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# **Outer East Community Committee**

Crossgates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

# Meeting to be held in St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Garforth, LS25 1NR

Tuesday, 7th December, 2021 at 4.00 pm

# Councillors:

J Gibson

P Grahame

J Lennox

M Dobson

S Field

S McCormack

M Harland

J Lewis

M Midgley

D Coupar

H Hayden

N Sharpe

Cross Gates and Whinmoor:

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- Kippax and Methley;

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- Temple Newsam;

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Crossgates & Whinmoor - Crossgates Shopping Centre; Crossgates roundabout Garforth & Swillington - Garforth Library and One Stop Centre, Thorpe Park

Images on cover from left to right:

Kippax & Methley - Fairburn Ings Temple Newsam - Temple Newsam House

# AGENDA

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	-		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).  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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3			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)	
4			DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
			To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.	
5			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
			To receive any apologies for absence.	
6			MINUTES - 28 SEPTEMBER 2021	7 - 12
			To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2021	
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.	
8			CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE 2021	13 - 14
			To receive and consider the attached report of the Chief Officer for Sustainable Energy and Air Quality	
9			HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE UPDATE	15 - 26
			To receive and consider the attached report of the Group Operations Manager	

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10			OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT	27 - 40
			To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Locality Partnerships	
11			OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT	41 - 58
			To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Locality Partnerships	
12			DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
			Tuesday, 8 March 2021 at 4.00 p.m.	
			Third Party Recording	
			Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.	
			Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice	
			<ul> <li>a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title.</li> <li>b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete.</li> </ul>	



#### **OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors M Dobson, S Field, J Gibson, M Harland, H Hayden, J Lennox, J Lewis, S McCormack, M Midgley and N Sharpe

# 13 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals.

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

There was no exempt information.

# 15 Late Items

There were no late items.

# 16 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

# 17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor D Coupar.

# 18 Minutes - 27 July 2021

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

# 19 Open Forum

In order to facilitate the Open Forum whilst certain restrictions relating to the pandemic remained in place, the process had been adapted so that members of the public were invited to make written submissions in advance of the meeting on any matters which fell within the Community Committee's terms of reference.

On this occasion there had been no submissions and no issues were raised by any members of the public in attendance.

# 20 Housing Update

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021

Mark Freer, Housing Manager, gave the Committee an update on housing issues across the Outer East area. The following was highlighted:

- Void levels and work of the lettings team

   a pre-allocation system had been used in Swarcliffe and Halton Moor. Demand still remained high across the area.
- Work of LASBAT in dealing with incidences of fly tipping.
- Rates of income collection had risen since last year. Reference was made to financial assistance given to residents which had included the Money Buddies service and referrals to credit union. There were some challenges ahead with the end of the furlough scheme and end of the Universal Credit uplift.
- Annual home visits were being replaced. There would be more targeted work with tenants who needed more support. There would be telephone and online contact with tenants.
- Work of the Environmental Action Teams including preparations for bonfire night and estate walkabouts.

The Chair thanked Mark for his attendance and update.

# 21 City Plan Engagement Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships informed the Committee of the development of a City Plan for Leeds and referred to the opportunity for Members and residents to feed into the plan.

Councillor Jane Dowson, Deputy Executive Member and Mike Eakins, Intelligence & Policy Manager were in attendance for this item.

It was reported that the current City Plan was over 10 years old and there had been major changes effecting the City in that time. It was hoped to develop a new plan with shared goals that would improve the lives of all citizens in Leeds and Community Committees would be an important part of the consultation.

The following was highlighted:

- Leeds was the second largest city outside London.
- Leeds was the economic powerhouse of the region.
- There were low unemployment rates.
- There were significant challenges to reduce poverty and improve education attainment.
- Climate change challenges.
- The need to address inequalities across the city.
- Impact of the pandemic.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

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- There were strong Neighbourhood Networks schemes and support groups in Outer East Leeds.
- Challenges surrounding mental health issues.
- Impact on changes to Universal Credits.
- The need to tackle climate change through planning policies.
- The need to improve partnership working with the third sector.
- Improving the attainment of children indirect influences such as improved housing and digiatal access.
- Ensuring that all aspects of society are accessible available to disabled people.
- The need for a skilled workforce to attract investment to the city.

The Chair thanked Councillor Dowson and mike for their attendance.

**RESOLVED –** That the report and discussion be noted.

# 22 Library Report

The report of the Chief Officer (Community Hubs) provided an overview of the activity of Leeds Libraries during the previous 18 months and outlined the key priorities of the service as part of the Service Recovery Strategy.

The following were in attendance:

- Andrea Ellison, Chief Librarian
- Kirsten Pendlebury, Senior Librarian

The Committee was given an overview of the key messages in the report which included the following:

- Purchase of new digital resources to help people develop digital skills and provision of online activities.
- The Keeping in Touch project which made over 9,000 calls to contact people to keep them updated on services.
- The Library Services Recovery Strategy which focussed on issues including economic recovery, supporting children & young people, health & wellbeing and digital inclusion.

Further issues highlighted included the following:

- Support for business start ups.
- Focus on education libraries had a pivotal role to play. Reference was made to the summer reading challenge and the Early Literacy Program.
- Supporting the digital inclusion agenda.
- Resources to support health and wellbeing.
- Books and reading.

In response to questions and comments, Members were informed of library provision across the city including the use of mobile libraries and story buses.

Members thanked Andrea and Kirsten for their attendance and presentation and for the work carried out by the Libraries Service during the pandemic.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and discussion be noted.

# 23 Outer East Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships 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 2021/22.

Bali Birdi, Senior Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was highlighted:

- There was £88,053.58 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue budget. Members were given a ward by ward breakdown of funds available.
- Projects for consideration Members were informed of n application for the Swarcliffe Bumpy Project. £5,580 was proposed from Cross Gates & Whinmoor Wellbeing Funds. Members were supportive of this applicationn.
- Projects approved by delegated decision since the last meeting.
- There had been no declined projects since the last meeting.
- Remaining funds in the Small Grants, Community Skips, Youth Activity Funds, Tasking, Capital and CIL Budgets.
- (1) That the following proposals be approved:
  - Swarcliffe Bumpy Project £5,580
- (2) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (3) That details of projects approved by Delegated Decision be noted.
- (4) That details of the Youth Activities Fund be noted.
- (5) That details of the Skips budget be noted.
- (6) That details of the Small Grants budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Tasking budget be noted.
- (8) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (9) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy budget be noted.

# 24 Outer East Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Members' attention to an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunity for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Bali Birdi, Senior Localities Officer presented the report.

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# The following was highlighted:

- Children & Families A meeting had been arranged to discuss the format for the 2021/22 Youth Summit.
- Employment, Skills & Welfare There had been an increase in the uptake of Universal Credits during the pandemic.
- Health and Wellbeing The Chair had attending the annual meeting of the CCG. Leeds had been noted as the best performing service during the pandemic. The 2021 Winter Grants Scheme had been launched.
- Deeta Tren-Humphries updated the Committee on work carried out by the Youth Service. This included the following:
  - Leaflets to shops requesting to refuse the sale of flour and eggs to young people to reduce anti-social behaviour in the run up to mischief night. There would be a focus on detached work and street work during that period.
  - Trips that had been held in the summer and forthcoming trips that had been arranged.
  - Summer activities a full summer program had been delivered with some reduced numbers due to covid.
  - Support for young people transitioning from primary to secondary education.
  - Swarcliffe Youth Club had re-opened in May.
  - Work with NEETs and referrals to the Pathways Team.
  - Mental Health/Health and Wellbeing Support.
  - Work around prevention of knife crime.
- Social media update. Outer East remained the highest viewed Community Committee on social media.
- Jo Horsfall gave the Committee an update on work involving the Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme. This included the following:
  - Activities were back up and running but not to pre-pandemic levels.
  - There had been a growth in digital services and reference was made to services provided during the pandemic.
  - There had been over 300 contacts a week through the telephone service.
  - A lease had been signed for a Crossgates and Whinmoor hub which would provide a base for all community groups in Crossgates and Whinmoor.
  - Launch of the Crossgates LCP.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons Members were asked to contact Bali Birdi if they wanted to participate.

**RESOLVED –** That the report and discussion be noted.

# 25 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021

# Agenda Item 8





Report of: Chief Officer for Sustainable Energy and Air Quality

**Report to: Outer East Community Committee** 

Report author: Polly Cook - Chief Officer Sustainable Energy & AQ

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 To note

**Title: Climate Emergency Update 2021** 

# **Purpose of report**

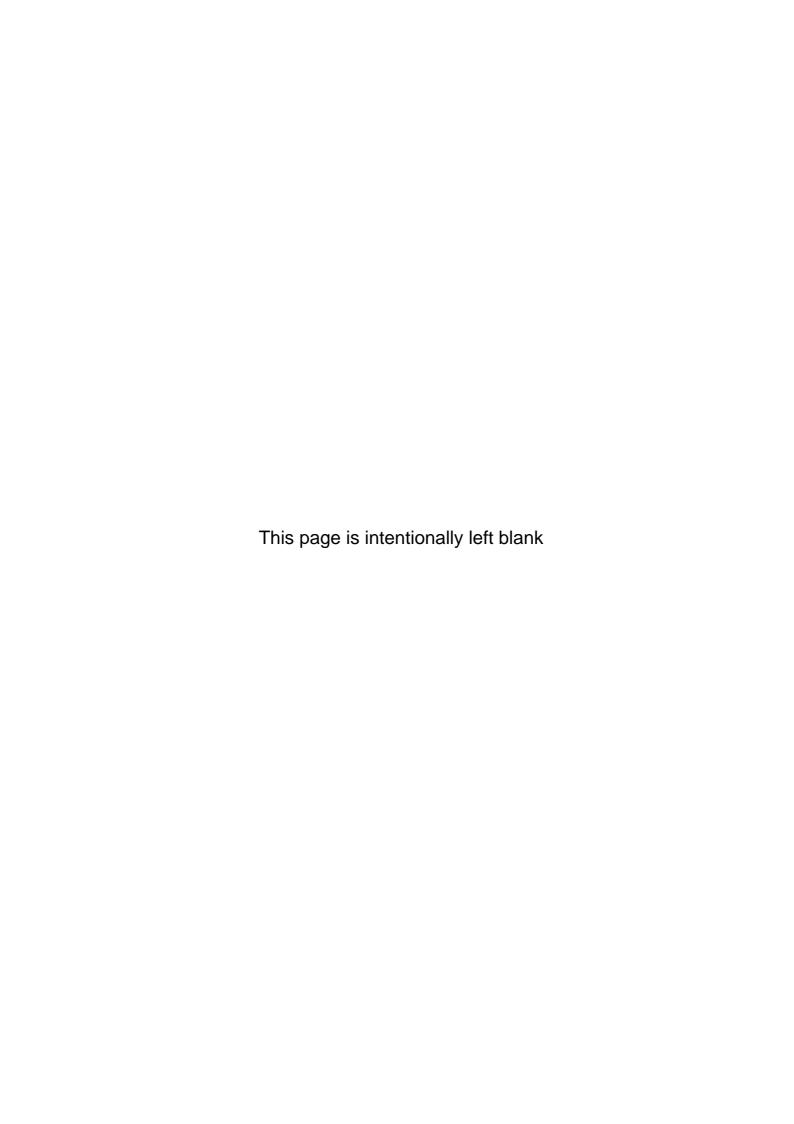
1. To provide the Outer East Community Committee with a presentation on the council's updated climate emergency strategy and progress.

# Main issues

- 2. The PowerPoint presentation is provided at the specific request of the Chair.
- 3. The presentation will provide an update on the council's climate emergency strategy and recent progress to reduce emissions. This will include an overview of measures being taken to retrofit homes and buildings, installation of electric vehicle infrastructure and biodiversity measures such as tree planting. Information about what measures are taking place locally will also be shared.
- 4. Discussions will also include an overview and insight in the White Rose Forest Strategy for Leeds.
- 5. There will be an opportunity for elected members to provide suggestions for their locality and to ask questions.

# Recommendations

6. The Outer East Community Committee is asked to note the contents of the presentation.



# Agenda Item 9





Report of: Simon Swift – Executive Manager

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Report author: Jeremy Lunn – Group Operations Manager

**Telephone No: 07891272230** 

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 To note

Title: Highways – Winter Service Update

# **Purpose of report**

1. To provide the Outer East Community Committee with an update on the Highways Service, and to gather input from elected members and residents.

# Main issues

- 2. The report and presentation are intended to provide the Outer East Community Committee with an update of the Highways Service, following a recent winter service review.
- 3. The report focusses specifically on the winter service fulfilled by Highways, including snow clearance and road gritting.
- 4. The report and presentation provide the Outer East Community Committee with an overview of the Winter Service website, linking the discussion to local issues relevant to the specific Committee area.
- 5. The agenda item also provides elected member and the public with the opportunity to provide feedback to the Highways Service relating to the winter provision offered, and approaches to communication and engagement going forward.

# Recommendations

6.	Elected Members are asked to note the contents of the report and presentation that will
	be provided by officers from the Highways team.



# **Highways & Transportation**



Winter Service Overview, including the launch of our new 'Live Gritting Tracker'.





# The Winter Service Plan Includes:

- Leeds City Councils Duty (The Highways Act 1980)
- Gritting of roads
- Refilling of Salt Bins
- Snow Ploughing and Clearing.



# Did You Know?

# During the Winter Maintenance Period:



Our gritters drive on average 51,200 miles during the Winter Period, which equates to driving around the circumference of the Earth twice!



# **How Do We Decide Where To Grit?**



Category 1A - The Resilient Salting Network (RSN)

- Emergency Routes leading to hospitals and major infrastructure.



Category 1 - The Primary Salting Network (PSN)

- Cat 1 roads
- Bus routes
- School links



Category 2 - The Secondary Salting Network (SSN)

- Medium business areas.
- Shopping areas
- Dr surgery/medical centres.



Category 3 - The Tertiary Salting Network (TSN)

- Not Cat 1 or 2.
- Remaining roads.
  - Dependent on resources



# **Gritting Decision Policy Chart**

is the road on a bus

route (including

school buses)?

Does the road provide

access to large

schools?

NO

Does it serve large

business, shopping

areas, urban or rural

Does it serve medium

business, shopping

areas, urban or rural

centres?

business, shopping

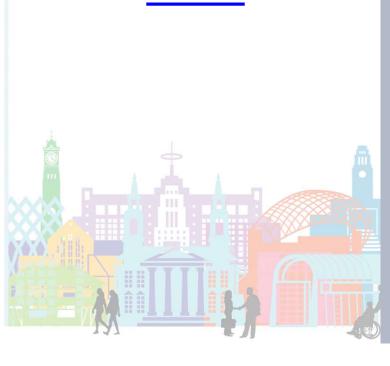
areas, urban or rural

Other roads

Does it qualify for a



# How Do We Decide Where and When To Grit?



#### UNTREATED is the road Adopted? Assistance will be provided where reasonably practicable to emergency services. Roads with less than 3.5 metre clear width (including parked cars), or cul-de-sacs with no adequate HGV turning, will be given a Category 3 status. Some roads may appear on routes of a higher category due to the need to route vehicles efficiently Does the road provide GRITTED access to emergency Resilient Network service premises? Category 1A - The Resilient Salting Network (RSN) Periods of prolonged and extreme weather can severely disrupt the highway network. Leeds have

Is it a classified road
(A, B, C road)

GRITTED
Primary Network

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Primary Network

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Secondary Network

SALT BINS/GRITTED

IN EXTREME

WEATHER

**SALT BINS** 

UNTREATED

(Unless conditions

are extreme)

#### Category 1 - The Primary Salting Network (PSN)

When ice is predicted the Primary Salting Network will be pre-gritted. Where sevices conditions such as snow or ice persist, resources will remain concentrated on the Primary Salting Network. All Category 1 roads, A, B and C roads, roads with main bus routes, access to transport interchanges, roads serving main schools, link roads serving large business areas, shopping areas, urban or rural centres and roads to main emergency service properties.

#### Category 2 - The Secondary Salting Network (SSN)

The Secondary Satting Network will only be gritted if severe weather conditions are likely to persist for a significant period beyond the completion of the Primary Satting Network. Roads on the Secondary Satting Network will include fink roads to the Primary Satting Network doctors surgenes/medical centres and where promoted council facilities have their access, link roads into housing estate or serving medium business areas, shopping areas, urban or rural centres and important rural routes.

#### Category 3 - The Tertiary Salting Network (TSN)

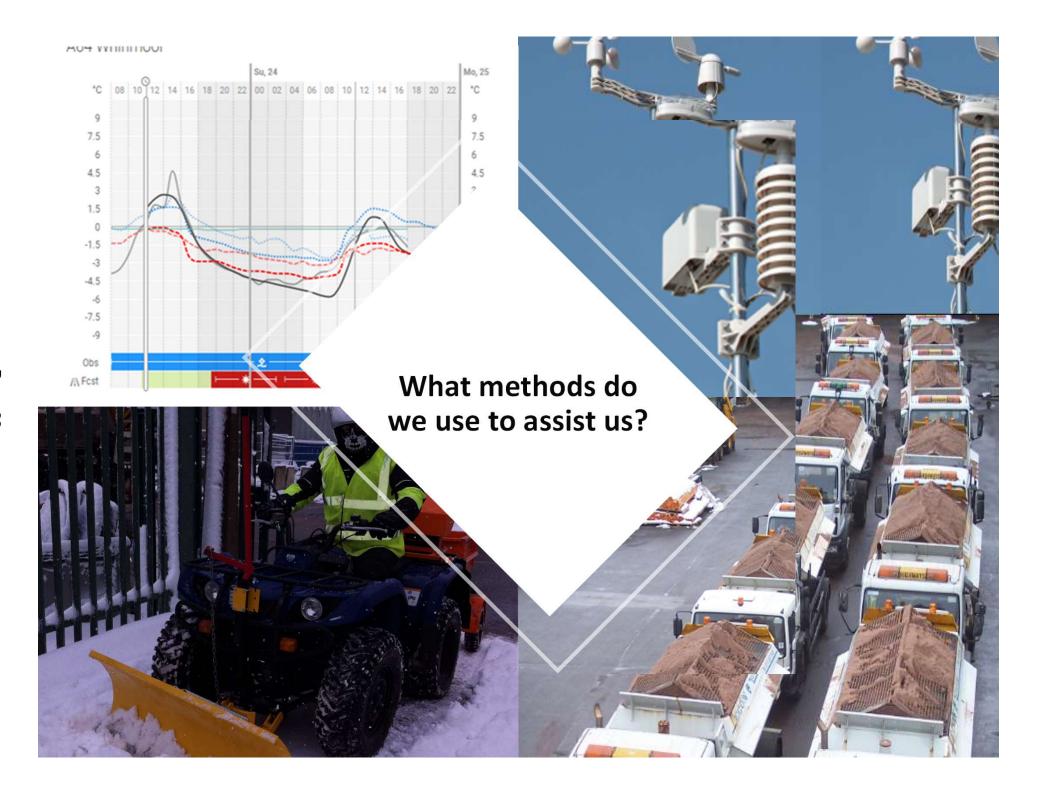
This network includes all remaining roads not included as Gategory 1 or Gategory 2, it will be treated after continuous icy or snowy weather testing more than three days and a forecast of a further three days, but only after Category 1 to Category 2 roads have been treated. It is therefore dependent upon resources and the changing weather conditions.

#### Salt Bin

Salt Bins are provided at various locations across the city, which are for use on the public roads and footways only. The approved locations for grit bins are available on the Leeds City Council website.

#### Un-Adopted Roads

Leeds City Council will not carry out any winter service activities on un-adopted roads.



# Why develop a Gritting Tracker?









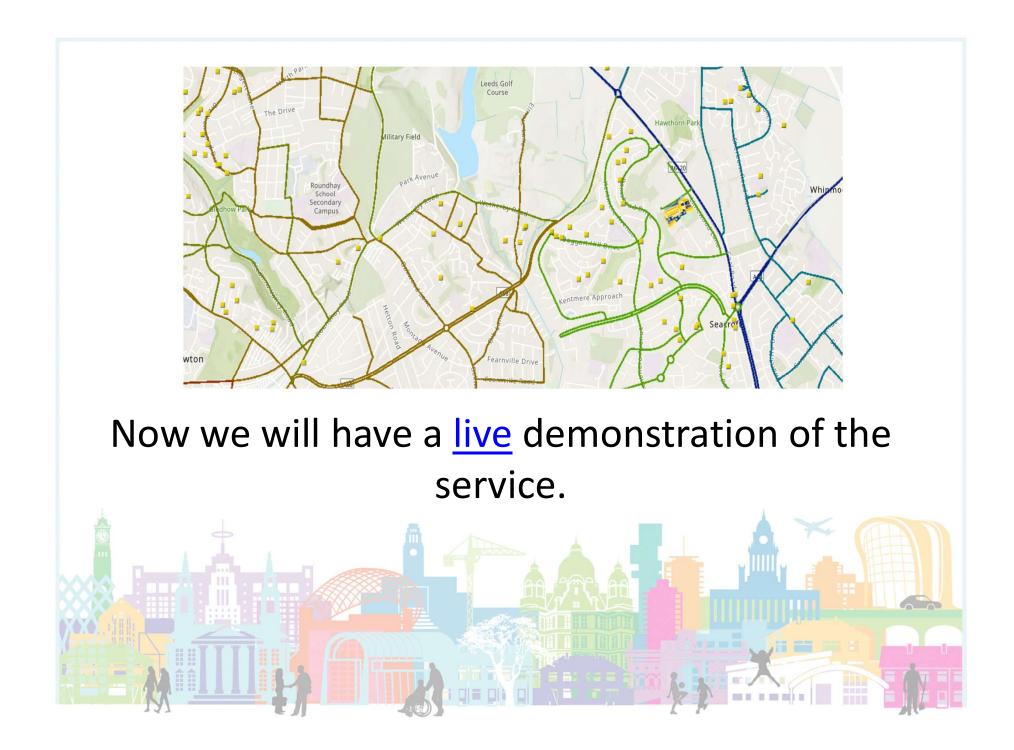


Helps support the economy, by giving citizens and visitors to Leeds the tools to choose safe driving routes. Reduce road traffic accidents by letting people make informed decisions about which routes they choose.

Helps reduce call times and pressures on the contact centre.

The Gritting
Tracker will
support Leeds
City Councils
ambition for a
more digital
infrastructure

The gritting tracker will help support citizens to access medical care, hospital appointments and support services safely.







# How Will We Promote The Gritting Tracker?



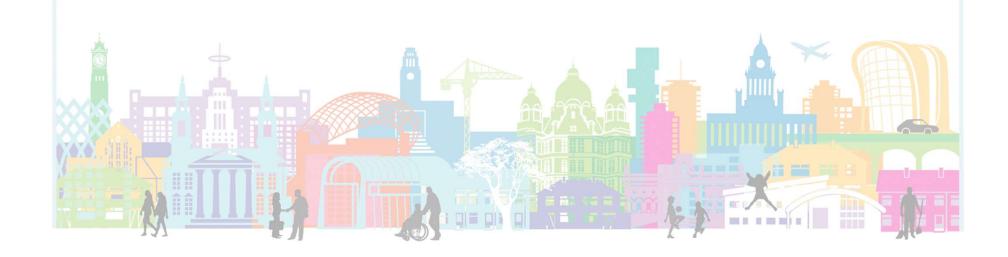








# Thank You Any Questions?



# Agenda Item 10





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

**Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam** 

Report author: Senior Localities Officer – Bali Birdi Telephone: 07712 214727

Date: Tuesday 7 December 21 For Decision

# **Outer East Community Committee – Finance Report**

# **Purpose of report**

 The 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 2020/21. It also provides the committee with an update on organisations funded by the Community Committee and how their project delivery will be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

#### 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. In the Outer East Community Committee the CIL money for Allerton Bywater Parish Council, Great and Little Preston Council, Kippax Parish Council, Ledsham Parish Council, Ledston Parish Council, Micklefield Parish Council and Swillington Parish Council will be administered by each individual Parish Council, whereas monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam will be administered by the Outer East Community Committee.
- It was agreed at Outer East Community Committee on the 2 October 18 that CIL monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor. Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam would be spent in the ward it was generated in
- 10. 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 age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation: 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.

- 14. 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.
- 15. 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 2020/21**

- 16. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2021/22 was £93,440 for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of £75,527.39 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2020/21. Allocated wellbeing projects in 2020/21 is £6063.00 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2021/22 is therefore £162,904.39. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
- 17. 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.
- 18. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of £67,330.52 has been allocated to projects, as listed in Table 1.
- 19. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of £82,473.88 in the Wellbeing Revenue Fund.

20. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing revenue 2021/22

	£				
INCOME:21/22	000 440 00				
Balance brought forward from	£93,440.00				
previous year	£75,527.39				
Less projects brought forward from previous year 20/21	£6,063.00				
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 21/22	£162,904.39				
Area wide ring fenced projects	£				
Small Grants- TBC	£4000				
Community Committee Public					
Engagement - TBC	£1500				
Tasking Team Initiatives - TBC	£5000				
Skips for Community Clean Ups - TBC	£2000				
Youth Summit	£600				
Total area wide ring-fenced projects	£13,100				
Remaining balance split equally across					
the wards	£149,804.39	£37,451.10	£37,451.10	£37,451.10	£37,451.10
			Ward	Split	
		Cross Gates &	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Ward Projects	£	Whinmoor			
CCTV monitoring costs (£1k per					
camera) -TBC	£12,000.00	£3,000.00	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
Christmas Lights Switch on Events,	212,000.00	23,000.00	24,000.00	22,000.00	23,000.00
Motifs & Trees	£33,510.00	£13,800.00	£12,000.00	£7,210.00	£500.00
Garforth Main Street Bench	£1,060.00		£1,060.00		
Midsummer Night's Showcase	£500.00				£500.00
Kippax Defibrillators	£1,796.80			£1,796.80	
Halliday Court	£10,691.00		£10,691.00		
Grit Bins	£2,192.72	£322.48	£322.48	£1064.04	£483.72
Swarcliffe Bumpy	£5,580.00	£5,580.00			
Totals	£67,330.52	£22,702.48	£28,073.48	£12,070.84	£4,483.72
Total spend: Area wide + ward projects	£80,430.52				
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£82,473.88	£14,748.62	£9,377.62	£25,380.26	£32,967.38

# Projects for consideration and approval

# Wellbeing Budget 2021/22

The following projects are presented for Members' consideration:

21. Project Title: Leeds Money Buddies

**Organisation**: Burmantofts Community Projects

Total Project Cost: £4,256.00 Amount Proposed £2,813.00 Wards covered: Temple Newsam

**Project Summary**: Money Buddies provide a handholding, empowerment emergency debt advice and financial capability service to the public. This stabilises their finances, maximises their income, improves their money skills and develops confidence with money and improves their well-being.

Feedback from clients shows the need for a face to face service, especially those clients who have difficulty communicating, are vulnerable or have lack of access to digital and telephone support. We have developed our core offering to meet a spectrum of the most complex, common and immediate financial needs clients present with, without having to wait to see a specialist. This has proven to reduce clients' stress, anxiety levels and improve client engagement and outcomes. In addition, we recognise the difficulties many of our clients have with finding meaningful work, as such, given that unemployment is expected to rise we will be sign-posting clients for employment and skills initiatives as well as recruiting volunteers- where volunteering can help people develop the skills employers are looking for as well as improving peoples' confidence."

Funding is for one Money Buddy as follows and at request of Area Committee

One Stop Money Buddy at Halton Moor Library

All locations are at the discretion of Area Committee. This could include other centres in the wards to reach more deeply into local communities, on a rotation basis. However, our experience indicates that a rotation basis is less effective than being in a designated centre permanently. Area Committee may decide to have a different number of Money Buddies. Costings would be recalculated on a pro rata basis.

#### Centre locations can be changed at the request of the Community Committee.

The number of sessions attended will be 15 should the service start week commencing December 13, 2021. Each session is for half a day 9-12pm or 1-4pm. We will ensure that we will do everything possible to ensure that there is no gap in service provision, by training volunteers to become Money Buddies and they may attend sessions as part of their training programme. To access the service, clients can self –refer/ be referred by partners. The grant will contribute to the management, supervision, training, support and employment of the Money Buddy.

We would aim for and expect to support 2 clients per centre per session, which is currently 30 per centre- please note benefits support sessions in particular can be complex and often take time to complete; for example; filling in application forms and appeal forms, therefore the 2 clients helped per session is not a hard target.

Money Buddies require access to a private, confidential room, with Internet, telephone and lockable draw.

Money Buddies has a Covid -19 Risk assessment for outreach working, which is available on our website www.moneybuddies.org.uk/ Covid Health and Safety

Please note; we approached Leeds City Council Communities team about a citywide Money Buddy Service being funded centrally as we stated we would do at Outer East Area Committee meeting prior to the pandemic. We have been advised that funding was not available on that basis nor were there funds to do so. We were re-directed to Area Committee.

# **Community Committee Plan Priorities/Objectives**

**Best City for Business** – Provides opportunities for people to get jobs or learn new skills for example - through volunteering

**Best City for Communities** – Communities are empowered and engaged. People get on well together, by sharing their learning with others in the local community; adds knowledge to the community base and supports cohesion. Education by stealth.

22. Project Title: Leeds Money Buddies

**Organisation**: Burmantofts Community Projects

**Total Project Cost**: £4,124.00 **Amount Proposed** £2,970.00

Wards covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor

**Project Summary:** Money Buddies provide a handholding, empowerment, emergency debt advice and financial capability service to the public. This stabilises their finances, maximises their income, improves their money skills and develops confidence with money and improves their well-being support given.

Please note Benefits Support is a new and in -depth service which is a separate area of Social Welfare Law compared to Money and Debt. Benefits Support also requires regulatory supervision and administration. As such the overall service offering costings reflects these elements and the work that is required to provide the service, whilst we have done what we can do to keep costs down including match funding, this service represents a significant change and enhanced expertise. It was originally planned that we would submit a separate bid for Benefit Buddy Support and one for Money Buddies, which would have increased the overall cost. By combining the role, whilst this does increase the workload of the adviser and their training/ supervision needs, this represents a significant cost saving for our funders.

Funding is for one Money Buddy as follows and at request of Area Committee

One Money Buddy at Cross Gates and Whinmoor Community Hub

All locations are at the discretion of Area Committee. This could include other centre's in the wards to reach more deeply into local communities, on a rotation basis. However, our experience indicates that a rotation basis is less effective than being in a designated centre permanently. Area Committee may decide to have a different number of Money Buddies. Costings would be recalculated on a pro rata basis.

Centre locations can be changed at the request of the Community Committee.

The number of sessions attended will be 12 should the service start week commencing December 13 2021. Each session is for half a day 9-12pm or 1-4pm. We will ensure that we will do everything possible to ensure that there is no gap in service provision, by training volunteers to become Money Buddies and they may attend sessions as part of their training programme. To access the service, clients can self –refer/ be referred by partners. The grant will contribute to the management, supervision, training, support and employment of the Money Buddy.

We would aim for and expect to support 2 clients per centre per session, which is currently 24 per centre- please note benefits support sessions in particular can be complex and often take time to complete; for example; filling in application forms and appeal forms, therefore the 2 clients helped per session is not a hard target.

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With demand for debt and benefit advice to surpass what has been seen historically (Money and Pensions Service indications) especially amongst the vulnerable and most at risk, as the industry/sector is forecasting, the need for the support and its increasing complexity of issues, it is likely to have never been greater. And at a time when face to face in person services by the sector are being pulled back, it is highly likely that clients who have difficultly communicating and or are struggling with digital and remote means could become further isolated and at risk of being left further behind.

The key to greater uptake of services will be developing the partnership working of Area Committee and Money Buddies – especially around promotion and benefits of getting support early. We are committed to work with the Councillors and their teams on this.

# **Community Committee Plan Priorities/Objectives**

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23. Project Title: Memorial Bench Organisation: Parks & Countryside Total Project Cost: £1,315.00

Amount Proposed: £1,315.00

Wards covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor

**Project Summary:** The grant is to be used to purchase 1 metal bench and plaque in memory of a local resident who undertook a lot of work for the community.

The request has come from members of the Swarcliffe community – who wanted to celebrate the life of Eileen Barrott.

# **Community Committee Plan Priorities/Objectives**

Improving the wellbeing of residents

Improving opportunities to use parks and open spaces

Making Leeds a making place to live

Making Leeds a better place for residents

24. Project Title: Children's Football Club Health and Safety

Organisation: Allerton Bywater FC

Total Project Cost: £699.00 Amount Proposed: £699.00 Wards covered: Kippax & Methley

**Project Summary:** Currently there are running 6 football teams from toddlers to under 11 years old, to get children involved in sport, hopefully taking them to open age football, both boys and girls There are approx. 90 children and their parents involved, we play on Saturday mornings at the Miners Welfare in Allerton Bywater and train during the week. We want to purchase a defibrillator for safety reasons.

# **Community Committee Plan Priorities/Objectives**

Best city for children and young people

# DDN

25. Since the last Community Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> September 21, there has been no projects approved by DDN.

# **Declined Projects**

26. Since the Community Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> September 21, the projects have been no projects declined.

# **Youth Activities Fund Position 2021/22**

- 27. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2021/22 was £50,760 for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of £60,326.33 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2020/21. Allocated wellbeing projects in 2020/21 is £24,833.60 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2021/22 is therefore £86,252.73. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
- 28. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of £50,354.73 in the Youth Activity Fund.
- 29. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

**TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2021/22** 

	£
INCOME:21/22	£50,760.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£60,326.33
Less projects brought forward from previous year 20/21	£24,833.60
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 21/22	£86,252.73

		Ward Split				
		Cross	Garforth &	Kippax &	Temple	
		Gates &	Swillington	Methley	Newsam	
Ward Projects	£	Whinmoor				
Total available budget for 21/22	£86,252.73	£21,563.19	£21,563.19	£21,563.19	£21,563.19	
WLAC – Outer East Activity Programme	£6,800.00	£1,700.00	£1,700.00	£1,700.00	£1,700.00	
Breeze Summer Events	£14,598.00	£3,649.50	£3,649.50	£3,649.50	£3,649.50	
Leeds Rhinos	£8,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2000.00	
The Tribe – I AM ME	£6,500.00	£6,500.00				
Totals	£35,898.00	£13,849.50	£7,349.50	£7,349.50	£7,349.50	
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£50,354.73	£7,713.69	£14,213.69	£14,213.69	£14,213.69	

# **Small Grants Budget 21/22**

30. At the last Community Committee ward members approved a small grants budget of £4.000. There is currently a remaining balance of £3,075.98 detailed in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Small Grants 2021/22

		Ward Split				
Ward Projects	£	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam	
Total available budget for 21/22	£4,000.00					
PHAB Club	£507.35	£84.56	£84.55		£338.24	
IGBO Family Fun Day	£416.67	£343.75			£72.92	
Balance Remaining	£3,075.98	£428.31	£84.55		£411.16	

# Skips Budget 2021/22

31. At the last Community Committee ward members approved a small skips budget of £2,000.

There is currently a remaining balance of £853.10 detailed in Table 4.

**TABLE 4: Skips 2021/22** 

		Ward Split				
Ward Projects	£	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam	
Total available budget for 21/22	£2,000.00					
Growing Zone	£162.18			£162.18		
Incredible Edible	£239.98		£239.98			
Allerton Bywater Parish Council	£152.45			£152.45		
Ledsham Parish Council	£138.83			£138.83		
Garforth In Bloom	£148.56		£148.56			
Volunteers in Micklefield	£152.45			£152.45		
Allerton Parish Council	£152.45			£152.45		
Total Spent 21/22	£1,146.90		£388.54	£758.36		

# Tasking Budget 2021/22

32. At the last Community Committee ward members approved a tasking budget of £5,000.

There is currently a remaining balance of £5,000.00 detailed in Table 5.

**TABLE 5: Tasking 2021/22** 

		Ward Split			
		Cross Gates &	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Ward Projects	£	Whinmoor		,,	
Total available budget for 21/22	£5,000.00				
Balance Remaining	£5,000.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00

# Capital Budget 2021/22

33. The Outer East Community Committee has a capital budget of £87,506.00 available to spend, as a result of new capital injections. Members are asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 6.

**TABLE 6: Capital 2021/22** 

		Ward split				
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	• •	Temple Newsam	
Remaining Balance March 2019	£73,383.11	£16,780.28	£13,968.28	£23,567.28	£19,067.27	
Injection March 2019	£12,245.89	£3,061.47	£3,061.48	£3,061.47	£3,061.47	
Starting Position 2019-2020	£85,629.00	£19,841.75	£17,029.76	£26,628.75	£22,128.74	
Injection November 2019	£3,200.00	£800.00	£800.00	£800.00	£800.00	
Underspend from 2018-2019	£300.00	£300.00				
Total with November Injection 2019- 2020	£89,129.00	£20,941.75	£17,829.76	£27,428.75	£22,928.74	
Ninelands	£2,090.00		£2,090.00			
Chippies Quarry	£300.00	£300.00				
Cross Gates Whinmoor Ward Litter Bins	£2,100.00	£2,100.00				
Kippax Baths Fencing	£6,065.00			£6,065.00		
Injection March 2020	£9,600.00		£2,400.00		£2.400.00	
Injection September	£1,100.00	£275.00	£275.00		£275.00	
Remaining balance 2020-21	£89,274.00	£21,216.75	£18,414.76	£24,038.75	£25,603.74	
Injection March 2021	£11,400.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	
Starting position 2021-22	£100,674.00	£24,066.75	£21,264.76	£26,888.75	£28,453.74	
Garforth Litter Bins	£2,268.00		£2,268.00			
Garforth SIDS	£14,000.00		£14,000.00			
Remaining Balance	£84,406.00	£24,066.75	£4,996.76	£26,888.75	£28,453.74	
Injection October 2021	£3,100.00	£775.00	£775.00	£775.00	£775.00	
Remaining Balance 2021-22	£87,506.00	£24,841.75	£5,771.76	£27,663.75	£29,228.74	

#### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2021/22

34. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is now £202,157.83 total available to the Outer East Community Committee. Members are asked to note the CIL allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 7.

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

	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Budget as of April 20	£109,666.72	£35,392.36	£59,647.00		£14,627.36
Injection 1	£93,654.93	£15,775.33	£73,152.18	£696.56	£4,030.86
Injection 2	£3,104.04	£0.00	£3,104.04	£0.00	£0.00
Balance Remaining 20-21	£206,425.69	£51,167.69	£135,903.22	£696.56	£18,658.22
Garforth Barley Hill	£4,267.86		£4,267.86		
Balance Remaining 21-22	£202,157.83	£51,167.69	£131,635.36	£696.56	£18,658.22

#### **Monitoring Information**

35. As part of the 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. There is nothing to report currently.

#### **Corporate Considerations**

# **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

37. 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**

- 38. 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**

39. 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

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

#### **Risk Management**

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

#### Recommendations

- 42. Members are asked to consider/approve
- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) (paragraph 20)
- b. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21)
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 22)
- d. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) (paragraph 26)
- e. Details of Small Grants (Table 3) (paragraph 27)
- f. Details of Skips (Table 4) (paragraph 28)
- g. Details of Tasking Budget (Table 5) (paragraph 29)
- h. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 6) (paragraph 30)
- i. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 7) (paragraph 31)

#### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

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#### Conclusion

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

#### Recommendations

- 50. Members are asked to note:
- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b) Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21,24)
- c) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 25)
- d) Details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2)
- e) Details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- f) Details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- g) Details of the Community Tasking Budget (Table 5)
- h) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 6)
- i) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 7)

# Agenda Item 11





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

**Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,** 

**Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam** 

Report author: Senior Localities Officer - Bali Birdi Tel: 07712 214727

Date: Tuesday 7 December 21 For Information

# **Outer 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

# 3. Children and Families: Champion – Cllr H Hayden

In preparation for the planning for this municipal year's Youth Summits, the Communities Team recently met with the Voice & Influence Team. At this meeting, the Voice and Influence Team offered their support to reflect on previous year's events and learning to inform future ways of working. However, they expressed their concerns around staff reductions and service pressures, which would impede their ability to support the Youth Summits going forward. They also shared concerns around bringing young people together from different schools/groups for a physical event, as there continues to be concerns over COVID-19 infection rates, particularly in schools. We are seeking the latest advice on this matter.

Therefore there will be a push back the Youth Summits into the new year, to enable the Communities Team to hold further discussions with members of the Children & Families Sub Groups and Children's' Champions, in light of this information, to explore options to inform future Youth Summit arrangements, alongside the latest guidance regarding the safety measures that schools are putting in place over the following months.

#### 4. Environment & Community Safety: Champion - Cllr P Grahame

The Outer Environmental Sub- Group met via Zoom on the on 19th October 2021.

A discussion took place on various issues as we were leading up to Bonfire Night, a conversation also took place on the strategy that Housing Leeds would be implementing to tackle issues with anti-social behaviour on housing land, including removal of combustible materials over this period.

Waste Management provided an update on their brand-new depot which is being built at the back of the RERF facility. This three-story building will be ready for spring of 2022 and has been purpose built and designed. Work is also due to start in the near future on a piece of work called the 'route review', meaning that the whole of the city will have their bin routes looked at.

# 5. <u>Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)</u>

# **Cross Gates & Whinmoor**

The hot spot area for LASBT South within the Outer East is the Swarcliffe area. Since the last meeting report, the team have successfully implemented the deployment of Team Leodis for work within this area specifically dealing with youth nuisance. Team Leodis are made up of 3 Police Officers working intensively within an area to resolve matters of crime and ASB. The service is continuing to work with partners to manage the incidents that are being reported and looking at diversionary and educational tools to tackle those involved in ASB.

#### **Garforth & Swillington**

There are no specific trends with the cases that are active, no youth nuisance is reported to LASBT in this area and a reduction in cases in this area.

# **Kippax & Methley**

There is a reduction in the caseload for this ward, the trends are still around domestic noise nuisance that are still being investigated.

#### **Temple Newsam**

There are currently 33 cases within the Temple Newsam area, the prevailing issue is currently youth nuisance with the emerging seasonal issue of firework misuse compounding problems.

5 injunctions granted against a group pf young people aimed at disrupting their joint enterprise and combatting anti-social behaviour across the ward.

Breaches have been recorded and a further consultation held with Youth Offending Service to discuss a return to court.

Police & LASBT assistance provided to help support the continuation of the Leeds United Foundation Junior Football Programme which has seen some disruption due to youth nuisance during the sessions.

# 6. Cleaner Neighbourhoods

The teams have been heavily involved in preparation for Bonfire night. This includes removing bonfires any fly-tipping that could be burned and the removal of missiles that could've been used on mischievous night.

As with every other year some residents are wise to the fact the team are removing the above items and build bonfires on the Bonfire night itself.

Temple Newsam, Cross Gates & Whinmoor have now been split which involved splitting the staff between the 2 wards. The team are currently short staffed and have 3 vacancies and 1 long team sick which is having an effect on the areas. The teams are going above and beyond however are having to prioritise what they can do. The focus is on street cleansing this means cutbacks etc are taking a back seat.

There is an ongoing recruitment process across all 3 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Teams. Once fully staffed team members will have a specific area to look after which will instil a sense of pride and accountability.

Leaf clearance is being passed onto the mechanical fleet and drivers to clear up the high leaf fall areas. There is 1 path sweeper that is covering de-leafing in wards Monday – Friday.

In addition to the above staff are also involved in the clearance from the Christmas Lights Switch on events.

The enforcement team are continuing to deal with waste in gardens, fly tipping, overgrown vegetation and noxious waste in gardens as well as nuisance and vermin complaints and smoke nuisance complaints.

Bulky refuse collections remain an option for householders and are charged at £30 per collection of 5 items. Residents can access this service please do so by visiting- <a href="www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/get-rid-of-unwanted-items">www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/get-rid-of-unwanted-items</a> or by telephoning the contact centre on 0113 2224406.

The Recycle On The Go' - 5 yellow bins have been installed on Garforth Main Street which are located at various points these are for cans and plastic bottles as well as a separate orange bin for coffee cups these bins are being emptied once per week and the amounts of waste and the types of waste are being monitored to see the viability for such a role or if there is a need for more education or even a better placement for these bins.

The workforce continue to work exceptionally hard in difficult circumstances to deliver essential street cleansing services in the area and should any elected Member or partner agency wish to contact the team then they can email Secution@leeds.gov.uk.

#### 7. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion – Cllr J Lennox

An update was given from the Employment and Skills team at the September Community Committee therefore the next update will be provided at the Community Committee in March 2022.

#### 8. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion - Cllr P Grahame

#### Covid-19

Public health is continuing to focus on reducing or eliminating the barriers some communities face in accessing Covid 19 vaccination, alongside work to support 'Living with Covid'. An analysis of vaccine uptake revealed several areas with lower uptake. Measures to assist with access barriers include locating pop-up vaccination sites in community places situated near the residential areas of concern and pop-up women's only vaccine sites, in partnership with Asha.

Focused work on exploring the needs of the community to support living with Covid has commenced and will feed into discussions how to maintain covid safety.

#### Winter Planning

Public Health takes a life course approach and aims to increase the effectiveness of interventions throughout a person's life. It focuses on a healthy start and targets people at critical periods when they are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather e.g. pregnancy and older age. Cold weather presents risks to certain groups listed below. Living with Covid-19 can add and pose additional risk to those who are clinically and socially vulnerable, including:

- pregnant women
- people living with frailty
- people with long term conditions
- those who are extremely clinically vulnerable
- children under the age of 5

<u>Becoming a Workforce Winter Friend</u>: Anybody working or volunteering in Leeds is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the nine evidence based, high impact interventions to support their colleagues, service users, friends and families stay safe. The short 15 minute animation is <u>available to watch here</u>, and is being refreshed for 2021, due to be launched mid-November. It includes information and signposting for influenza vaccines (being updated to include COVID-19 too), checking medications, keeping your home warm, physical activity, hot food and drink, and social connectedness.

<u>Winter Wellbeing Checklists</u>: to support winter friends and the wider workforce to have proactive conversations about winter, <u>Winter Wellbeing Checklists</u> are available for adults and for children and families. They are a useful tool to help those 'at risk' of illness due to cold weather access available key support and services.

<u>Vitamin D:</u> Around one in five people in the UK have low levels of vitamin D, especially older adults, pregnant and breastfeeding people, infants, and people with darker skin. Vitamin D is essential for good health. It affects people's bones, teeth, and muscles as well as mental health and immune systems. When the clocks go back on Sunday 28th October, we'll have shorter hours of daylight and the sunlight won't contain enough UBV radiation for our skin to make vitamin D. We have developed a short animation to promote these key messages as part of the Public Health winter plan. The resources we have are as follows:

- The short animation: https://youtu.be/xWHAGS-26aE
- Updated information on the PHRC website, including the video and links to other resources (under Eating Well): <u>Public Health Resource Centre</u>
- Printed copies of the <u>public-facing BDA Fact Sheet</u> available at the PHRC, with easy-read versions in development.

# **Housing**

#### 9. Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

#### **Voids Levels (empty properties)**

Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. Whilst Swarcliffe has always been high demand, previous issues in Halton Moor have been overcome, with all properties now being re-let in a timely manner. This is due to demand increasing due to the incorrect perception of the risk of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour reducing, due to partnership working between Housing and other services, including LASBT, Police, Cleaner Neighbourhood Team

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/fly tipping is now removed rapidly to ensure properties enjoy an appealing kerb-side appeal.

#### **Income Collection**

Rent collection has fallen, analysis is underway on this performance to determine the reason for the move from increased to decreased performance in the 2 months since the new system CX was introduced.

In order to improve performance, the teams are currently undertaking additional rent collection activities in the run up to Christmas. These are a serious of targeted interventions, based upon levels of rent arrears and current status. This is combines with a push to ensure tenants pay their rent at Christmas. The team ensure tenants are signposted to support if needs are identified as part of the conversations.

The service is working closely with tenants to maximise their income and any support they need and have achieved this by referring through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

Referrals continue to be made to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts.

# **Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)**

The new Annual Tenancy Check In programme was launched on the 7<sup>th</sup> June which differs significantly from the previous annual home visit programme. Contact with tenants is being undertaken in line with four separate priorities, which were determined by support needs or similar factors of the tenants. Priority visits have begun, which are for the tenants with the highest need. Visits are scheduled for tenants with less support, with these due to begin in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Housing Leeds switched to a new computer system CX in July. Unfortunately, because of this, the reporting tools no longer function. The team has been recording some visits locally.

#### **Environmental Actions Swarcliffe Team**

The Environmental Walkabouts for quarter 2 have been completed and the feedback has mainly been positive, with estates being in a generally good condition. Local Members are welcome to join in schedules walkabouts with the Housing Officer. Traditionally environmental service requests reduce at this time of the year as the dark early evenings and cold winter weather mean fewer people are out on the estates or in their gardens.

Housing Officers attended Red Hall Approach following a referral of potholes. Property Management surveyors have assessed this area and determined whilst there is no immediate risk to the Health & Safety of the public via potholes, further repair/replacement works are required.

The Sherburn Court drop-in session recommenced following Covid-19. This session was well attended, allowing the tenants the ability to discuss ongoing and future concerns with Housing Management, PFI Team and Yorkshire Housing.

#### **Environmental Actions Halton Moor Team**

Environmental Estate walkabouts have been undertaken for quarter 2, with some issues noted especially in the Halton Moor area. Officers are proactively patrolling the estates to locate and take action on messy gardens. Officers are referring fly tipping in voids for rapid clearance to prevent large amounts being fly tipping which are detrimental to the area and present a fire risk to the properties. The team are also referring this fly-tipping to Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team so that they can be investigated to determine the perpetrators and take action against this criminal behaviour.

An intelligence led project has just been completed in the run up to Bonfire Night. Historically Halloween and Bonfire Night results in increased instances of anti-social behaviour. The risk was seen as greater this year due to lack of lockdown and lack of formal fireworks displays, which had implications for community safety on the estate and the potential for corresponding increased public concern.

# 10. Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

#### **Estate Management**

Quarter 3 walkabouts are now completed in the Garforth, Swillington, Kippax & Methley. Main issues identified untidy gardens, boundary issues and fly tipping.

At this time of year leaves are falling and creating a risk to residents, partnership approach with colleagues in Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to ensure any hot spot areas are clear of any hazards created by this. Quarter 4 walkabouts to commence in the new year, to ensure invites are sent to members and also tenants and residents in the area wishing to attend.

#### **Community Payback**

Risk assessments in place and remobilisation plan under review.

All previous referrals being reviewed to see works required due to time that has elapsed due to Covid-19.

Challenges remain around locations as must be break room/toilet nearby which can also allow social distancing to be undertaken, especially as inclement weather becomes more likely. Further barriers are around transport as individuals must make own way there as opposed to central transport, so non-attendance is an issue.

# **Annual Tenancy Contacts (ATC)**

ATC process was agreed earlier this year, migration to new computer system has affected reporting of contacts completed so relying on data held locally for each Housing Office. Most of these contacts will be undertaken by an online self-service portal.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for Anti-Social Behaviour to risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the

correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Also have police officers working within the team to share information.

Partnership approach with LASBT is continuing with monthly meetings to discuss casework.

Attendance is continuing at tasking meetings and working closely with Neighbourhood Policing Teams with a problem-solving approach to local issues.

# **Income Collection**

Challenges continue in terms of collecting rent and arrears following the effects of the pandemic and the removal of the £20 Universal Credit uplift and ending of Furlough. Throughout this the council has adopted a supportive approach to tenants in arrears to secure grants, maximising benefit entitlement and referring on for debt advice. However, with the lifting of restrictions and the Coronavirus act coming to an end we have now reverted to our pre-pandemic collection process whilst remaining supportive to those who engage. Despite the challenges the amount of rent collected to this point last year remains largely the same.

# **Lettings / Voids**

There are currently 8 properties ready to let which have been offered. Viewings pending on 1 property and final check been completed on the other 2 to assess suitability prior to making a formal offer.

## 11. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

#### **Tenant Engagement Overview**

Your Voice Leeds - Tenant Engagement Team are currently using a new online engagement tool see link here Your Voice Leeds Its currently piloting a number of schemes to engage with customers and obtain their views but is anticipated it will develop and grow and we can showcase further areas of work. Please do feel free to take a look at the site and register. If you have an idea or project that you may feel suitable for Your Voice feel free to contact the Tenant Engagement Team, or if you would like a demonstration of the site.

# **Cross Gates & Whinmoor**

Whinmoor TARA – New Tenants Group now officially launched, a Halloween competition and have a number of ideas for the community including notice boards and benches.

Brayton Green – HAP bid approved to carry out Environmental Improvements around complex cost £6473.10

LUFC Foundation – New bid received to jointly fund KICKS football sessions at Halton Moor & Swarcliffe

#### **Garforth & Swillington**

Halliday Court – Work now completed on installation of fencing to front of the complex to deter Anti-Social Behaviour.

Oak Grove – Agreement received from Housing Leeds for incredible Edible to house a storage container on site to increase use of the wildlife area

The Crescent/Oval – Work ongoing re numbering of these properties, further consultation carried out to residents who hadn't responded.

#### **Kippax & Methley**

Kippax Dementia Garden – Work continuing to complete the dementia garden Hollins Grove – HAP bid approved for environmental improvements to complex cost £3141.71

Cross Hills Court – Successful Tenants meeting held with Housing Staff and Ward Members Allerton Bywater – Parish Council to explore creating a community allotment rear of Housing Leeds bungalows on Leeds Road. Asset Management & Regeneration looking into potentially exploring transfer of asset. Consultation will need to take place before any decision made Micklefield Green Group – Consultation will be carried out with residents on piece of land close to railway station maybe have planters/benches/veg patches etc.

#### **Temple Newsam**

Green Guardian Scheme – Evaluation meeting will take place end of November with Groundwork. Lakeland Court – They are looking into resuming the weekly coffee afternoon/bingo sessions with residents

Field End – HAP application received to install fencing and replace path to flats at top of Field End. LUFC KICKS Programme – LUFC have now submitted a joint HAP bid to deliver sessions in Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

The current funding available in the Housing Advisory Panel Budget is: £24,144.71

#### 12. Youth Services

#### **Outer East Priorities**

<u>Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward</u> - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

<u>Garforth & Swillington Ward</u> – Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

**Kippax & Methley Ward** - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

**Temple Newsam Ward** – Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

A summer diversionary programme was offered across most of the South, South East areas, engaging young people in interesting, educational & fun activities. The programme of diversionary activities included full & half day trips, activity days, picnics in parks, zoom sessions & local sessions. Areas that had the holiday programme will refer to parts of the programme delivered. In total nine activity days were delivered across the SSE area engaging over 2700 young people!

Youth Work sessions resumed in some buildings where access was permitted, and attendance levels reviewed on a regular basis, Covid secure measures have seen numbers fluctuate and recently most youth work sessions have seen an increase in attendance.

Nightly detached & mobile sessions have been delivered in SSE area to encourage young people to participate in positive sessions. Sessions have enabled young people to access support around mental & physical health, C card service and focus on anti-social behaviour within the local community. The young people have been able to utilise the sessions to meet their friends, engaging in educational activities whilst having fun.

Outdoor activity sessions have been delivered across wards where building access has been limited or no buildings being available. The Outdoor sessions were initially received well, however as the weather has changed and darker nights move in there are concerns regards the future of these sessions.

Weapons Awareness First Aid – Several sessions have been organised and delivered across the SSE area, the sessions focussed on prevention and dealing with wounds aligned to carrying and use of knife

use. The sessions were received well with most young people exploring why young people carry knives and made a commitment to NOT carry a weapon.

Environmental Work – Young people have been engaging in sessions focussed on environmental work, sessions have included litter picks, painting shelters, bird box building, respecting wildlife, taking litter home and bat spotting. Work has also included sharing information on social media regards use of plastics and access to open water. To thank the young people for their engagement trips have been undertaken to Yorkshire Wildlife Park to further develop awareness of the impact on wildlife.

Water Safety work during periods of hot weather, Youth Workers joined up with Police to focus on locations. Education and safety advice provided to young people. Youth Service also engaged with Fire Service to identify locations of new safety devices located on rivers. In July a partnership with the Police seen several locations visited and safety awareness work undertaken.

Youth Matters group sessions have resumed and encouraged young people to become active in having a voice & influence in their local areas. Some of the young people have been engaged in interviews for the two management positions within the Youth Service and involved in local consultations to ensure the voice of young people is heard.

Youth Service SSE have been engaging in Police Tasking & community safety meetings to assist with issues related to young people and focus on what solutions are available. The meetings enable Youth Service to link in with ASB teams, Police & Fire Service and target areas of concern.

Youth Service SSE social media accounts have been utilised to promote the work of the SSE team, young people & parents have been accessing Facebook, Instagram & Twitter to identify opportunities in local areas and holiday programmes. The Social media also enables young people to be made aware of on-line service available to support mental Health issues.

Below are some of the examples of the work undertaken in each of the wards across the SSE area during July to September 2021:

Youth Workers offered various trips out during the school summer holidays. These were funded by the YAF via ward Councillors from the Outer East Community Committee. The Outer East Youth engagement groups (YpmyG based at Micklefield & Swarcliffe Youth Matters) discussed and decided on what trips to offer relevant to age group and areas interests. This enabled young people to utilise their budgeting skills. The trips chosen were Alton Towers, Flamingo Land, Lazerzone, Go Ape, York Maze and Carlton Lodge Activity Centre in Thirsk. All the trips were full with a waiting list for the theme park trips. Social media played a huge part in the promotion of these trips; with many young people in attendance who weren't aware of the Youth Service. These young people were also signposted to our weekly evening mobile sessions.

<u>Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.</u>

Recently the Swarcliffe area has experienced an increase in anti-social behaviour some of which has been linked to knife crime, Youth Workers addressed the situation though a mixture of street-based work, group work sessions and issued based work during open youth groups. The detached Youth Workers focussed on young people congregating at Swarcliffe parade, exploring reasons why they were there, their behaviour while on site, the impact on the community and weapons awareness. The open youth group engaged young people in a weapons awareness programme, exploring consequences of carrying a knife, the danger posed, and group members created posters around not carrying knifes. During one of the group sessions "Lessons4Life" were invited in to facilitate emergency first aid training to young people. The organisation worked with a group of young people to look at how to prioritise if an ambulance is needed by using interactive tools and mapping. Learnt how to apply tourniquets, dress wounds, giving the young people skills on how to effectively prioritise and treat wounds in an emergency. Young people's feedback is that they felt more confident should a situation arise where they had to put their learning into actions. Young people enjoyed the interactive session and would recommend to other young people.

Swarcliffe Activity Day was delivered during summer, the events in the grounds of Swarcliffe Community Centre engaged over 500 young people in a fun filled day. Local groups also engaged in the event and utilised it for fundraising for their groups, the feedback from both young people and parents was positive.

# Garforth & Swillington Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

During mobile sessions, Youth Workers discussed the use of illegal drugs, mental health, LGBTQ+ awareness, sexual health, underage drinking, bullying and friendships. The Youth Workers discussed the negative impacts that youth anti-social behaviour was having on health and well-being, the impact their behaviour was having on others; namely friends, family and the community around them.

Youth Workers concentrated on "hotspot" areas in the ward, these included Barleyhill Park, Garforth Main Street / Beech Grove Terrace, Halliday Court, Swillington playground, Swillington old brick works and St Aidan's nature park. All these areas had been flagged up via ward Councillors or via the Police. Young people were signposted to Youth Service mobile sessions as a positive alternative and the Summer Holiday programme / trips funded by the Youth Activity Fund.

# **Kippax & Methley Ward -** Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Youth Workers have continued to respond to reports of young people related anti-social behaviour using the mobile provision to cover the ward. These weekly sessions have utilised Police intelligence going to "hotspots" of anti-social behaviour in the villages. The locations have included Kippax Apple Tree estate / co-op area, Allerton Bywater Lines, Methley Savile Park and St Aidan's nature park.

Youth Workers engaged with young people at these locations to discuss illegal drug usage, under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour. Youth Workers discussed that ASB was having a negative impact on the area/s they live in and were upsetting residents. Young people were made aware of the consequences of their behaviour and that Police were aware of the locations. Young people were signposted to Youth Service building based and mobile sessions and the Youth Service SSE summer school holiday trips out as a positive alternative.

Kippax Kicks reopened inside the leisure centre in September. The young people were happy to be able to use the excellent facilities again. During the outdoor session's attendance had dropped off however, Youth Workers are confident the attendance will increase, and young people can learn new football skills from our partner The Leeds United Foundation.

Micklefield and Methley youth clubs are back open and young people are enjoying being back in indoors again with access to all the great facilities. The numbers have increased weekly and new members are joining.

# <u>Temple Newsam Ward</u> – <u>Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours:</u> - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Youth Service SSE organised and delivered an Activity Day in Halton Moor on August 2<sup>nd</sup> which was funded through Community Committee and Temple Newsam Councillors. This year's event had many partners included Army, Navy, Police, Fire Brigade, Local Boxing Club, Leeds Utd Foundation Kicks and The Youth Association. The event included several displays and stalls including arts & crafts, donkeys and ice-cream man who all promoted their services to residents and young people.

Due to COVID health & safety regulations, the event numbers had to be capped to 500 people, using the Eventbrite booking system people were able to pre book enabling the event numbers to be monitored. On the day of the event people were able to walk in, however priority was for pre-booked people. The day was very successful with lots of engagement by the local community engaging in the inflatable activities, arts / crafts and various stalls. The feedback from residents, young people and stall holders was very positive.

In partnership with Leeds United Community Foundation a new targeted group session has been developed, the Thursday evening session engages hard to reach young people in a small group session focussing on Anti-Social Behaviour. The group members have been identified by partners and are linked into the session delivered at South Leeds Youth HUB, the session is focussed on addressing behaviours, consequences of action and impact on community. These sessions are challenging to say

the least, but with the key individuals engaged Youth Workers and Leeds United staff are making progress.

#### Youth Work Challenges:

Covid 19 – Has continued to create operational challenges, limit on numbers, social distancing measures and limited access including changing testing requirements has led to some sessions being difficult to operate.

Explaining and enforcing the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions to young people, in terms of mask wearing in buildings/mobiles and limited group sizes.

Staffing vacancies & levels has been difficult, Staff having to self-Isolate, Staff sickness, staff supporting other areas of work and working from home has made this period difficult to offer a full programme.

Building access being prevented has resulted in several outdoor sessions, when weather is good the young people have been turning up. However, during poor weather conditions

Youth Workers were unable to find young people want to engage.

Large amount of youth Anti-Social Behaviour requests for service to respond to, with a limited staff team.

Volunteers not wanting to return after being stood down due to COVID-19.

Lack of toilet facilities for staff while out on detached.

#### 13. Community Engagement: Forums

#### The following forums below took place face to face in the Community.

Whinmoor Forum – 22nd November 21.

Manston & Swarcliffe Forum – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 21

## 14. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 1 Social Media Report provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page, along with the fourward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the areas.

The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

The report covers from the 2nd September – 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

**16.** 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**

- 17. 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**

18. . 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

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

#### **Risk Management**

20. 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

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

#### Recommendations

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

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

**23.** 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.



# Outer East Community Committee & COVID-19 Groups

**FACEBOOK** highlights

02 September 2021 - 16 November 2021

# **Outer East Community Committee**

Since 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **26 new page 'likes'** (and currently has) **3,016 followers.** 

This means that this is the **first** most popular Community Committee page.

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 most popular post since the 02 September 2021 is the LCC Outer East Community Committee post regarding the weekend road closures on ELOR.

- has been shared 17 times
- has reached a total of 8,486 people

The following below are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the 02 September 2021.

Alongside are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

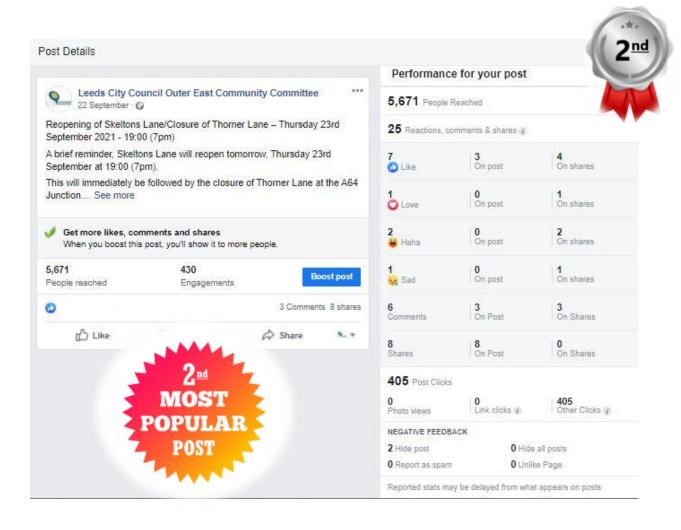
**1st Place – LCC Outer East Community Committee Post:** Weekend road closures on ELOR on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

8,486 people had this post delivered to them and it had 839 post clicks, with 84 likes, comments and shares.



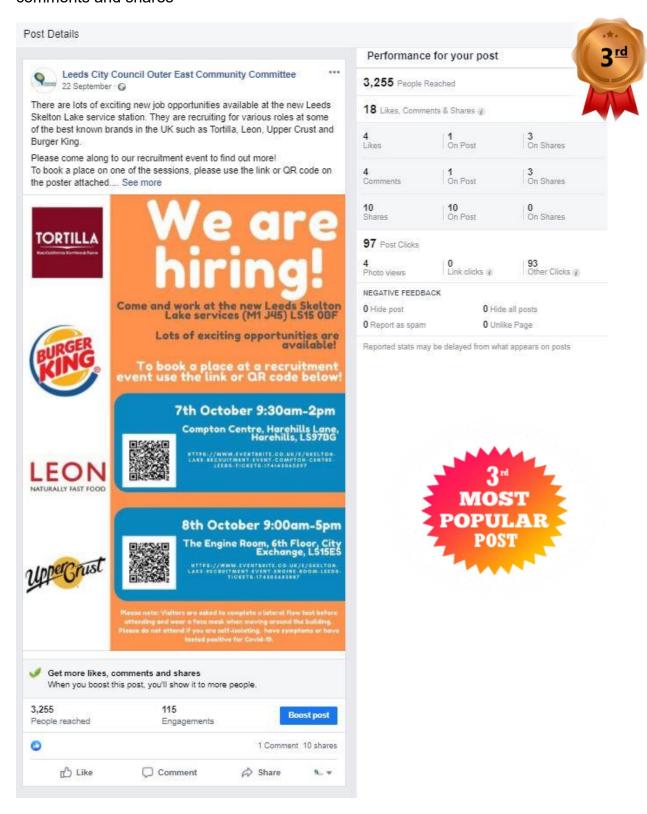
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – LCC Outer East Community Committee Post:** Reopening of Skeltons Lane/Closure of Thorner Lane - 22 September 2021

5,671 people had this post delivered, with 405 post clicks with 25 reactions, comments & shares.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – LCC Outer East Community Committee Post:** New job opportunities at the New Leeds Skelton Lane service station.

3,255 people had this post delivered to them. There were 97 post clicks and 18 likes, 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, Cross Gates & Whinmoor has **270** members, Garforth & Swillington has **156** members, Kippax & Methley has **234** members and Temple Newsam has **114** 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.

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor:
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/160876171685804/
- Garforth & Swillington: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2825870440832422/
- Kippax & Methley: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2537537846488224/
- Temple Newsam: https://www.facebook.com/groups/231347554658819/

For the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) information visit www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus







