



Inner West Community Committee

Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall

**Meeting to be held in Eric Atkinson Centre,
Wellington Gardens, Bramley, Leeds LS13 2JA
Tuesday, 12th March, 2024 at 6.00 pm**

Councillors:

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| J McKenna | - Armley; |
| A Parnham | - Armley; |
| A Smart | - Armley; |
| C Gruen | - Bramley and Stanningley; |
| T Hinchcliffe | - Bramley and Stanningley; |
| K Ritchie | - Bramley and Stanningley; |
| H Bithell | - Kirkstall; |
| A Rontree | - Kirkstall; |
| F Venner | - Kirkstall; |

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Co-optees

Rhea Bentley	Armley Ward
Jonathan Butler	Bramley & Stanningley Ward
Lorraine Cooper	Armley Ward
Stephen Garvani	Kirkstall Ward
Steve Harris	Kirkstall Ward
Catherine Hyde	Armley Ward
Tamsin MacDonald	Kirkstall Ward
Stephen McBarron	Bramley & Stanningley Ward
Jack McLean	Bramley & Stanningley Ward
Mark Rollinson	Armley Ward

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Images on cover from left to right:

Armley - Armley Mills; Armley Library (old entrance)

Bramley & Stanningley - war memorial; Bramley Baths

Kirkstall – Kirkstall Leisure Centre; deli market at Kirkstall Abbey

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>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).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting.)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, 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.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If the recommendation is accepted, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 or Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as appropriate, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those 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:-'</p>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY FORUMS</p> <p>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.</p>	
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			<p>THIRD PARTY RECORDING PROTOCOL</p> <p>Third Party Recording</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor A Smart in the Chair

Councillors H Bithell, C Gruen,
T Hinchcliffe, J McKenna, A Parnham,
K Ritchie, A Rontree and F Venner

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Rhea Bentley, Jonathan Butler, Lorraine Cooper, Stephen Garvani, Steve Harris, Catherine Hyde, Tamsin MacDonald, Mark Rollinson.

26 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

27 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

28 Late Items

There were no late items.

29 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

30 Apologies for Absence

Apologises for absence were received from Stephen McBarron, co-opted member of Bramley and Stanningley Ward.

It was noted that Cllr Bithell would need to leave the meeting at 7pm and that Cllr Venner would be late to the meeting.

31 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion there were no members of the public in attendance who wished to speak.

32 Minutes - 5th September 2023

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2023, be approved as a correct record.

33 Inner West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update to the Community Committee on the work undertaken by the Locality Team on the priorities set out by the Community Committee.

Updates were provided by the Community Committee Champions on the work of the sub-groups:

Children and Families

Cllrs Gruen and Bithell explained to the Committee that they would like to change the way the sub-group work to create more outcomes by requesting work items from the Committee. It was the view that in previous years the sub-group had worked well in networking meetings and although, discussions were taking place they were not having the desired impact on the lives of the young people that were expected in terms of actions. The sub-group wished to see more positive actions from the meetings. The Community Committee review makes use of the sub-groups for best practice. The following proposals for work to be undertaken by the sub-group were provided by the Members:

- Look at housing and how it impacts on the lives of children's education.
- Changes to the priority award system, with special weight and a speeding up of the process. It was noted that there was already an issue with Band A as you could not be deemed homeless if living in an overcrowded property. It is known that some children are currently 'sofa surfing' and this would have a detrimental effect on their education and health.
- Bus services for young people, and the local provision, as this is the primary mode of transport for young people.
- It was noted that Bramley and Stanningley Ward has the most visits to Accident and Emergency for children with respiratory conditions and this needed to be addressed. It was the view that this should be looked at in conjunction with work taking place in the Environment sub-group looking at air pollution in the Inner West area.

Environment

Cllr Rontree informed the Committee that the sub-group had a good briefing from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. They were advised that in the New Year bin routes would be changing to suit the current needs of the city. It was noted that green and black bins would be collected alternate weeks in future.

Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Ritchie said that he would be willing to link into the work with Children and Young People sub-group on respiratory issues.

He said that the vaccine program was ongoing.

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He informed the Committee about the Community Mental Health Programme which was becoming a single point access. This would ease access to the different services so that people could be directed to the most appropriate service for their care.

The Bramley, Wortley and Middleton Care Partnership and the West Leeds Care Partnership had been looking at childhood obesity and providing cooking classes. They had also been looking at the cost of living crisis and the effects on people's health. They were providing signposts to services and schemes to support them. He said that he would send Members the newsletter.

Cllr Andy Parnham updated the Committee on the work taking place at the New Wortley Community Centre where £600 pounds had been used to provide slow cookers for families in most need of support. He also said that 2 support workers had been funded to assist the current support worker and this was working well.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Team along with Cllr Harland the Executive Member for Communities had visited Armley Town Street and the Armley Hub. It had been underlined that the area should not have cuts to funding and services. He said that it had been good to welcome senior offices and let them what assistance Armley needed.

Cllr McKenna advised the Members of a scheme at the New Wortley Community Centre to provide the most vulnerable families with hampers which also included fuel vouchers. He asked Members for any support that they could give for this scheme.

Community Safety

Cllr Hinchcliffe informed the Committee of a scheme being undertaken by West Yorkshire Police for 'No Cold Calling Zones'. It was noted that this is a free service and it easy to set up. Cllr Hinchcliffe said anyone wishing to set up this scheme should contact him via email.

It was noted that Burnsall Croft were having issues with anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Gruen said the Children's Summit had gone well and thanked the Locality Officer for his support on the day.

The Committee acknowledged the tragic accident which had happened in Armley the day before. It was noted that this was the second tragic accident on this stretch of road this year. Both accidents had involved the demolition of bus stops and deaths of people waiting at the bus stops. It was suggested that West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) be invited to attend a meeting.

It was noted that the Armley Ward Councillors had contacted senior officers in the Council and Alison Lowe, WYCA Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, in relation to their concerns on this stretch road. It was recognised that after the

first accident Ward Councillors had been told that speed cameras would be put on this stretch of road by the end of summer. Ward Councillors had been advised that cameras would not now be installed until the end of the financial year. It was suggested that a letter be sent from the Chair and the Community Committee to WYCA and Highways of the issues on Stanningley Road.

Cllr Venner joined the meeting at 6.35 at the end of this item.

34 Best City Ambition - Refresh

The report of the Head of Policy provided the Community Committee with an update on the Best City Ambition refresh, and to gather input from Elected Members and residents.

At the Community Committee a presentation was given.

The Community Committee were provided with the following information:

- The Best City Ambition is the overall vision for Leeds and how the Council plans to tackle poverty and inequality.
- The Best City Ambition brings together the different strategies and priorities for the city, to assist the Council to achieve its ambition and provide clarity about what it is doing and how it is proposing to do it.
- The Best City Ambition is set around 3 pillars:
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Inclusivity and growth
 - Zero Carbon
- The Best City Ambition was introduced in 2022. It was decided to refresh the Best City Ambition in line with new strategies for Inclusive Growth and Health and Wellbeing. It also takes account of comments provided by the LGA Peer Review, which said that the approach of the Council was good. It was their view that the Team Leeds approach which sees everyone coming together to play their part, alongside other partners and agencies was working well.
- The refresh of the Best City Ambition is due to be put before Executive Board in December and to full Council in February 2024.

The Committee were provided with data for the Inner West area. It was noted that some of the data may be out of date as it was mostly taken from the 2021 Census and at a time when the country was just coming out of lockdown after the pandemic. The data showed that the Inner West area had a high density of population compared with the rest of the city. It was also noticeable that there had been a change in how people work, with an increase of people working from home.

The Best City Ambition uses a number of tools including the Social Progress Index (SPI), a tool which will deliver ward-based insights on a wide range of data points. The SPI has been developed by the global non-profit Social Progress Initiative. Members were offered a general briefing in relation to the

SPI, and if they wanted to take up this offer, they should contact the presenting officer.

The Members were very interested in the data provided at the meeting, were advised that the data was publicly available to access on the LCC website. It was noted that the data feeds into policy, so the Council knows where there is most need in the city.

Members recalled that it had been former councillor Paul Truswell who had been Chair of the Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board, who had requested a tool to capture inclusive growth.

The Committee Members requested further data at a ward level.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the presentation.

Cllr Bithell left the meeting at 7pm at the conclusion of this item.

35 Inner West Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated the Inner West Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget and the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) for 2023/24.

The Locality Officer presented the report and provided the following information:

- The Wellbeing Fund currently has a remaining balance of £19,621.07. Table 1 of the submitted report showed a full breakdown of projects.
- Members were asked to consider a project for a Speed Indication Device on Raynville Road, Bramley, submitted by LCC Highways for £3,500.00 from the Capital Budget.
- Since the last meeting on 5th September 2023 the following projects had been considered and approved:
 - Wellington Gardens Burglary – WYP - £1,100.00
 - Armley Basketball Project – WNW Youth Service - £875.00
 - Ministry of Boxing at Armley Leisure Centre – Armley Leisure Centre - £1,310.00
 - Kepstorn Close Parking Bays – LCC Highways - £25,984.80
 - Bramley Festive Light Switch on – LCC Breeze - £3,700.00
 - Armley Festive Lights Switch on – LCC Breeze - £6,468.12
- It was noted that no projects had been declined.
- Monitoring information was provided at Paragraph 24 of the submitted report.
- The remaining balance of the Youth Activity Fund is currently £18,019.87. Table 2 of the submitted report provided a breakdown of projects supported.
- Table 3 presented a breakdown of Small Grants and Table 4 showed the skips provided to date.

- The Capital Budget currently has £9,858.84 available to spend. Table 5 summarised the capital allocation.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy budget has £69,498.13 available to spend. Table 6 showed the projects funded to date.

Members discussions included:

- Cllr Ritchie explained that the old tennis courts at Stanningley Park needed resurfacing. He said that the courts had not been used for tennis for a few years, and the area was currently used as a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), but the surface was now degrading. Cllr Ritchie informed the Members that £5,000 had been secured through S106 money, the area had recently received a Capital boost of £13,000. However, he was requesting that Members support an application from Bramley and Stanningley to use £36,000 of the CIL Budget towards this project.
- Cllr McKenna also requested Members support for an application to use £1,000 of the CIL Budget to replace a wall at New Wortley Cemetery which had been demolished by a lorry.
- Members requested information on an outdoor summer cinema which the Committee had helped fund. The Locality Officer is to make enquiries about this and report back.
- Cllr Parnham at this point in the meeting declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Armley Common Rights Trust. He informed the Committee that the Trust required a new ride on mower as the one they were using was no longer working properly and had already had a number of repairs. He advised the Committee that the cost for a new ride on mower would be £4,500. The Armley Ward Councillors requested an email setting out the proposal for consideration.

RESOLVED – To note:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21)
 - Raynville Road SID requested by LCC Highways for £3,500 from Capital was approved.
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- d. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- e. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- f. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Tables 3 & 4)
- g. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- h. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

36 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting would on 12th March 2024 at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the Bramley/ Stanningley Ward, and the venue will be confirmed nearer to the date.

The meeting concluded at 19:10

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Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner West Community Committee
[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

Report author: Patrick Mulcahy

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024

For decision

Inner West 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 2023/24.

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 Inner West Community Committee this means that the money for the Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall wards will be administered by the Inner West Community Committee.
9. It was agreed at Inner West Community Committee on the 20th June 2018 that CIL monies for Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall would go where it is needed across the Inner West Community Committee area, to be decided by the elected members of the Inner West. Members will have mindfulness of the area where development is and local sensitivity around this.
10. Until the UK left the European Union, the EU's State Aid rules controlled how UK and discretionary EU funding was provided to enterprises and entities that engage in economic activities. Now the UK has left the EU, it is no longer bound by the State Aid rules and has developed its own domestic subsidy control regime, The Subsidy Control Act 2022. As the Subsidy Control Act 2022 has potential implications for the Community Committees as funding bodies, a 'subsidy control' assessment will be undertaken on all funding requests received by the Community Committees.
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. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing 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 such 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. 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 Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.

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- c) details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.

For the committee's awareness, urgent delegated decisions on wellbeing funding also covers small grant decisions. In agreement with the Executive Board Member for Communities, Community Committee Chairs & also in accordance with the communication that was sent out to all committees/Elected Members in March 2023, the approval threshold for small grants has now increased from the 1st April 2023; up to £1,000.00 per ward. This approach will ensure consistency in terms of administering small grants, in accordance with the committees' minimum conditions.

17. As has been the case at the beginning of previous municipal years, the Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.
18. 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 2023/24

19. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2023/24 was **£129,546.00**.

Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of **£187,715.63** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2022/23. **£158,684.25** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2022/23 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2023/24 is therefore **£317,261.63**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.

20. 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.

21. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£18,794.70**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing revenue 2023/24

	£			
Balance brought forward from previous year 2022/23	£187,715.63			
Less projects brought forward from previous year 2022/23	£158,684.25			
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2023/24	£157,577.38			
Ward Projects	Total:	Armley	B&S	Kirkstall
Per ward carry forward + new allocation				
Crime Prevention Development	£ 3,800.00	£ -	£ -	£ 3,800.00
IW ASB & Road Safety 23/24	£ 6,178.40	£ 2,059.33	£ 2,059.33	£ 2,059.74
Life on the Veg	£ 10,000.00	£ 3,333.33	£ 3,333.33	£ 3,333.34
Community Participation & Learning Programme 23/24	£ 1,200.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
Bramley Fun Day & Summer Activities Programme	£ 4,210.00	£ -	£ 4,210.00	£ -
SEND Activity Day	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -
LWA Starlight's Cheerleading Team	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Kirkstall Festival 2023	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 5,000.00
Kirkstall Art Trail 2023	£ 7,710.00	£ -	£ -	£ 7,710.00
Summer Holiday Targeted Provision	£ 2,120.00	£ 710.00	£ 710.00	£ 700.00
Bramley Mermaids Club	£ 800.00	£ -	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
New Wortley ParkPlay	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ -
Hanging Baskets Day	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ -
Armley Festival 2023	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ -	£ -
Art Camp @ Shire Oak Primary School 23/24	£ 7,700.00	£ -	£ -	£ 7,700.00
Burley Park Play Equipment Painting	£ 2,935.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,935.00
St. Margaret's Church	£ 2,020.00	£ -	£ 2,020.00	£ -
SOS+	£ 3,892.35	£ -	£ 3,892.35	£ -
Empower	£ 15,232.00	£ 15,232.00	£ -	£ -

IW Christmas Lights	£ 8,509.00	£ 2,868.00	£ 2,584.00	£ 3,057.00
Inner West CCTV	£ 6,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
New Wortley Festival 2023	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00		
Community Events in Armley & Gotts Park	£ 2,590.00	£ 2,590.00		
Learning Boxing, Living Better	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,800.00		
Gecko Arts Club Extra Funding	£ 409.74		£ 409.74	
Litter Bins For Bramley	£ 2,490.10		£ 2,490.10	
LS12 Creative - IW	£ 1,978.40	£ 1,000.00	£ 978.40	
Wellington Garden Burglary	£ 1,100.00	£ -	£ 1,100.00	£ -
Bramley Lantern Parade	£ 1,600.00	£ -	£ 1,600.00	£ -
Discover Wellbeing	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ -
Youth Summit	£ 2,250.00	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Bramley Festive Light Switch On Event	£ 3,147.32	£ -	£ 3,147.32	£ -
Armley Festive Lights switch On	£ 6,468.12	£ 6,468.12	£ -	£ -
Total of schemes approved 2023/24	£164,520.87	£70,692.81	£49,354.87	£44,473.19
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£18,794.70	£2,736.63	£3,708.94	£12,349.13

Wellbeing and Capital projects for consideration and approval

22. The following projects are presented for Members' consideration from 24/25 budget:

- 1) Project Title: Tennis Court Improvements – Burley Park
 Organisation: LCC – Climate, Energy and Green Spaces (CEG)
 Total Project Cost: 108,076.39
 Amount requested from CIL: 10,876.64
 Wards Effected: Kirkstall
 Project Description: The grant will be used to resurface and repaint the 3 tennis courts and replace all net posts and nets which will bring the courts up to a very good standard.
 Replacement of all fencing around the tennis courts.

- 2) Project Title: Stanningley Park MUGA Resurfacing
 Organisation: LCC – Climate, Energy and Green Spaces (CEG)
 Total Project Cost: £54,000.00
 Amount requested from CIL: £36,000.00
 Wards Effected: Bramley and Stanningley
 Project Description: The grant will be used to resurface and re-paint the lines at Stanningley Park MUGA.

- 3) Project Title: Bramley Moorside Youth Group (Moorside Tara Rent)
 Organisation: LCC Youth Service
 Total Project Cost: £1,470.00
 Amount requested from Wellbeing: £1,470.00
 Wards Effected: Bramley and Stanningley
 Project Description: The funding would cover the rent at Moorside Tara CC from April 2024 – March 2025.

- 4) Project Title: Inner West Generalist Advice Service
 Organisation: Better Leeds Communities
 Total Project Cost: £21,947.35
 Amount requested from Wellbeing: £21,947.35 (£7,315.79 per ward)
 Wards Effected: Armley, Kirkstall, Bramley and Stanningley
 Project Description: We are looking to offer a Generalist Advice Service with a primary focus on empowering clients to improve their financial and emotional well-being, from outreach locations

across the Armley, Bramley and Kirkstall wards. We will work with the Armley, Bramley and Kirkstall ward councillors to determine the best locations to deliver this service

- 5) Project Title: Kirkstall Art Trail 2024
Organisation: Kirkstall Art Trail
Total Project Cost: £4,000.00
Amount requested from Wellbeing: £4,000.00
Wards Effected: Kirkstall
Project Description: The aim of the Kirkstall Art Trail is to highlight, showcase and support the local creative community, building relationships and encouraging people to meet and be inspired by local art. During the event, art and other creative work by local people will be on public display in locations throughout the Kirkstall area including significant Community Spaces and local businesses. We wish to encourage local pride and engagement through this free event and welcome all attendees to engage by taking part in workshops and activities.

- 6) Project Title: Kirkstall Festival 2024
Organisation: Kirkstall Festival Committee
Total Project Cost: 33,445.00
Amount requested from Wellbeing: £8,000.00 (£5,000.00 from Kirkstall, £1,500 from Armley, £1,500.00 from Bramley and Stanningley)
Wards Effected: Armley, Kirkstall and Bramley and Stanningley
Project Description: The grant will be used to support Kirkstall Festival 2024, the 44th Festival, to be held in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey on Saturday July 13th. This year's Festival theme is 'These are a few of my favourite themes', a retrospective choice from previous years' themes.

- 7) Project Title: Kirkstall School Transition Club
Organisation: LCC Youth Service
Total Project Cost: £7,115.00
Amount requested from Wellbeing: £2,215.00
Wards Effected: Kirkstall
Project Description: The project plan is to continue a transition group for those young people living in the Kirkstall area, that are in year 6 and will be transitioning into year 7 soon. The group would act as a generic youth club for that age range after school on a Tuesday (15:30 till 17:00), as well as including issue based activities to support those young people to feel more confident about going to secondary school.

- 8) Project Title: Wellbeing in Nature - sessions to support increased physical activity, decreased loneliness & isolation, and a better experience of menopause
Organisation: The Conservation Volunteers
Total Project Cost: £8,241.00
Amount requested from Wellbeing: £8,241.00 (£2,747.00 per ward)
Wards Effected: Kirkstall, Armley, Bramley and Stanningley
Project Description: We would like to use funds from the Leeds inner West Community Committee to deliver 22 practical environmental action days with targeted health and wellbeing outcomes for:
Increasing physical activity (1 session a week x 10 weeks); Health management & peer support for people experiencing the menopause (1 Sunday/month x 12 months)

- 9) Project Title: Community Events in Armley and Gotts Park
Organisation: Friends of Armley and Gotts Park
Total Project Cost: £2,935.56
Amount requested from Wellbeing: £2,935.56
Wards Effected: Armley

Project Description: The grant will be used to purchase equipment that is very much needed for events and community participation. Equipment that will be purchased is; Bowling Balls, Outdoor storage containers, Kitchen equipment, 110L water bowser carrier and cart and gardening equipment.

10) Project Title: Armley Basketball Project

Organisation: LCC Youth Service

Total Project Cost: £7,620.00

Amount requested from YAF: £3,120.00

Wards Effected: Armley

Project Description: To continue successful basketball session that has been running since 2017 at the Armley Leisure Centre.

11) Project Title: Bramley Youth Clubs

Organisation: LCC Youth Service

Total Project Cost: £1,200.00

Amount requested from YAF: £1,200.00

Wards Effected: Bramley and Stanningley

Project Description: The plan for the funding would be to improve current long standing Youth Sessions in the Bramley Area with resources for the young people to keep these youth sessions well attended.

12) Project Title: DAZL Bramey Dance Programme 2024

Organisation: Dance Action Zone Leeds

Total Project Cost: £4,979.16

Amount requested from YAF: £3,861.00

Wards Effected: Bramley and Stanningley

Project Description: We want to provide activities for young people which in today's climate has never been so important. We want to provide a weekly creative dance program that includes activities in school holidays including art/ culture to encourage healthy lifestyles. This program includes wider opportunities like our previously hosted city-wide showcase at Christmas. We also plan to ensure our young people take part in local community events this engagement with the community is vital. In 2023-24 the DAZL Bramley group who took part in 2 major performance events, showcasing their work and also took part in small local events have been embraced by the community in person and digitally. We feel it's important to provide these experiences for the children to allow carers to see the progression. Currently, we engage 50+ children in community activity from the ward. We would like to build further on this, encouraging families to sign up for constant activity throughout the year to promote consistency locally with an additional interest in the freestyle sessions. We are delivering afterschool dance in many local primary schools and with local organisations and wish to capitalise on this. We would welcome support from elected members on venues as we have struggled with this.

13) Project Title: LS12 - Creative

Organisation: Interplay Theatre Trust

Total Project Cost: £27,411.00

Amount requested from YAF: £12,450.00

Wards Effected: Armley and Bramley and Stanningley

Project Description: This funding will support Interplay in the expansion of our existing free to access LS12 Creative project. We currently have 45 young people aged 14 – 17 attending weekly our activities on a regular basis. Participants are offered opportunities to engage in developing skills in theatre and film making. We would use the funding to expand this programme over a 12 month period from September 2023 to April 2024 by:

- Delivering 3 workshops a week during term time, engaging a wider age range (8-11, 11-14, and 14 plus)
- Running holiday activities in the school half terms
- Increasing the range of activities offered to include music, dance and film
- Support the continued development of our relationships with the youth service, Barca. Local schools and the LCC Life Coaching Service
- Continue on working with NEET young people – The Armley Ward has the highest level of NEET's of any Ward in Leeds, particularly through the relationships with Barca and the LCC Life Coaching Service.

14) Project Title: Breeze in the Park Event 2024 – Inner West (Bramley, Armley, Kirkstall)

Organisation: LCC Breeze

Total Project Cost: £16,950.00

Amount requested from YAF: £11,400.00 (£3,800.00 per ward)

Wards Effected: Armley, Bramley and Stanningley and Kirkstall

Project Description: The grant will be used to deliver Breeze in the Park events in the Inner West area during the summer holidays. The suitable locations identified for these are;

- Bramley Park
- Kirkstall Abbey
- Armley Park

23. Since the last Community Committee meeting on 21st November 2023, the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:

- **Armley Leisure Centre Youth Space - £7,945.00**

24. The following projects are presented for Members' consideration from 24/25 budget:

Declined Projects

25. Since the last Community Committee on 21st November 2023, 0 projects have been declined.

Monitoring Information

26. 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.

27. The committee had previously funded YMCA's project "Community Youth Worker" in which the funds were put towards the cost of venue and the cost of two community youth workers. The project aimed to; support activities that make people feel safer; support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired; promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities; improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities.

28. We have agreed to support activities that make people and place feel safer, we have done this by promoting a well-known community location as a safe space for local young people. We have improved young peoples knowledge of different topics, through issue based sessions such as healthy eating, smoking and vaping, drugs and alcohol and other topics. Young people in the area have also built closer relationships, making the area feel more

like a community to different individuals.

29. Another aim was to support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired. We did this by giving young people the chance to learn new sports, with qualified practitioners, developing their skills around different sports, and possibly sports they haven't tried before, in a more flexible and pressure free environment.

30. We agreed to promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities, we did this with a programme that has helped support young people in the community to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours by promoting sexual health, minimising the misuse of drugs, alcohol & tobacco and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour.

Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24

31. The total available for spend in Inner West Community Committee in 2023/24, including carry forward from previous year, is **£94,024.50**.

32. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£66,251.88** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.

33. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£12,191.03** in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2023/24

	Total allocation	Ward Split 8-17 Population		
		Armley 2,629 Young People	B&S 2,745 Young People	Kirkstall 1,657 Young People
Income 2023/24	£36,260	£	£	£
Carried forward from previous year	£57,952.50	£20,959.18	£21,957.13	£15,036.19
Total available (including brought forward balance) for schemes in 2023/24	£76,310.00	£27,343.43	£27,669.00	£21,297.57
Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year	£17,714.50	£5,639.75	£6,312.13	£5,762.62
Total available budget for this year 202/23	£94,024.50	£32,983.18	£33,981.13	£27,060.19

Projects 2023/24	Amount requested from YAF	Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Kirkstall
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Armley Basketball Project @ Armley Leisure Centre	£1,660.00	£1,660.00	£ -	£ -
Boxfit & Self-Defence Project	£2,760.00	£ -	£ -	£2,760.00
DAZL IW: Culture in my Community	£3,861.00	£ -	£ 3,861.00	£ -
Breeze in the Park	£11,400.00	£3,800.00	£ 3,800.00	£3,800.00
Gecko Arts Club	£7,366.80	£2,455.60	£ 2,455.60	£2,455.60
KVDT Boxcercise	£5,160.00	£ -	£ -	£5,160.00
SOS+	£15,917.60	£ -	£15,917.60	£ -
Bramley Basketball	£1,330.00	£ -	£1,330.00	£ -
LS12 Creative	£5,847.00	£5,847.00	£ -	£ -
Ministry of Boxing at Armley Leisure Centre	£1,310.00	£1,310.00	£ -	£ -
Armley Basketball Project	£875.00	£875.00	£ -	£ -
Armley Leisure Centre Youth Space	£7,945.00	£7,945.00	£ -	£ -
Remaining balance per ward	£12,191.03	£5,157.25	£321.55	£6,712.23

Small Grants & Skips Budget 2023/24

TABLE 3: Small Grants 2023/24

Project	Organisation/Dept	Amount requested
Vivo Music for the community	Vivo Jazz Band	£460.99
Holiday Activity Fund	Igbo Union Yorkshire, CIC	£500.00
PHAB	PHAB	£172.16
BSAC 115	BSAC 115	£298.17
Kirkstall Planters	LCC, Communities Team / Arium	£770.00
Bramley Play Day	Barca Leeds	£1,000.00
Armley Proposal	Hope for Justice	£500.00
Bramley Baths	Bramley Baths and Community Limited	£550.00
Skip for Assembly Outside	Assembly House	£255.00
Men & Pies	Leeds City Council & Zest	£780.00
Aston Drive ginnel fence repairs	Leeds City Council, CEGS, Parks and Countryside	£360.00
Winter Warmer Packs	QTARA	£195.86
NWCC Xmas Hampers	New Wortley Community Association	£1,000.00

Girlguiding Leeds Volunteer campaign	Leeds County Guide Association	£500.00
Kirkstall School Transition Club	Youth Service	£540.00
Unity Community	Dixons Unity Academy	£770.00
Kirkstall Grit Bins	LCC Communities / Salt Prov	£728.61
Beecroft Crescent Grit Bin	LCC Communities / Salt Prov	£210.89
Total spent so far 2023/24:		£9,591.68

TABLE 4: Community Skips 2023/24

Location of skip	Date	Total amount
Greenthorpe Allotments	29/04/2023	£267.00
Whyther Park Road	01/07/2023	£425.50
Hayley Field Allotments	26/06/2023	£255.00
2x Skips in LS4 and LS5	10/08/2023 and 29/08/2023	£696.90
66 Whingate, Armley, Leeds LS12 3HZ	31/08/2023	£192.30
Total spent so far 2023/24:		£1,836.70

Capital Budget 2023/24

34. The Inner West Community Committee has a capital budget of **£4,892.83** available to spend. Members are asked to note the capital allocation summarised in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5: Capital 2023/24

Date	£
Remaining Balance April 2023	£464.02
Capital Injection 2023	£9,704.49
Capital Injection 2024	£4,689.49
Balance remaining	£4,892.83

Capital Spend 2023/24	Total amount
5-a-side Football Posts	£899.99
Boiler Replacement	£5,000.00
Site Improvements and New Equipment	£4,460.00
Bramley Falls Park Playground Painting	£2,880.19
Raynville Road SID	£3,500.00

Floodlighting Renewal	£5,000.00
New Wortley Cemetery Security	£1,160.00
Sandford Road Park Improvements	£8,231.16
Capital Balance Remaining	£4,892.83

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2023/24

35. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is **£69,498.13** currently available to spend.

TABLE 6: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2023/24

	£
Remaining Balance March 2023	£68,582.42
Injection 1	£30,768.51
Total Available in 2023/24	£99,350.93
Armley Extravaganza	£1,000.00
Armley Christmas Lights	£2,868.00
Kepstorn Close Parking Bays	£25,984.80
Total Spend 2023/2024:	£29,852.80
Remaining Balance 2023/24	£69,498.13

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.

Conclusion

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

Recommendations

43. Members are asked to note

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21)
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- d. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- e. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- f. Details of the Small Grants & Skips budget Budget (Tables 3 & 4)
- g. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- h. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

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Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner West Community Committee
[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

Report author: Patrick Mulcahy

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024

To note

Inner West Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Children and Young People: Champions Cllr C Gruen (as lead) and Cllr H Bithell

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

Environment: Champion Cllr A Rontree

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

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update

General Staffing

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

Street Cleansing and Enforcement

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

Parks and Countryside Update

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

17. Sandford Road play area improvements are awaiting start.

18. Aston Lane, Kingway Fence repair has completed.

19. Stanningley Park MUGA resurfacing is awaiting start.

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

Universal Credit

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

21. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2023		November 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	48,825	9.4%	49,108	9.4%
Inner West	3,244	6.7%	6,595	13.6%	6,608	13.7%
Armley	1,547	9.0%	3,177	18.5%	3,153	18.3%
Bramley & Stanningley	952	6.5%	1,867	12.7%	1,892	12.9%
Kirkstall	745	4.5%	1,551	9.4%	1,563	9.5%

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

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

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

23. During April – December 2023

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

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

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

Leeds Employment Hub

24. A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.
25. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Armley and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Bramley Community Hub, Thursday 09:30 – 16:00 and New Wortley Community Centre, Wednesday 09:30-16:00.

Community Learning

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

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

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

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

Multiply

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

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

Delivered Events and Activities

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

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

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

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

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

Planned Events and Activities

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

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

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

Employer Engagement

63. Within the last year the Service has supported 385 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

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

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

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

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

Further Information

67. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

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

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

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

Community Safety: Champion Cllr T Hinchcliffe

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

LeedsWatch

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

Armley

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

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

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

Bramley and Stanningley

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

- 1 Hate crime (Disability)

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

Kirkstall

76. 19 Cases

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

West Yorkshire Police

Kirkstall

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

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

Bramley and Stanningley

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

Armley

93. Partnership working in New Wortley due to increases in youth disorder, drug dealing and damage. We continue to work with partner agencies and are formulating an

action plan to tackle the issue. The police have carried out several drug warrants over the last few weeks and increased visibility in the area.

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

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

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

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

Local Care Partnerships

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

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

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

Trinity Projects

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

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

- Home - Flourishing Families (flourishingfamiliesleeds.com)

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

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

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

West Wards-Weight Management Directory

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

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

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

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

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

105. Booking for this online session is via Eventbrite.

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

Priority Neighbourhoods

ALC Youth Space

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

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

Key Partnerships Supporting Local Priorities

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

Leeds City Council Youth Service

Bonfire Intervention and Partnership work - Inner West

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

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

7 x Bonfire and Halloween themed centre-based youth sessions

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

Intervention Day with West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

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

Detached Street based sessions using the Mobile Provision Unit.

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

Decisions Programme

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

Town Centres Update

Armley

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

Bramley and Stanningley

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

Kirkstall

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

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

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

Housing Leeds

Annual Tenancy Contact Update

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

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

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

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

Walkabouts

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

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

Area Updates/Good News Stories

Armley

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

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

Bramley and Stanningley

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

Kirkstall

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

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

Inner West Housing Advisory Panel

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

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

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

Community Engagement: Social Media

1. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook Page.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

3. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
 1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
 2. Best City Plan
 3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 4. Children and Young People’s Plan
 5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

4. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. None.

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

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Inner West Community Committee

FACEBOOK highlights

6th September 2023 – 26th February 2024

Appendix 1

Inner West Community Committee

Since 6th September 2023 the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **40 new followers**, and now has a total of **1,927 followers**.

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 6th September 2023 is the post promoting the Bramley Forum. It has received 66 link clicks, been liked or shared 10 times and has reached a total of 3,200 people.

The following below are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the 6th September 2023. Alongside this are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

1st Place – Bramley Forum Post

Bramley Forum Post: 3,200 people had this post delivered to them and it had **66** post clicks, with **10** likes, comments and shares.



Leeds City Council Inner West Community Committee

7 January · 🌐

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Please see attached agenda for the upcoming Bramley Forum Meeting taking place, 25th January @ Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens, LS13 2JA.

This is a public meeting so you don't need to confirm your attendance and you're welcome to invite other residents along with you.



Chair: Councillor Caroline Gruen

No.	Agenda Item	Lead(s)
1.	Welcome and apologies	Cllr Gruen
2.	Police Update	West Yorkshire Police
3.	Housing Update	Jessica McCulloch – LCC Housing
4.	Lifelong Learning Centre	Esther Bissell and Fiona Chapel
5.	AOB: Next Steps and closing remarks	Cllr Gruen
6.	Dates and times for future meetings: 4 th April	All to note

2nd Place – Armley Leisure Centre

Armley Leisure Centre: 1,900 people had this post delivered to them. There were **36** likes, comments and shares.



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Armley Leisure Centre has again teamed up with Armley pro-boxer Josh Wisner to offer local youngsters a chance to learn some basic boxing from one of Yorkshire's top rising boxing prospects.

Wisher is running introductory non-contact boxing sessions free of charge up until Christmas at Armley Leisure Centre (ALC) on Thursdays for one hour beginning at 3.45pm.

The sessions are aimed at pupils aged 11 through 16 with further information given on the attached poster. He is a fully qualified boxing trainer with England Boxing and is manager of The Ministry of Boxing which he opened in Armley just over a year ago. He has his fifth professional bout on 17 November and is running a number of initiatives to combat anti-social behaviour through boxing for Leeds Youth Services as well as these sessions at ALC.

Those wanting further information should contact Megan at Armley Leisure Centre (megan.casey@leeds.gov.uk) at the Leisure Centre on 0113 376 0340 or James Bovington from the gym (bovingjd01@gmail.com).

Young people of secondary school age are welcome to these sessions.

"I'm delighted to have been given this opportunity to share some basic boxing technique with more young people from our local area," said Wisner, 25. "Hopefully quite a few will come along and give it a go and we will make them very welcome."

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Report of the City Solicitor

Report to: Inner West Community Committee, [Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

Report author: Debbie Oldham, Governance Officer, 0113 3788656

Date: 12th March 2024

For decision

Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2024/2025

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

Main issues

Meeting Schedule

2. 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.
3. This report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2024/25, 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.
4. The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Localities team. As referenced earlier, this report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2024/25, in line with previous practice.

5. The proposed meeting schedule for 2024/25 is as follows:

- **Tues, 2 Jul 24, 6pm**
- **Tues, 3 Sept 24, 6pm**
- **Tues, 19 Nov 24, 6pm**
- **Tues, 4 Mar 25, 6pm**

Meeting Days, Times and Venues

6. Currently, the Committee meets on a Tuesday at 6.00pm and the proposed dates (above) reflect this pattern.

7. Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people i.e. members of the public, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal working hours. Therefore, the Committee may wish to give consideration to meeting start times which would maximise the accessibility of the meetings for the community.

Options

8. Members are asked to consider whether they are agreeable with the proposed meeting schedule (above).

Corporate considerations

10a. Consultation and engagement

The submission of this report to the Community Committee forms part of the consultation process as it seeks the views of Elected Members with respect to the Community Committee meeting schedule.

In compiling the proposed schedule of meeting dates and times, the current Community Committee Chair and colleagues within the Localities team have been consulted.

10b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

In considering the matters detailed, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that the Community Committee meeting arrangements are accessible to all groups within the community.

10c. Legal implications, access to information and call in

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

Conclusion

11. The Procedure Rules require that each Community Committee will agree its schedule of meetings and that there shall be at least 4 business meetings per municipal year. With this, Members are asked to agree the arrangements for 2024/25.

Recommendations

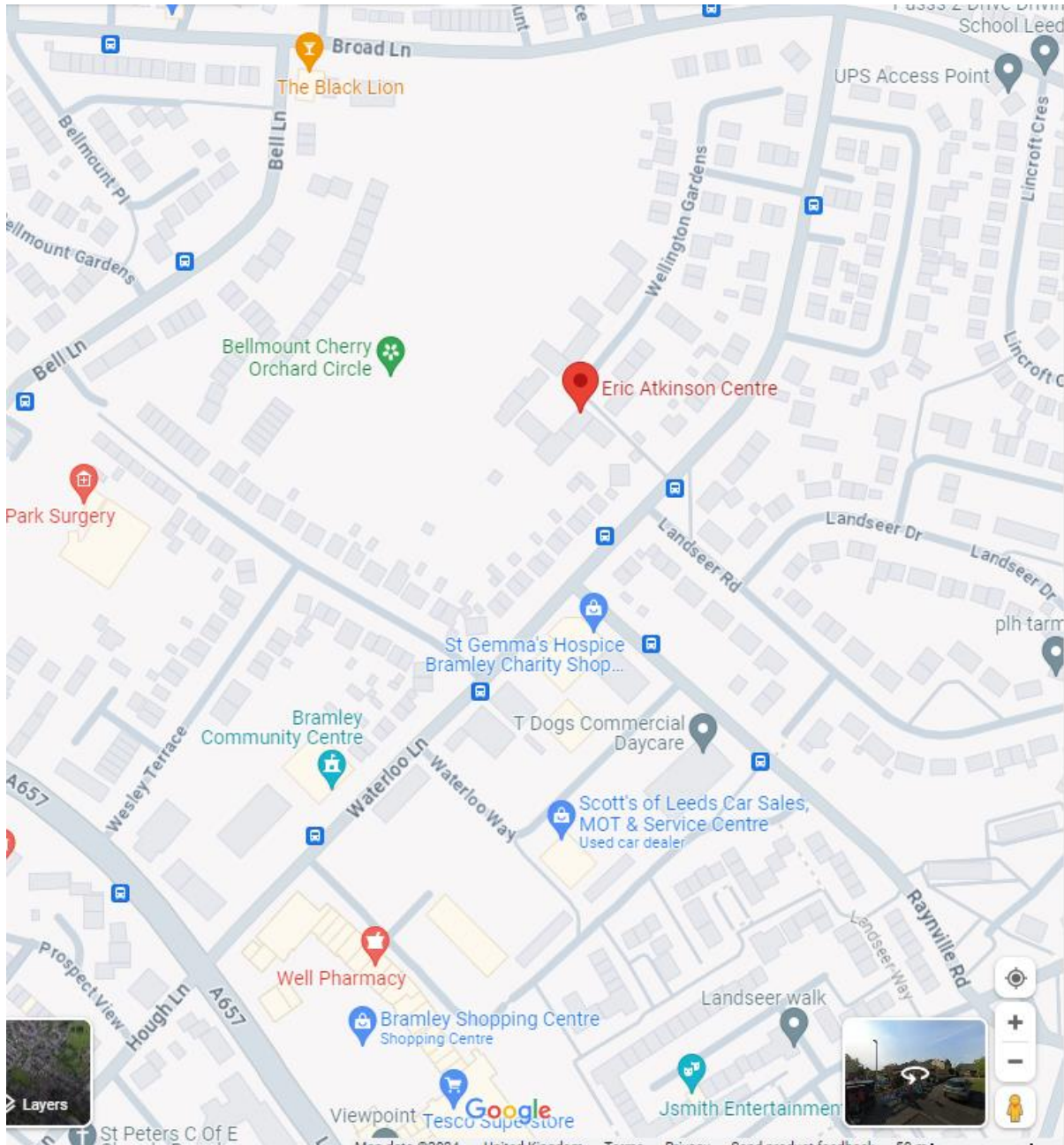
12. Members are requested to consider the options detailed within the report and to consider and agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2024/25 municipal year (as detailed above).

Background information

- Not applicable

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