the ward such as the BRH Youth Partnership & BRH Digital Inclusion Group.
- 73. The Youth Partnership is now working together to explore collaborative approaches to deliver detached work across the ward, explore ways with Youth Partnership to offer an enhanced digital engagement/interaction with young people, lever new youth provision into the ward, with a focus on areas of high challenge of antisocial behaviour & Develop opportunities to restart/ develop provision in line with government's roadmap guidelines.

74. The NIP met again in April 2021 to share new work programmes, introduce the proposal of a Community Anchor Network to all partners working locally and to introduce the online digital tool 'Your Voice'. Further sessions have been held to accommodate partners to share views and ideas in terms of the Community Anchor Network proposal and these have seen good attendance. The next step for the partnership is to meet again to deliver a working session for partners to register, drop a pin and to build on the Your Voice 'What's Happening In BRH' Map.

## **BRH Community Care Hub – Exploring the legacy**

- 75. The Community Care Hub partnership lead by Leeds Mencap continues to operate providing food and other support for those that have been impacted by the pandemic. The number of people seeking help has reduced substantially since February. Voluntary Action Leeds are supporting the CCV hubs across the city to consider what legacy arrangements may emerge following the "emergency response".
- 76. Locally, organisations (including LCC services) recognise the value of closer more integrated working across the ward. Exactly how this can be achieved and the role that residents play in this way of working is yet to be defined. Further discussions and development will take place over the next 6 months.

#### **Food Clubs**

- 77. Food poverty is a real issue for lots of people in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, whilst there is valuable network of providers across Leeds distributing emergency food support this tends to be limited in choice and is normally time limited in order to support people through a short term financial crisis. Family Action have established 9 Food Clubs across Leeds, 2 of which are in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, one at Nowell Mount and the other at Richmond Hill Academy.
- 78. Food Clubs offer heavily subsidised food to their members who can join for £1 and then get approximately £15 worth of food for £3.50. It's a new service in the ward and hopefully a model which is sustainable, promotes self-reliance and could be replicated in other locations. Membership at both food clubs is steadily increasing week on week.

## **Gipton and Harehills**

## **Covid Vaccination Engagement**

79. Encouraging vaccine uptake is a key focus in Gipton & Harehills with recognition that uptake in several neighbourhoods is lower than the city's average. A vaccine bus was located at CATCH on Hovingham Avenue from 11-14<sup>th</sup> May where local residents with eligibility could attend the bus for their vaccine. Significant community engagement work took place during this week to encourage uptake, including from the Community Engagement Leader at CATCH, Migrant Community Networkers from the Migrant Access Project, Public Health Officers and the Communities Team. Public Health officers are looking to deliver further vaccine buses and develop a schedule for the summer period.

## **Greener Gipton and Harehills Campaign**

- 80. After a successful consultation on Woodland Creation sites in Gipton and Harehills, a follow up workshop took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, led by Leeds City Council's Woodland Creation Team, where discussions took place on the most popular sites that came forward. Residents shared local knowledge around how these sites are used and what the most suitable planting would be. These sites will be taken forward for planting from autumn 2021. A further update will be provided at the next meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- 81. The Greening Gipton Approach project was launched on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May with an outdoor public meeting outside the Old Fire Station. Local residents attended the meeting and fed in their initial ideas for the project, with lots of support for paths that would allow residents to cut through as a key focus for the project with planting alongside.
- 82. Following feedback from residents and partners, some initial draft designs have been created for the Harehills Road Greening Scheme. A walk through on Harehills Road and feedback on these designs was undertaken with a small working group on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The designs will be tweaked and brought back to the wider Greener Gipton and Harehills group on 9<sup>th</sup> June, before going out to the wider public for consultation.
- 83. As requested by local residents, a new gardening group at the Compton Centre as well as some local walking groups will be starting over the summer. The gardening group has been funded by both Gipton & Harehills and Burmantofts &

Richmond Hill Councillors. Further information can be found on: https://yourvoice.leeds.gov.uk/greener-g-h-campaign

## **Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships**

- 84. The Gipton Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership met on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Old Fire Station after work was paused while covid response work took priority. Discussions took place around the Henry Barran Centre, resident involvement and summer events, including the Gipton Gala and a potential new event for 2021; Fearnville Fete.
- 85. The Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership will reconvene in July and will look at refreshed priorities and forward planning as government guidance eases, looking at the long-term needs of the community and partnership opportunities to tackle inequalities exacerbated by Covid.

## **Street Drinking**

86. A multi-agency partnership continues to meet to both support and tackle the challenges of street drinking around the ward boundary of Harehills and Burmantofts at several locations. The group, comprising of local ward members from both wards, neighbourhood policing, LASBT, Licensing, Environment and coordinated by the Communities Team, in addition to Touchstone who are delivering outreach and support work, funded by the Community Committee and the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel. Following the easing of lockdown guidelines, Touchstone will soon begin group sessions in a local café as part of a targeted support programme that will direct vulnerable individuals to specialist support.

## **Play Streets Enablement Project**

87. Fall into Place Theatre are coordinating a Play Streets Enablement Project to build capacity within communities to run their own Play Streets sessions. This will be running across the priority neighbourhoods in Leeds and subject to funding, in Harehills too. It is hoped that work will start in July 2021, subject to government guidance at the time. This will build on work undertaken in 2019 where trial Play Streets sessions were well received by the local community on the Hovinghams in Harehills.

## **Henry Barran Centre**

- 88. The Henry Barran Centre has been identified as a community centre that could be part of a Community Asset Transfer, as part of the savings that must be made due to the Council's budget pressures. Community Asset Transfers involve a long term (generally 50 year) lease to a community organisation to take over the running of a community centre, including all maintenance, finances and bookings.
- 89. Leeds Community Spaces have indicated that they would be willing to take over the centre, if this is what the community want. As such, informal consultation has begun and has taken place with Gipton and Harehills Councillors, current users of the centre and with the Gipton Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership. Formal consultation will be taking place with the local community in July 2021. This will take place at the Henry Barran Centre as part of an outdoor community event within the grounds on 7<sup>th</sup> July and at the Gipton Gala on Fearnville Fields on 11<sup>th</sup> July. If the community are supportive of the proposals, this will then go to executive board for a decision.

## Killingbeck and Seacroft

## **Denis Healey Centre**

- 90. The Denis Healey Centre improvements are now close to completion. The improvements have taken place over the last year, and have included a new community café, community art work, a community gym and a new computer room, as well as general painting and decorating and structural work. The feedback from the community and building users has been fantastic, and the centre is now a revitalised community asset.
- 91. The Denis Healey Centre gym which has been supported by Active Leeds, Communities, Seacroft Community on Top, the local councillors and Yorkshire Sport Foundation has also progressed. Much of the equipment is in place and the remaining items needed are on order. The gym will be a localised offer and will be led by local volunteers and Cllr Drinkwater. Two local volunteers have been funded by Yorkshire Sport Foundation to become qualified gym instructors, and more local people are being funded through a partnership with Hamara. We are aiming to open the gym in the coming months, Covid-19 permitting, and the community are very excited.
- 92. Following Covid-19 risk assessments assessed by Leeds City Council, Seacroft Community on Top are now running community groups and activities from the centre. This has been long-awaited by the local community and the feedback so

far has been very positive. The community provision has a positive impact on local residents and it is great to see people returning to a safe space and enjoying the newly improved centre. As and when Covid-19 restrictions ease the community provision will increase, and more groups will return to the centre.

#### **Seacroft Gardens**

93. The construction of Seacroft Gardens playground is complete, and therefore the playground has now opened. It is proving to be another popular community asset and many families have enjoyed it. A variety of partners are involved in ensuring the playground is maintained and protected and this has been much needed in the first week since opening. This approach will continue.

#### **Summer Activities**

94. LS14 Trust, Fall into Place and Seacroft Community on Top are organising a summer full of different activities and provision for local children and young people throughout the ward. This will build on the successful community provision they have delivered over the last year of school holidays and will include both food and activities.

## **Updates from Key Services**

## **Community Hubs**

95. All the Inner East Community Hub sites have been adapted due to the pandemic and are fully Covid safe. This has enabled us to continue to provide a key service to our communities. Our staff are doing a combination of F2F work and Working from Home to support our service.

#### **Customer Services**

96. Face 2 Face is limited to emergency enquiries as below:-

- Booking telephone appointments
- Booking PC slots using Netloan and using Self Service PC's
- Collecting LWSS vouchers
- Providing proofs for LWSS
- Requesting Trussell Trust e-vouchers
- Posting out of Council Tax bills
- Temporary Parking Permits
- Raising repairs
- To Drop Off documents
- To Purchase Radar Keys
- Tenancy Termination Notices

## Library/PC Usage

97. We are now open for browsing of library books. Residents can browse for books in the library and take them home to read. Customers can still reserve books via our Order and Collect Service or book a 45 minute PC session (which can be extended if needed). Selection Bags are also available for customers to order, these have a selection of 6 books for adults or children ranging from crime, romance, key stages, picture books etc.

## **Job Shops**

- 98. The Job Shops are now working Face to face, customers can access our full range of services including assisting with job searching, creating or updating a CV, completing job applications and preparing for interviews.
- 99. The Job Shop staff are also working with customers on a new Job Shop Employability Support Programme (JESP). The Programme is built on existing local good practice to deliver an enhanced integrated employability programme for jobseekers and inactive people.
- 100. Job Shop advisors (Senior Customer Service Officers) work from a variety of community locations in priority areas of the City and target neighbourhoods with high levels of deprivation, unemployment, inactivity and high BAME populations. The programme will strengthen and expand links with small-scale community organisations and local authority Area and Housing teams with well-established links in BAME communities to overcome any cultural barriers to engagement.
- 101. All participants will have a named Job Shop advisor and dedicated support from a team of advisors who will maintain fortnightly contact. Participants will be supported for a minimum of 6 months. Where face-to-face is not possible a telephone call will be pre-arranged. The advisors will work closely with participants to build their confidence, raise aspirations and improve well-being, including mental well-being, through a combination of direct support and sign-posting to existing local provision.
- 102. Examples of activities and actions to be delivered to support the participant include:
  - Budgeting and debt advice, better off calculations, support with applying for Universal Credit
  - Offering housing, childcare or other specialist advice e.g. drugs and alcohol, or signposting to relevant organisations, as appropriate

- Digital skills training and setting up an e-mail account if participants do not already have one;
- work related digital skills basics such as using word, excel, PowerPoint, skype, digital privacy awareness of do's and don'ts
- Supporting participants to develop up-to-date job search techniques including using IT to search and apply for work, setting up a "Find a job" account (where they have not previously done so); completing online application forms and using social media to seek work;
- Employability training: communication skills, self-presentation, time keeping, attitudes/behaviours at work, team building, working relationships, work related literacy and numeracy support; transferable skills;
- Careers information including self-employment advice
- Job sector-specific and/or vocational training including nationally recognised qualifications that are in demand with local employers
- Job search support (linking to existing provision where appropriate)
- Effective interview techniques, including mock interviews and feedback;
- employer brokerage services relevant to the participants' needs
- Access to basic skills and ESOL training
- In-work support and any additional or creative activities that help to achieve the aims of the project.
- 103. The programmes official start date was 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, already there has been, 100 starts that have been registered onto our JESP programme which a great achievement.

## **POMOC** virtual drop in sessions

- 104. Sessions have been running weekly in partnership with the Migrant Access Programme team and the Department of Work and Pensions. 3 sessions per week each lasting 2 hours for our Romanian/Roma and Czech/Slovak communities.
- 105. The Hubs multi-agency approach aims to support the residents with help to access Universal Credit, benefits. Increase support and engagement opportunities between EU nationals and services during the Covid 19 crisis. Also build their confidence and trust in local institutions and empower them to navigate local services and particular customer access support. This support also expand to include our Spanish and French communities.
- 106. Due to the demand of request for assistance with the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), in our POMOC virtual drop in sessions, we commenced face to face appointments in the Hub which are well attended, the deadline for applying for EUSS is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## Activities/Groups/Health and Wellbeing

107. Virtual weekly yoga sessions continue for Harehills & Gipton residents for an additional 15 weeks. Feedback from attendees has been very positive around physical and mental wellbeing, alongside combatting social isolation.

#### **MENCAP**

108. The Compton Centre and Burmantofts Community Hub continue to work in close partnership with Burmantofts Richmond Hill Hub, MECAP to act as a distribution pick up point of receiving, storing and handing out food bags and food vouchers for their designated customers. Staff in the hubs engage with MENCAP customers when picking up their food parcels/vouchers who are normally hard to engage with and advice of the services we offer.

## Safer Sleeping Scheme

109. The Compton Centre community Hub continues to work in close partnership with the Children centres and Public Health in issuing Moses baskets bundles to vulnerable families. The scheme is able to respond quickly due to The Community Hub, Children Centres and health professionals working together.

#### **BRH Tablet Lending Scheme**

- 110. Funding awarded from BRH ward members from the Community Committee Covid-19 response funding has enabled the BRH Community Hub to purchase a bank of tablet for an IPad lending scheme.
- 111. The hub offer a tablet lending scheme to BRH residents with data included. The loan of the tablet is for 3 months, assisting to help the local community close the gap on digital poverty. Our aim is to work in partnership with other local organisations and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners to offer a person centred approach to assist the community to be digitally connected.
- 112. Community Hubs offer virtual digital training courses on a variety of needs for the community, this could range from basics on how to use a tablet to job searching, assisting with CVs etc, fun interactive games, social media, keeping in touch with family and friends etc. Once lockdown eases we will offer face to face sessions and grow the project to the community's needs.

## **Project Development Team**

- 113. Here are some of our highlights from the last quarter and details of some of the projects/groups that have been delivered in the East since January:
  - International Women's Day event was a highlight of the last quarter. We used a virtual event to showcase the achievements and contributions of some of the amazing local women we have been working with.
  - We delivered 20 different health and wellbeing groups and projects between January and March 2021.
  - There were 556 instances where a Leeds resident attended or took part in one of our groups/project across January, February and March 2021.
  - We have delivered a project in partnership with Public Health to provide tailored virtual peer to peer support, specifically for CEV residents across the city. The project also aimed to address digital exclusion by offering a tablet lending scheme and intensive 1-1 support for anyone who like to improve their IT skills and confidence in using an internet ready device. We are continuing the project to support CEV residents with the transition out of lockdown.
  - We have had 112 referrals across January, February and March 2021.
  - We delivered a collaborative project with Bellbrooke Surgery, Leeds Playhouse, Opera North and Glasgow University, shining a light on health inequalities experienced by younger people in Gipton and Harehills.

## **Healthy Holidays**

- 114. The Healthy Holiday scheme ran during the February half term holiday. This went really well and around 200 children in Leeds were part of the scheme run by Community Hubs. An even larger number of children were part of schemes run directly by their school and by Third Sector Organisations in local areas.
- 115. Since then, each Local Authority in the country was given funding to provide holiday activities and food to children who are eligible for Free School Meals. Again, the Community Hub & Library sat alongside the School and Third Sector Scheme. The Easter scheme was funded by this money.
- 116. For the Community Hub & Library Easter scheme, we scaled up by almost 100% and delivered a total of 391 food hampers, activity bags and information packs to 391 children in 223 homes. We delivered:
  - 101 on Tuesday
  - 103 on Wednesday
  - 104 on Thursday and
  - 83 today, Friday

We text each family on Saturday afternoon to let them know what day they would get their delivery, so they could plan the rest of the week for it.

## 117. Food

- Each hamper had food in it for two weeks for one child. Each child got their own hamper, so if there were brothers and sisters in one household, each got a hamper.
- Of the 391 hampers delivered, 376 were 'standard' hampers which contained (as an example): BOB loaf of bread, apple juice, cheese, margarine, tuna, baked beans, biscuits, tinned sweetcorn, yoghurts, milkshake, apples, satsumas, bananas, potatoes, crackers, tinned chopped tomatoes, tinned chickpeas, pasta, tortilla wraps.
- Of the 391 hampers, 15 were 'specialist' hampers, where items are replaced to cater for allergies etc.
- Each hamper was really nicely presented in a large, heavy duty cardboard box and weighed around 20kg.

## 118. Activities Bags and Sports Kit

The activities were probably the most exciting bit of the scheme this year. Each child who taking part in the scheme got, as part of their delivery:

- A Easter craft and activity workbook;
- A craft box (see picture) which included crafting items, pens, pencils, glue, string, sticky eyes, lollypop sticks and Play-doh (similar to the February activity box)
- A British Library activity kit (which included British Library branded items), pens, pencils, rubbers, scissors,
- A British Library activity book
- A brand new reading book, depending on the reading age of the child
  - o Early Years: The Runaway Pea
  - o Key Stage 1: The Suitcase
  - o KS 2 (Lower): The Last Spell Breather
  - o KS 2 (Upper): Can You See Me?
  - o KS 3: Chinglish
  - o KS 4 up: Bearmouth
- Access to online resources including Tutti Fruiti storytimes and performances and two additional story times.
- Access to Lego tutorials (a lot of the children taking part on the scheme were also in the summer scheme where they received a pack of Lego)
- Activity postcards for Games Jam, Lego and other ideas to use the craft boxes with.
- Skipping rope
- Bubble wand
- Football
- Velcro catch pad x2

- Active Leeds Activity Books:
  - Under 8s (Ready Steady Rainbow)
  - Over 8s (Get Active, Stay Active)
- A pack of 50 face masks
- Information pack, with information about Hubs and Libraries, local events and activities, Leeds City Council and partner services, money advice and more

- IKEA children's cutlery set, which included knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl and cup. IKEA donated these to us.



119. Recent update: Department of Education have awarded Leeds 3.5million to run a summer and Christmas provision to all Children and Young People who receive Free School Meals. We would like to deliver to 51-75% of these families which is roughly 17,000-22,000 Children and Young People across Leeds. This will cover Schools, Community Hubs and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector partners. There is also 4000 families across Leeds not in receipt of FSM but living in poverty who we would also like to be included.

## **Housing Leeds- Update from the Housing Advisory Panels (HAPS)**

## **Update from the Inner East (IE) Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)**

117. The IEHAP are meeting virtually and will continue to do so until Spring Close Gardens Burmantofts is re-opened. The meetings are still every 8 weeks, there are 10 members on the panel with no vacancies. We also have 5 friends of members who have a local connection to the area but cannot vote on any panel bids but can offer valuable local information. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is well represented by two ward members, Councillors Ronald Graham and Councillor Kamila Maqsood. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and

community related projects. The current priorities of the panel are outlined in their 'plan on a page'.



- 118. The IEHAP in 2020-21 have supported 4 community related projects since my last report in March 2021. Funded projects include:
- 1, Fever FM £800
- 2, Fruit tree training at Compton Centre £200
- 3, Greener Gipton tree planting £800
- 4, Nowells Community Group £500

Please see the budget committed for 2020-21. A reduction of 10% in the budget for 2021-22 has been approved.

Budget Summary Sheet 2020/21 Inner East		Total		2020/21 Budget Expenditure	
	Budget for 2020/21	£	50,215.16	95.72%	
	Carry Forward from 2019/20	-£	277.54	33.72/0	
	TOTAL 2020/21 BUDGET	£	49,937.62	% available	
	Approved Budget Spend 2020/21	£	47,797.90	4.28%	
	Available Budget (Balance)	£	2,139.72	4.20/0	
	Indicative conbtributions	£	155,215.47		

119. Please see list of the projects in 2020-21 that show the bids awarded by theme and area.

Budget by HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved		Amount mmitted by Panel	% committed	Other fundi	
Environment & Housing	23	12	£	21,158.12	42.37%	£	40,029.95
Health & Well-being	33	20	£	19,263.45	38.58%	£	37,285.00
Community Safety	2	2	£	3,940.00	7.89%	£	4,000.00
Employment & Skills	7	4	£	3,436.33	6.88%	£	9,622.66
Inner East Total	65	38	£	47,797.90	95.72%	£	90,937.61

Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	_	mitted by   % committed			er funding tributions
GiptonandHarehills	23	15	£	15,632.90	31.30%	£	41,372.66
BurmantoftsandRichmondH	36	20	£	29,665.00	59.40%	£	41,864.95
MultipleIE	3	2	£	500.00	1.00%	£	6,700.00
AIIIE	3	1	£	2,000.00	4.00%	£	1,000.00
Inner East Total	65	38	£	47,797.90	95.72%	£	90,937.61

120. Below is the new budget for 2021/22 reflecting the 10% reduction:

£ 45,115.41	0.00%
£ 2,139.72	0.00%
£ 47,255.13	% available
£ -	100.00%
£ 47,255.13	100.00%
1	£ 2,139.72 £ 47,255.13 £ -

## **Update from the Outer East (OE) Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)**

- 121. The OE HAP are continuing to meet virtually every 8 weeks. There are 10 members on the panel we also have 2 friends of members who have a local connection to the area but cannot vote on any panel bids but can offer valuable local information. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is well represented by two ward members, Councillors David Jenkins and Councillor Paul Drinkwater.
- 122. The OE HAP in 2021-22 has supported 1 community and 1 environmental related projects since my last report in March 2021. Funded projects are:
- 1. Seacroft Wombles, Litter Pick Equipment £700
- 2. Barncroft Court, Renew Planters £1750
- 123. The Green Guardian garden Scheme that was approved by the HAP in March is proving a great success. To date we have has 13 referral's for Seacroft/Killingbeck

Ward for assistance with gardens for vulnerable tenants. We are receiving lots of positive feedback from tenants and praise for scheme.

- 124. Terry Casey the Chair of the Outer East and the team have fitted a number dog waste bag dispensers around Seacroft popular dog walking areas. They have proved to be very well utilized and have helped significantly to keep the areas clean. We are now working with Seacroft Wombles to decide on more areas to fit additional dispensers. The dispensers were gifted to the HAP some years ago and have been in storage, unused, so it is good to finally make use of them.
- 125. Louise Yeadon the OE HAP Tennant Support Officer recently attended a meeting with tenants in Seacroft, housing office and Sue Hoey regarding the possibility of a community allotment in Seacroft funded by Climate Emergency grant. They will be looking at potential sites in Seacroft in the coming weeks. They are looking to working towards a joint approach with all interested parties and organisations in the Seacroft/Killingbeck ward.
- 126. Louise is in the process of helping create a tenants group on the Poole Estate. She was approached by a tenant who has explained that there have been several incidents on the estate and felt a lack of community spirit somewhat after the last year. Louise plans to letter dropping the estate to ascertain the level of interest in the group, and arranging a meeting, restrictions permitting.

127. Please see the budget committed for 2021-22 reflecting the 10% reduction:

Budget Summary Sheet 2021/22 Outer East	Totals	2021/22 Budget Expenditure
Budget for 2021/22	£ 34,848.75	7.40%
Carry Forward from 2020/21	-£ 1,744.40	7.40/0
TOTAL 2021/22 BUDGET	£ 33,104.35	% available
Approved Budget Spend 2021/22	£ 2,450.00	92.60%
Available Budget (Balance)	£ 30,654.35	92.0070
Indicative conbtributions	£ -	

128. Please see list of the projects in 2020-21 that show the bids awarded by theme and area.

HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel		% committed
Environment & Housing	8	2	£	2,450.00	7.40%
Health & Well-being	0	0	£	-	0.00%
Community Safety	0	0	£	-	0.00%
Employment & Skills	0	0	£	-	0.00%
Outer East Total	8	2	£	2,450.00	7.40%

Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	_	Amount nmitted by Panel	% committed
KillingbeckandSeacroft	8	2	£	2,450.00	7.40%
	0	0	£	-	0.00%
	0	0	£	-	0.00%
Outer East Total	8	2	£	2,450.00	7.40%

129. Both the Inner and Outer East HAP's will continue to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

121. 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**

- 122. 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**

123. 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

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

## **Risk Management**

125. 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**

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

#### Recommendations

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

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

128. None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.



#### Appendix 1



# Inner East Community Committee & COVID-19 Groups

**FACEBOOK** highlights

31st May 2021 - 27th June 2021

Since 31st May 2021 the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page has gained **9 new page likes** putting the total 'likes' at 1,100 and currently has **1,372 followers** (an increase of 103 since the last committee meeting).

This means that this is the **second** most popular Community Committee page in the last 28 days.

There are two things to note in general:

- 'reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'engagement' is the number of reactions, comments or shares

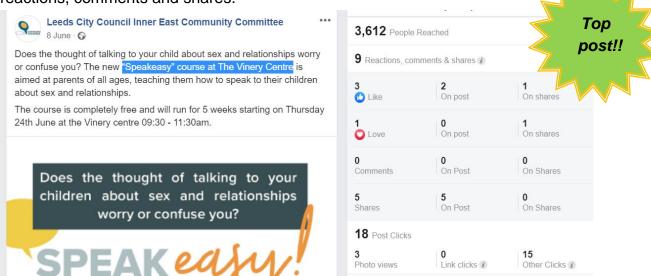
Engagement tends to be a better way of gauging if people are interested and have read the posts because they wouldn't have interacted with it otherwise. For example, a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read it, the engagement is 0 and it hasn't been an effective way for the Community Committee to communicate.

Having said that, all posts can be read without any further interaction!!

The following below are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the 31st May 2021. Alongside it are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

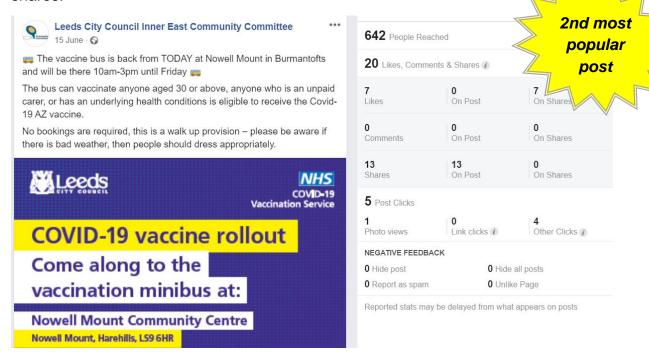
## 1st Place – The Vinery Centre "Speakeasy" course

**3,612** people had this post delivered to them and it had **18** post clicks, with **9** reactions, comments and shares.



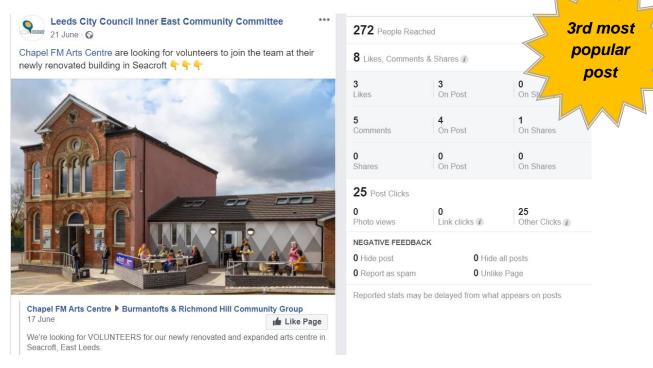
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Vaccination Bus at Nowell Mount

**642** people had this post delivered, with **5** post clicks with **20** reactions, comments & shares.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chapel FM Volunteer Recruitment

**272** people had this post delivered to them. There were **25** post clicks and **8** reactions, comments and shares



## **COVID-19 Facebook Groups**

The Communities Team have set up **33** ward based **Coronavirus Help Facebook Groups** as a way of promoting services, supporting communities and cascading information in an attempt to tackle the Coronavirus pandemic. Key charities, voluntary groups, community groups, Councillors, as well as the wider population in the local community are all invited to join the pages.

As well as key messages from the main Leeds City Council Facebook Page being used to deliver information to each ward, the pages are also there to generate discussion and debate but also hopefully facilitate conversations around being neighbourly during the national pandemic and assist if possible in some of the volunteering efforts.

To date, **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill** has **85** members, **Gipton and Harehills** has **137** members and **Killingbeck and Seacroft** has **145** members.

The committee is asked to note the specific **Coronavirus Facebook Ward Pages** and are invited to join the pages in an attempt to increase traffic.

- Burmantofts and Richmond Hill: https://www.facebook.com/groups/207593427013706
- Gipton and Harehills: https://www.facebook.com/groups/684218675719062
- Killingbeck and Seacroft: https://www.facebook.com/groups/206345057352165



# Agenda Item 11





## **Committee - Finance Report**

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill,

Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 For Decision/to note

**Inner East Community Committee - Finance Report** 

## **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2021/2022.

#### Main issues

- 2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a Wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
- 3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
- 4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.
- 5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.

- 6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
- 7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
- 8. The Inner East Community Committee area has no Parish or Town Councils. This means that the money for the Inner East will be administered by the Inner East Community Committee.
- 9. It was agreed at Inner East Community Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 that CIL monies for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft would be split equally three-ways.
- 10. The Communities Team work with members of the Community Committee to develop a plan to spend CIL funding on local infrastructure projects. This is on a case by case basis.
- 11. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
- 12. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
- 13. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
- 14. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of wellbeing and youth activity budgets and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Community Committee. Alongside the Committee,

- designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities and Environment to take such decisions.
- 15. The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when the following 'minimum conditions' have been satisfied:
  - a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
  - b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
  - c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for members' information.
- 16. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

#### **Wellbeing Budget Position 2021/2022**

- 17. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2021/2022 was £191,950.00 a 15% reduction on the previous year.
- 18. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of £188,188.07 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2020/2021. £80,119.41 represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2020/21 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2021/2022 is therefore £299,948.60.
- 19. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.
- 20. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of £237,633.64. This figure includes any underspend from projects. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in **Table 1** and is available on request.

#### 21. TABLE 1: Wellbeing revenue 2021/2022

	£
INCOME: 2021/22	£191,950.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£188,188.07
Less projects brought forward from previous year	£80,119.41
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2021/22	£299,948.66

Ward Projects	£299,948.66	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill £110,200.47	Killingbeck & Seacroft £104,106.41	Gipton & Harehills £85,641.78
Places To Ride	£8,000	£8,000	£0	£0
Torre Mount Play Area	£5,000	£5,000	£0	£0
2 Way Street	£765	£0	£765	£0
Gipton Approach Project	£3,000	£0	£0	£3,000
Fever FM Equipment	£1,000	£0	£0	£1,000
Project Development Officer	£30,000	£0	£30,000	£0
CCTV Ashton Street	£1,488	£0	£0	£1,488
CCTV Extension Ashton Terrace	£600	£0	£0	£600
Saxton Gardens Planter	£1,800	£1,800	£0	£0
Life Connections After School Club	£3,000	£2,550	£0	£450
PHAB Club	£1,099.26	£164.89	£593.60	£340.77
Touchstone Outreach Project	£7,828	£3,914	£0	£3,914
Total spend: Area wide + ward projects	£63,580.26	£21,428.89	£31,358.60	£10,792.77
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£237,633.64	£89,271.58	£73,512.81	£74,849.25

#### **Delegated Decisions (DDN)**

22. Since the last Inner East Community Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:

23. Project Title: Saxton Gardens Planters

Name of Group or Organisation: LCC Parks and Countryside

**Total Project Cost: £3,600** 

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £1,800

Wards covered: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to support the Saxton Gardens residents association who have set up a gardening group and a tools lending scheme over lock down where tools can be loaned out all in a Covid safe manner. To help with their improvements of the estate funding will be used to purchase 10 self-watering planters with plants that the group will water and look after.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

• Improve the local environment

Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation

24. Project Title: Temporary CCTV Extension at Ashton Terrace

Name of Group or Organisation: LCC Safer Leeds

**Total Project Cost: £600** 

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £600 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding would be used to fund the temporary CCTV camera for a further 3 months on Ashton Terrace. The camera will continue to be located on Ashton Terrace in Harehills; a residential street which has been blighted by drug dealing and associated violence and anti-social behavior for over a decade. The camera will help disrupt this criminal activity and is fully supported by residents of the street.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Reducing crime with a focus on domestic violence
- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion

25. Project Title: Temporary CCTV Camera at Ashton Street/Bayswater Grove

Name of Group or Organisation: LCC Safer Leeds

**Total Project Cost: £1,488** 

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £1,488 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

The grant will be used to fund a temporary CCTV camera for 6 months (then subject to review and potential 3 month extension) on the corner of Ashton Street but with a view of Bayswater Grove and Harehills Road. The general area of Harehills Road and the Bayswater / Ashton estates has been beset over a long period by problems associated with the supply of cannabis. The installation of the camera aims to effectively disrupt supply and the associated issues.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Reducing crime with a focus on domestic violence
- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion

26. Project Title: Out of School Club

Name of Group or Organisation: Life Connections

**Total Project Cost:** £12,750

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £3,000 (Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £2,550 / Gipton

and Harehills £450)

Wards covered: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding to support the Out Of School Club based at Bridge Street Church which provided affordable after school activities to young people in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Gipton and Harehills wards.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

• Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation

27. Project Title: Friday PHAB Club

Name of Group or Organisation: PHAB

Total Project Cost: £5,749.99

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £1,099.26 (Gipton and Harehills £340.77/ Killingbeck

and Seacroft £593.60/ Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £164.89)

Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills, Killingbeck and Seacroft, Burmantofts and

Richmond Hill

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to support the PHAB online Zoom club which has been running throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and allows PHAB Club members to socialise safely online. The online sessions will run until July when PHAB will aim to return to the Prince Philip Centre to begin in person delivery of the Friday PHAB Club where disabled and able bodied members can meeting for a range of social activities each week.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

• Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion

• Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation

28. Project Title: Maintaining Connections

Name of Group or Organisation: Kidz Klub

**Total Project Cost:** £4,188

Amount approved (YAF): £4,188 (Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £2,094/ Gipton and

Harehills £2,094)

Wards covered: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to support the Kids Klub home visiting programme whose staff and volunteers are instrumental in the work of sending out weekly colouring / activity sheets and keeping in contact with young people and mobilising the home visiting volunteer team who work to help to reduce the isolation of children that live in the Inner East area of Leeds. The funding will help Kids Klub to deliver the maintaining connections projects which supports 188 young people across the two wards.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation.
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

29. **Project Title:** Touchstone Outreach Project (TOPS)

Name of Group or Organisation: Touchstone

**Total Project Cost:** £10,828

Amount approved (Wellbeing): £7,828 (Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £3,914 / Gipton

and Harehills £3,914)

Wards covered: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to continue the outreach work project working on tackling the issue of street drinking in the Harehills Lane/Compton Road area. Funding will allow the project to run until March 2022.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Improve the local environment

30. Project Title: Harehills Play Streets

Name of Group or Organisation: LCC Communities Team

Total Project Cost: £3,500

Amount approved (YAF): £3,500 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Following the successful trial of play street sessions in October 2019 we would like to establish regular play street sessions in Harehills. The trial included two play street sessions to pilot the impact of play streets in an area where child safety was flagged as a concern following targeted walkabouts by the council's Communities Team & partners in the summer of 2019.

The primary purpose of the 2021 play streets sessions will be to provide a safe space for children to play and also start to deliver messages of safety and behaviours and linking to other services in the vicinity.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

#### **Declined Projects**

- 31. Since the last Community Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the following project has been have been declined:
- 32. West Leeds Activity Centre Activity Project £5,940 (Youth Activity Fund)

#### **Wellbeing Budget Ring-fences**

33. At this time of year it is usual for Members to consider ringfences for the new financial year.

- 34. Members are asked to consider the proposed ringfences set out below for 2021/22. If members request any changes to these figures they will have an impact on the amount of budget available for new schemes. Members are asked to note that these figures are based on previous year's spend and recent quotes.
- 35. The **small grants and skips allocation** to be ring fenced at £17,000.00. Allocation by ward is proposed as follows: **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill:** £5,666.67, **Killingbeck and Seacroft:** £5,666.66, **Gipton and Harehills:** £5,666.67.
- 36. The **Tasking** allocation to be ring fenced at £9,000. Allocation by ward is proposed as follows: **Burmantofts and Richmond Hill:** £3,000, **Killingbeck and Seacroft:** £3,000, **Gipton and Harehills:** £3,000.
- 37. Members are asked to consider ring fencing £3,600.00 to support Community Engagement Activities. Allocation by ward is proposed as follows: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill: £1,200.00, Killingbeck and Seacroft: £1,200.00, Gipton and Harehills: £1,200.00. This would cover costs to promote Community Committee activities such as leaflet printing, venue hire, food/refreshments etc. Any request for schemes outside these categories would need to be considered separately through the normal wellbeing channels.
- 38. Members are asked to ring fence £15,000 to be allocated to **Gipton and Harehills** Christmas Lights Activities.
- 39. Members are asked to ring fence £3,000 to be allocated to the Gipton and Harehills Greener Gipton Campaign.
- 40. Members are asked to ring fence £4,000 to be allocated to Gipton and Harehills Bonfire Night Activities.

Wellbeing projects for consideration approval from the Inner East Community Committee 2021/2022 Wellbeing allocation.

41. Project Title: Gipton & Harehills Football Project

Name of Group or Organisation: Streetworks Soccer

Total Project Cost: £9,600

Amount proposed (Wellbeing): £4,000 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to continue the popular football sessions in Gipton and Harehills. The aim for this project would be to deliver weekly session annually for young people between the ages 6-18 year old. Through the programme of delivery Streetworks Soccer will aim to provide young people with an environment to develop group work, respect, responsibility, friendship, healthy living and commitment.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

• Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion

- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

42. Project Title: Community Learning and Participation Programme

Name of Group or Organisation: Irish Arts

**Total Project Cost: £7,500** 

Amount proposed (Wellbeing): £2,800 (Gipton and Harehills £933.34, Killingbeck and

Seacroft £933.33 Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £933.33)

Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills, Killingbeck and Seacroft, Burmantofts and

Richmond Hill

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to deliver the Community Participation & Learning Programme from Irish Arts throughout 2021-22 through an on-going partnership programme of Irish artistic participatory and performance, workshops and community-based activities.

This will involve working in collaboration with a number of voluntary organisations and community-based projects, in order to continue to locally deliver performance and participatory workshops, events, and community activities.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation

#### **Monitoring Information**

43. As part of their funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.

#### Wellbeing in Wellies

- 44. Wellbeing funding was provided by all three Inner East wards to support the Wellbeing in Wellies project delivering a series of environmental action days for residents or Inner East at Skelton Grange Environment Centre delivered by The Conservation Volunteers.
- 45. Despite the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic and changing restrictions, the TVC staff and volunteer team at Skelton Grange have responded with real creativity and commitment to support our local communities.
- 46. In the early lockdown they adapted their work to create livestream videos of gardening and nature based activities, delivered thousands of activity packs and plants to grow,

supported the community hubs and food banks with deliveries and maintained regular contact with our more vulnerable beneficiaries.

47. As restrictions eased TCV worked hard to make Skelton Grange compliant as a Covid-19 secure workplace, limiting numbers on site, installing sanitisation stations, zoning areas with additional welfare facilities and increasing clear health and safety signage.



48. This meant that the local Environmental Action Days for Inner East were able to take place safely at Skelton Grange and proved popular with all those attending from a wide range of Inner East Communities.





**Youth Activities Fund Position 2021/2022** 

49. The total available for spend for the Inner East Community Committee in 2021/2022, including carry forward from previous year is £115,290.64

- 50. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of £12,126.00 has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.
- 51. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of £105,192.64 in the Youth Activity Fund. This figure includes any underspend from projects. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in **Table 2** and is available on request.

#### 52. TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2021/2022

	£
INCOME: 2021/22	£68,120.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£59,784.49
Less projects brought forward from previous year	£12,613.85
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2020/21	£115,290.64

		Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Killingbeck & Seacroft	Gipton & Harehills
Ward Projects	£115,290.64	£45,500.77	£36,062.61	£33,727.26
Life In Leeds	£4,438	£4,438	£0	£0
Maintaining Connections	£4,188	£2,094	£0	£2,094
Harehills Play Streets	£3,500	£0	£0	£3,500
Total spend: Area wide + ward projects	£12,126.00	£6,532	£0	£5,594
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£105,192.64	£38,968.77	£36,062.61	£30,161.26

Youth Activity Fund projects for consideration for approval from the Inner East Community Committee 2021/2022 Youth Activity Fund allocation.

53. Project Title: Summer Activities 2021

Name of Group or Organisation: Junior Sports Hub

**Total Project Cost: £7,240** 

Amount proposed (YAF): £4,000 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will use the grant to deliver a programme of activities for young people aged 9-17 that will operate during the summer holidays 2021. This programme will offer young people a variety of activities and opportunities that will occupy them during the school holiday period and culminate in an end of summer trip to the cinema and bowling. Junior Sports Hub will offer four sessions per day (two in the morning and two in the afternoon) five days per week throughout the summer holidays.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

54. Project Title: Youth Activities 2021

Name of Group or Organisation: CATCH

Total Project Cost: £12,212.50 Amount proposed (YAF): £4,000 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

CATCH would like to deliver a range of activities for children and young people aged 9 – 17 years old living in the Gipton & Harehills ward during 4 weeks of the Summer Holidays. Delivery will include:

- Summer Youth Club Sessions
- Summer Multi-Sports Sessions
- CATCH Educational farm sessions

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

55. Project Title: Summer Programme 2021

Name of Group or Organisation: Leeds Street Team

**Total Project Cost: £5,000** 

Amount proposed (YAF): £4,000 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Leeds Street Team will use the grant to deliver a programme of activities for young people aged 9-17 that will operate during the summer holidays 2021. This programme will offer young people a variety of activities and opportunities that will occupy them during the school holiday period and culminate in an end of summer trip to the cinema and bowling. Leeds Street Team will offer four sessions per day (two in the morning and two in the afternoon), five days per week.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

56. Project Title: This Is Me

Name of Group or Organisation: Getaway Girls

Total Project Cost: £17,160.48

Amount proposed (YAF): £4,000

Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used for an arts project for young women leading to the production of an exhibition focusing on positive identity and diversity called This is Me. The project will engage young women in many art forms including dance, performing arts, photography, graffiti, animation etc. and will give them the opportunity to learn new skills and produce their own pieces of artwork for the exhibition.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

- Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion
- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence

#### Capital Budget 2021/2022

57. The Inner East Community Committee has a Capital budget of £81,718.80 available to spend. The breakdown of funds available to spend are as follows; Burmantofts & Richmond Hill £29,127.34; Gipton & Harehills £35,380.80 and Killingbeck & Seacroft: £17,210.66 which is detailed in Table 6.

#### 58. **TABLE 6: Capital 2021/2022**

	£	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Killingbeck & Seacroft	Gipton & Harehills
Starting Position 2021-2022	£79,822	£21,960.68	£10,043.99	£47,817.33
St Cyprian Church Hall Boiler Replacement	£5,803.20	£0	£0	£5,803.20
Ashton Park Fencing Installation	£10,800	£0	£0	£10,800
Community Voice Radio Equipment	£3,000	£0	£0	£3,000
Total spend: Area wide + ward projects	£19,603.20	£0	£0	£19,603.20
Capital injection April 2021	£21,500	£7,166.66	£7,166.67	£7,166.67
Balance remaining (per ward)	£81,718.80	£29,127.34	£17,210.66	£35,380.80

Capital projects for consideration for approval from the Inner East Community Committee 2021/2022 Capital allocation.

59. Project Title: Church Hall Heater Installation

Name of Group or Organisation: Church of the Epiphany

Total Project Cost: £3,951

Amount proposed (Capital): £2,000 Wards covered: Gipton and Harehills

#### **Project Description:**

Funding will be used to replace two of the heaters in the church hall which were condemned following a recent annual gas servicing and therefore need fully replacing. The funding application is to help with the cost of replacing the heaters in order to heat the hall meaning that the hall can continue to be available for use for a variety of community activities.

#### **Community Committee Priorities**

• Improve community confidence, reassurance and cohesion

#### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2021/2022

60. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is £80,838.06 currently available to spend. The breakdown of funds available to spend are as follows; Burmantofts & Richmond Hill: £24,385.71, Gipton & Harehills: £33,436.65 and Killingbeck & Seacroft: £23,015.71, which is detailed in Table 7.

#### 61. TABLE 7: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2021/22

	£	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Gipton & Harehills	Killingbeck & Seacroft
Starting Position 2021- 2022	£84,051.06	£24,385.71	£36,649.65	£23,015.71
Community Sports Hall Refurbishment	£3,213	£0	£3,213	£0
Totals:	£3,213	£0	£3,213	£0
Remaining Balance:	£80,838.06	£24,385.71	£33,436.65	£23,015.71

#### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

62. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

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

63. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

#### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

64. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding 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**

65. 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

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

#### **Risk Management**

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

#### Conclusion

68. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

#### Recommendations

- 69. Members are asked to:
  - a. To note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1- paragraph 21)
  - b. To consider and determine Wellbeing proposals (paragraphs 41-32)
  - c. To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2- paragraph 52)
  - d. To consider and determine YAF proposals (paragraph 53-56)
  - e. To note details of the Capital Budget (Table 6- paragraph 58)
  - f. To consider and determine Capital proposal (paragraph 59)
  - g. To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 7- paragraph 61)

#### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

70. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

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

71. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

#### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

- 72. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
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  - 8. Best City Plan
  - 9. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
  - 10. Children and Young People's Plan
  - 11. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
  - 12. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

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

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#### Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

#### **Risk Management**

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#### Conclusion

76. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.



## Agenda Item 12





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill,

Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

Report author: Ruth Tiernan, Localities Officer. Tel- 0113 5351085

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 To note

#### **Community Committee Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report**

#### Purpose of report

- 1. The report provides the Inner East Community Committee with background and context on the decision to not have a Youth Summit in 2020/21.
- 2. The report provides the Inner East Community Committee with an update on the Youth Activity Fund consultation with children and young people. The consultation aims to inform the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3. The report provides the Inner East Community Committee with reflections from the last year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges that this has presented Community Committees, the Communities Team and youth activity providers.

#### Main issues

- 4. Each Community Committee has been allocated a Youth Activity Fund which it is responsible for administering. The Youth Activity Fund has been made available to provide local activities for children and young people aged 8-17 years across the city.
- 5. The Youth Activity Fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. Children and young people are involved at each stage of the funding process and advise Community Committees on the activities they would like to take part in, in their respective areas.
- 6. The Youth Activity Fund can provide money for activities that offer opportunities for play, arts, sport and culture, which enable young people to have fun, get creative and have new experiences both after school and during the school holidays.

- 7. At the Community Committee Chairs Forum meeting in November 2020, Community Committee Chairs agreed that because of COVID-19, committees would deliver Youth Summits virtually this year, to ensure that events could still go ahead.
- 8. The plan was that the Youth Summits would be delivered before the spring round of Community Committees so that the event and Youth Activity Fund consultation could all feed in to the committee meeting. Staff in the Community Committee Team therefore were working with ward members and other council officers so that this could happen across all areas.
- 9. Given that we went in to a new national lockdown in December 2020 and that schools were closed at least until the 8th March 2021, the reality of the Youth Summits going ahead, albeit in a virtual format, were no longer realistic and the Communities Team were contacted by a number of Children's Champions regarding this matter.
- 10. After seeking advice from colleagues in Children's Services, the Executive Member for Communities agreed a proposal to postpone the Youth Summits. As the virtual Youth Summits could not be delivered before the end of the 2020/21 financial year, the Communities Team proposed that we would produce an online consultation survey on budget spend priorities with children and young people.
- 11. Capturing this feedback would ensure that young people were still able to inform the Youth Activity Fund spend for each committee in 2021/22. In this respect the survey would produce the same outcome as a physical Youth Summit, as priorities for budget spend could be presented to committees for their consideration, as the Communities Team have done in the past.

#### Reflections from the last 12 months

#### **Youth Activity Fund Projects – Responding to the Pandemic**

- 12. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a number of complications for activity providers that work with young people over the last 13 months. It has been a particular challenge for organisations to keep up to date with the changing Government advice and guidance regarding COVID-19.
- 13. Staff in the Community Committee Team have spent a large proportion of their time liaising with projects and organisations that wanted to work with young people over the last year, making sure that projects were able to demonstrate that they were ready to deliver their activities in accordance with Government guidance and legislation regarding COVID-19, making sure that organisations had the correct policies, procedures and risk assessments in place.
- 14. Leeds being moved in to Tier 3 in November 2020 and then again, another full national lockdown commencing in December 2020, once again signalled the seriousness of the situation in the city and the rest of the country. In light of the news from central Government on the new national lockdown, the Community Committee Team consulted with colleagues in Public Health on the matter and the recommendation was

made that indoor youth group activity and most outdoor group activity should be suspended, with the exception of activity that was supporting vulnerable groups or targeted groups to help address specific issues, for example youth diversionary activity aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour in the run-up to and immediately after Bonfire Night. Using this approach encouraged everyone to reduce contact to help break the chain of transmission in Leeds.

- 15. Over the course of the last 13 months organisations and youth providers have continued to adapt to the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented them and the young people they work with, often working very differently, for example by moving their activity provision to an online virtual platform.
- 16. In some areas, including the Inner East Community Committee area, activity packs have also been provided via the Youth Activity Fund. The packs were provided to young people and included a 'Youth Service Guide to Lockdown Life' (as well as a range of contacts and websites that young people may need), mindfulness activities, exercise advice, a time capsule to remember 'This Time in The Future', crosswords, puzzles and diary pages.
- 17. Adapting responses and approaches for projects to meet the needs of individual communities demonstrates the committee's and the organisations flexibility and willingness to be agile in an ever changing environment, as well as the desire to reach out and connect with young people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Temporary Youth Activity Fund Revised Criteria**

18. As discussed and agreed in the Community Committee Chairs Forum meeting in November 2020, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Executive Member for Communities agreed to apply some temporary flexibility until the end of the financial year to the current Youth Activity Funding criteria, to enable Community Committees to provide additional support to children and young people who may be experiencing greater disadvantages as a result of the pandemic and associated government restrictions/guidance.

#### **Digital Inclusion**

- 19. Over the last 13 months the Community Committee Team have received a number of requests from committees to fund digital equipment for children and young people from their COVID-19 monies.
- 20. Clearly there was a need for digital devices and data continued to be a significant barrier during the COVID-19 pandemic, with less prevalence of data support available. Potential options for committees to look at therefore when considering funding projects included, MiFi (a MiFi device can be connected to a cellular network and provides Internet access for up to ten devices), dongles to supplement device distribution, or support to families with devices who were unable to afford data.

- 21.As we continued to receive a number of similar requests and as a number of Community Committees were interested in spending monies on digital equipment and data, the Community Committee Team developed a checklist that would assist committees in making an informed decision when a request for funding for digital equipment and data was received.
- 22. The Inner East Community Committee over the course of the last 13 months has spent £8,814 on digital equipment for children and young people. This includes Chromebooks, laptops, tablets and internet access.

#### **Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey**

- 23. The Youth Activity Fund consultation survey was promoted from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, giving young people over two and a half months to provide feedback via the survey.
- 24. As the consultation survey ended on the 30<sup>th</sup> April this gave the Community Committee Team time to analyse the survey data & get reports ready for the summer committee meetings. The feedback however can also feed in to any Children's & Families Sub Group meetings that take place, in order to inform the committee's Youth Activity Fund spend.
- 25. Promotion of the survey has been publicised far and wide across the Inner East Community Committee area, with information being posted on the Community Committee Facebook page, publicity being sent out to all our school & cluster contacts, youth groups and any other organisations that are funded, or work with young people in the Community Committee area, as well as being circulated to local Councillors and the committee mailing list.
- 26. As schools started to reopen from the 8<sup>th</sup> March, the Community Committee Team continued to make schools aware of the survey and its importance. This promotion continued until the 30<sup>th</sup> April in order to obtain as many feedback responses as possible.
- 27. As the Youth Service started to deliver some of their face to face service provision with young people from February 2021 onwards, the Communities Team also circulated paper copies to the service, so that they could get young people to fill surveys in.
- 28. The Inner East Community Committee received 289 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund survey.

#### **Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey Recommendations**

- 29. The consultation surveys submitted by young people in the Inner East Community Committee area suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2021/22:
  - a. Youth activities on offer in venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities delivered outdoors.

- b. Majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the evenings and on the weekend with some holiday camps.
- c. Ensure the activities are inclusive of friendship groups, have refreshments available and good quality staff.
- d. Popular activities included;
  - 1. Sport Clubs such as Rugby, Football and Cricket
  - 2. Youth Clubs
  - 3. Cooking
  - Dance (Other activities mentioned; art & crafts, coding and mine craft and trips)
- 30. It is recommended that any projects funded by the Inner East Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on these themes and activities in 2021/22.
- 31. It is also recommended that the Communities Team arrange a physical Youth Summit (maybe to incorporate a virtual element) this financial year, 2021/22. This will inform the Youth Activity Fund spend for 2022/23.

#### **Appendix 1: Infographic outlining the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey**

Appendix 1 is attached with this report.

#### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

- 32. Community Committee Chairs, Children's Champions and Community Committees have previously been consulted on the proposals for the Youth Activity Fund survey.
- 33. The survey has been promoted far and wide across the Community Committee area, with publicity being posted on the Community Committee Facebook page, publicity being sent out to all school & cluster contacts, youth groups and any other organisations that are funded, or work with young people in the Community Committee area, as well as being circulated to local Councillors and the committee mailing list.

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

34. All Youth Activity Fund funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

#### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

35. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for Youth Activity Fund funding 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**

36. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Youth Activity Fund funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

#### Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

#### **Risk Management**

38. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Youth Activity Fund applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

#### Conclusion

39. The Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund consultation survey position and invites committee members to use the consultation to inform its Youth Activity Fund spend for 2021/22.

#### Recommendations

- 40. Members are asked to note:
  - a. Reflections from the last 12 months during the pandemic (paragraphs 12 22).
  - b. Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey (paragraphs 23 31).
  - c. That the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2021/22.
  - d. That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey.
  - e. That the Communities Team arrange a physical Youth Summit with young people this financial year, 2021/22 and that this informs the Youth Activity Fund spend for 2022/23.

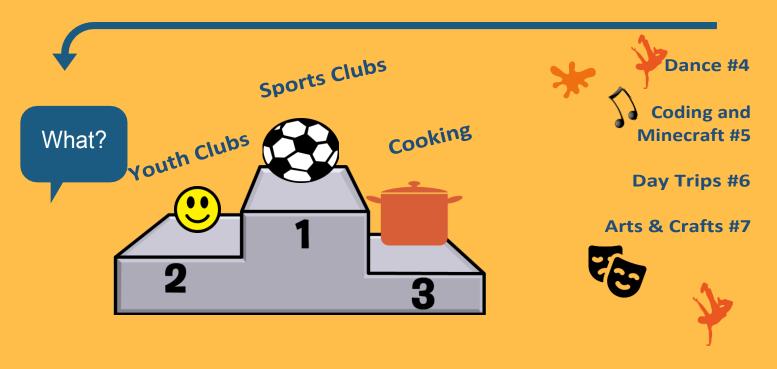
# Inner East Youth Activity Fund Consultation 21/22





The Communities Team and Leeds Youth Service have consulted with 289 young people in the Inner East area of Leeds.

Young people were asked what activities they would like local councillors to fund in their own communities.



Where?

## Inside vs. Outside



The majority (75%) wanted a variety of activities inside and outside

## Local vs. Away



45% voted to have projects nearby and only 5% wanted activities away from where they live (50% wanted both)

When?

After School (before 6pm) was the most popular time for activities **41%** 



35% Wanted activities during school holidays

Weekends was voted for by 19%







# COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS DO'S & DON'TS



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- You must adhere to the social distancing guidance at all times.
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Best endeavours have been taken to manage committee business from the outset to prevent a meeting running over the prescribed 1.5 hour guidance. If it becomes apparent that debate is going to exceed this then an adjournment of proceedings will be called by the Chair at an appropriate point. All attending the meeting must vacate the meeting room to enable further ventilation and cleaning. Participants must return to their original seat.

