



Outer East Community Committee

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

**Meeting to be held in Swarcliffe Community Centre,
Stanks Gardens, Swarcliffe, Leeds, LS14 5LS
Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 4.00 pm**

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P Grahame
J Lennox

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D Coupar
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Garforth & Swillington - Garforth Library and One Stop Centre, Thorpe Park
Kippax & Methley - Fairburn Ings
Temple Newsam - Temple Newsam House*

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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 Head of Governance Services 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, 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 so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
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8			<p>BEST CITY AMBITION - REFRESH</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Head of Policy</p>	13 - 28
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11			<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 4.00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Third Party Recording</u></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	

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OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

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

1 **Update from West Yorkshire Police**

The Committee received an update from Sergeant Lee Nicholson on police issues across the Outer East Area.

There had been a reduction in serious and acquisitive crime across all four wards in comparison to the previous year. There had also been a reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents.

The Committee was also informed about Operation Dieselcrest which was tackling the anti-social use of motorcycles, vehicular nuisance and associated criminality. This area of work had been identified as a local priority.

2 **Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents**

There were no appeals.

3 **Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There was no exempt information.

4 **Late Items**

There were no late items.

5 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations.

6 **Minutes - 7 March 2023**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

7 **Open Forum**

A written submission had been made on behalf of Allerton Bywater Parish Council with regards to highways concerns. These included a request for the installation of Speed Indicator Signs, the loss of the School Crossing Patrol and a need to replace the belisha beacons on the zebra crossing. Ward Members were aware of these concerns and officers in Highways had been informed.

8 Incredible Edible Leeds

The Committee received a presentation from Julia Almond of Incredible Edible Leeds.

The following was highlighted:

- Incredible Edible Leeds was part of an exciting project and had recently been featured on television and had received lottery funding.
- The organisation aimed to create kind, confident and connected communities through the power of food and planted food in public places for people to take for free.
- Incredible Edible Leeds started in Garforth and Kippax in early 2020 and had now spread to other areas of the city.
- The project was run by volunteers and benefits included the encouragement of healthy eating, community development and a positive impact on communities and the public realm.
- The Edible Stations project. This was being done in partnership with Northern Rail which involved the provision of planters at local railway stations.
- Further information on the project was available through social media.

Members thanked Julia for her work and presentation. It was reported that there was some ongoing work with highways for some provision in Colton and thanks were also expressed to Dan Robinson for his work on the project in Garforth.

9 Community Committee Appointments 2023/2024

The report of the City Solicitor asked Members to note the appointment of Councillor P Grahame as Chair of the Outer East Community Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal year and also invited nominations to appointments for Outside Bodies, Housing Advisory Panels, Local Care Partnerships and Cluster Partnerships. Nominations were also sought for the Corporate Parenting Board and for the themed Community Committee Champion roles.

Andy Booth, Governance Services presented the report.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the appointment of Councillor Pauleen Grahame as Chair of the Outer East Community Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be noted.

(2) That the following appointments be made for the 2023/24 Municipal Year:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of Places	Current Appointee(s)
Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours	1	P Grahame
HOPE (Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for Elders)	2	N Sharpe D Coupar
Neighbourhood Elders Team	1	M Harland
Outer South East Housing Advisory Panel	4 (1 per ward)	M Dobson P Grahame M Harland H Hayden
Garforth Cluster Partnership	1	S McCormack
Temple Newsam Learning Partnership.	2	D Coupar H Hayden
Seacroft Manston Cluster Partnership	1	P Grahame
Brigshaw Co-Operative Trust Cluster	1	J Lewis
Garforth/Kippax/Rothwell LCP	1	M Harland
Crossgates LCP	1	P Grahame
York Road LCP	1	H Hayden
<u>Champions/Lead Members</u>		
Environment	1	P Grahame
Community Safety	1	M Harland
Children's Services	1	M Millar
Employment, Skills & Welfare	1	J Lennox
Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care	1	J Gibson
Corporate Parenting Board	1	M Millar

10 Community Committee Youth Summit & Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the Community Committee Youth Summit and the Youth Activity Fund Consultation. The Committee was asked that the consultation with young people conducted via the Youth Summit and Youth Activity Fund Survey, informs the Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2023/24 financial year.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

Members were informed of the success of the last Youth Summit and the event held at Civic Hall for Young People with Special Educational Needs and disabilities.

Priorities identified by Young People included sports (mainly football and rugby), youth club provision and cooking.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:

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to be held on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

- (1) Reflections from the last 12 months.
- (2) Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey.
- (3) That the Youth Activity Fund Survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2023/24.
- (4) That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2023/24.

11 Outer East Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy budget for 2022/23.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- The Committee was informed that Ledston Parish Council had been decommissioned and would no longer be responsible for administering any Community Infrastructure Levy payments.
- Members were asked to approve the minimum conditions for making delegated decisions. These conditions were outlined in paragraph 14 of the report.
- There had been an increase in the approval threshold for Small Grants to £1,000.
- There was £92,397.51 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue budget. A ward by ward breakdown was given.
- Wellbeing projects for consideration. Members were supportive of the applications outlined in the report with the exception of the request for Micklefield Christmas Trees with Festive Lights. It was proposed that this be deferred for consideration with other Christmas light applications.
- Monitoring information of applications funded by the Committee
- Delegated Decisions taken since the last meeting.
- Remaining balances in the Youth Activities Fund; Small Grants, Skips, Tasking, Capital, and Community Infrastructure Levy budgets.
- Community Infrastructure Levy funds would be available for Christmas lights and switch on events.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minimum conditions for delegated decisions as outlined in the report be approved.
- (2) That details of the change regarding the administration of Small Grants be noted.
- (3) That details of the Wellbeing budget position be noted.
- (4) That the following projects/ringfences be approved:

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- Community Engagement Pot - £2,000
 - Grit Bin Refills - £3,200 – Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£500), Garforth & Swillington (£500), Kippax & Methley (£1,500) and Temple Newsam (£700)
 - Public Space CCTV Cameras - £12,000 Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£3,000), Garforth & Swillington (£4,000), Kippax & Methley (£2,000) and Temple Newsam (£3,000)
 - Wider Community Provision – Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme - £9,680 – Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£9,000) and Temple Newsam (£688)
 - Wellbeing Groups and Youth Programmes – Connecting Crossgates - £6,237.00 – Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£4,989.60) and Temple Newsam (£1,247,40)
 - Bowling Pavilion Floor Refurbishment – Parks & Countryside - £3964.42
- (5) That monitoring information be noted.
 - (6) That details of projects approved via delegated decision be noted.
 - (7) That details of the Youth Activities Fund position be noted.
 - (8) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
 - (9) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

12 Outer East Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Appointments to Community Committee Sub-Groups.
- Georgia Lee of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team gave the Committee an update regarding casework across the Outer East area. Work was ongoing with Elected Members and the team had also been attending meetings of resident forums.
- Leedswatch – a breakdown of incidents was highlighted in the report.
- An update had been received from West Yorkshire Police earlier in the meeting and a copy of the Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter was appended to the report.
- Housing – It was reported that there was still a high demand for family homes. Further information was given on the level of void properties, income collection and estate walkabouts. Members were pleased to see the reduction in the number of void properties.
- Youth Service – Denise Kemton and Deeta Tren-Humphries gave an update on youth provision. The Garforth Kicks project had started successfully and it was hoped would move to Garforth Academy in September. The Kicks programme remained popular across Outer East Leeds. There had also been water safety work and support for those who were about to transfer to high school. Further issues

highlighted included the summer programmes, CPR training, and the new Youth Matters Group at Temple Learning Academy. There had been some work to tackle anti-social behaviour and it was hoped to recommence mobile provision. Members thanked Youth Service staff for their work in the area and support provided to young people.

- Community Engagement – scheduled forum meetings and social media update

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the following Sub Group appointments be made for 2023/24:

Sub Group	Current Appointees	Community Committee Champion
Children & Families	Cllr M Millar (Chair) Cllr N Sharpe Cllr P Grahame Cllr S Field	Cllr M Millar
Environment	Cllr P Grahame (Chair) Cllr M Harland Cllr H Hayden Cllr S McCormack	Cllr P Grahame
Community Safety	Cllr M Harland (Chair) Cllr P Grahame Cllr N Sharpe Cllr M Dobson	Cllr M Harland

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 4.00 p.m. Meeting to be held at Swarcliffe Community Centre, 65 Stanks Gardens, Leeds, LS14 5LS



Report of: Mike Eakins, Head of Policy

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

Report author: Luke Andrews, Intelligence & Policy Officer

Date: Tuesday 26 September 2023

To Note

Best City Ambition Refresh

Purpose of Report

1. To provide the Outer East Community Committee with an update on the Best City Ambition refresh: [Leeds Best City Ambition](#) (Appendix 1) and to gather input from Elected Members and residents.

Main Issues

2. The presentation is intended to provide the Outer East Community Committee with an update of the Best City Ambition refresh.
3. The presentation provides the Outer East Community Committee with an overview of the Best City Ambition, linking the discussion to local issues relevant to the specific committee area.
4. The agenda item also provides elected member and the public the opportunity to provide feedback to the Strategy & Resources Service relating to the Best City Ambition and approaches to communication and engagement going forward.

Recommendations

5. Elected Members are asked to note the contents of the presentation that will be provided by officers from Intelligence & Policy.

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Leeds Best City Ambition



Tackling Poverty and Inequality

Health and Wellbeing ● Inclusive Growth ● Zero Carbon



The Best City Ambition is our overall vision for the future of Leeds

At its heart is our mission to tackle poverty and inequality and improve quality of life for everyone who calls Leeds home.

Our Three Pillars are at the centre of the Best City Ambition. They capture the things that will make the biggest difference to improving people's lives in Leeds – and many of the big challenges we face and the best opportunities we have relate to all three.

The Best City Ambition aims to help partner organisations and local communities in every part of Leeds to understand and support the valuable contribution everyone can offer – no matter how big or small – to making Leeds the Best City in the UK.



TEAM LEEDS

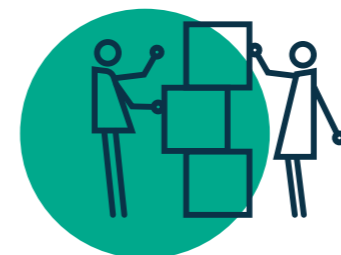
Everyone in Leeds coming together to play their part is how we will achieve our ambitions

We want to build Team Leeds – made up of the people who live or work here, and those who champion the city nationally and internationally.

Team Leeds is about supporting one another to make Leeds the best it can be. It is about sharing ideas and learning, working

in genuine partnership, being ambitious about our collective social and environmental impact, and organisations sharing their resources and assets as we work towards common goals.

We will continue to adopt the following ways of working to drive a Team Leeds approach:



Building mutual respect and understanding through co-production and co-design



Shifting power to citizens through vibrant and sustainable community social infrastructure, and tackling systemic inequalities



Being evidence-led, ambitious and optimistic for the future of Leeds – fostering innovation, creativity and a learning culture in a digital world



Recognising the impact of society and our economy on the health of people in Leeds at different stages of their lives



Everyone playing their part – businesses and public institutions recognising their responsibilities and investing in social entrepreneurship



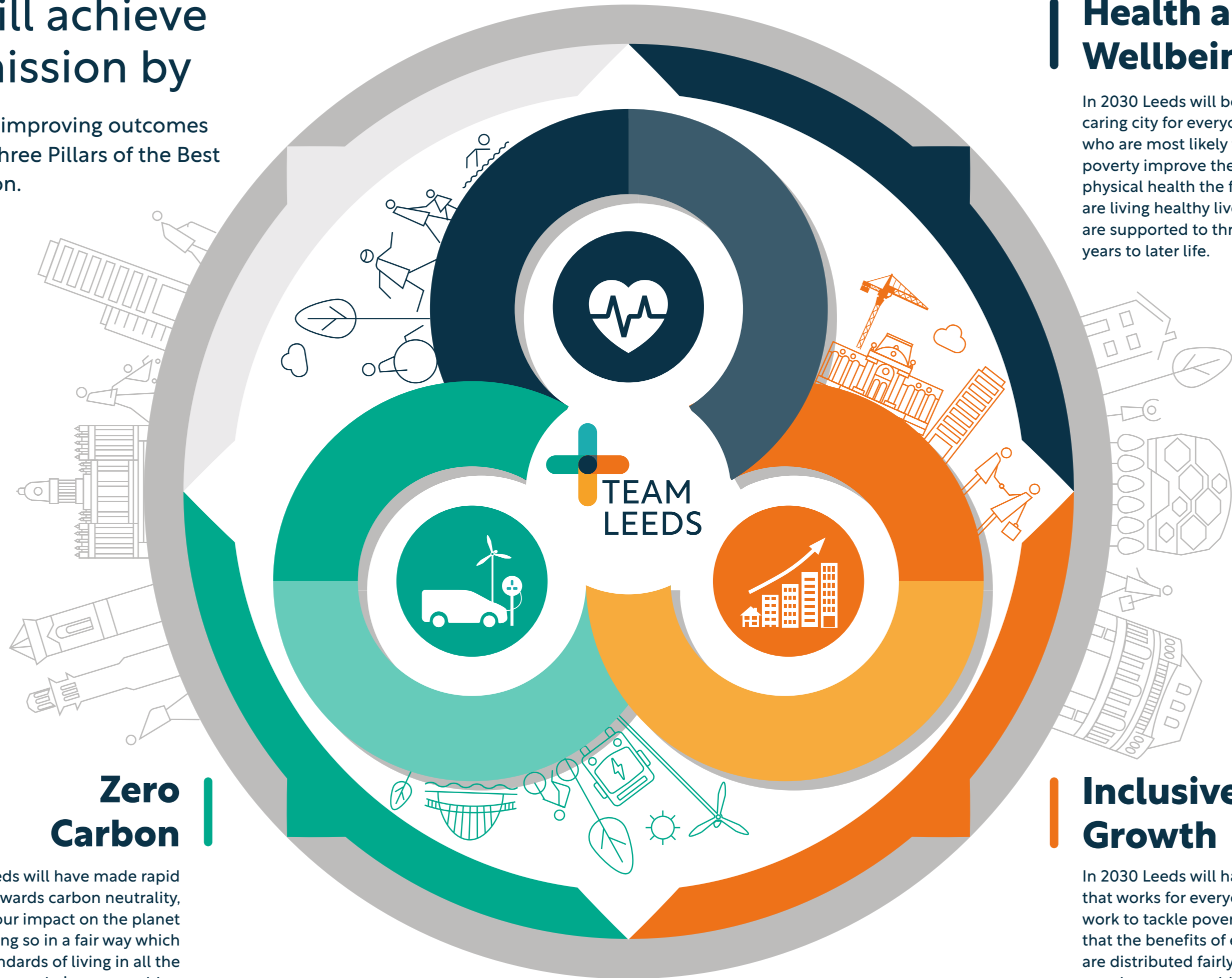
Investing in prevention and using asset-based approaches to build community capacity, focusing on what people can do not what they can't.

We will achieve our mission by

focusing on improving outcomes across the Three Pillars of the Best City Ambition.

Health and Wellbeing

In 2030 Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for everyone: where those who are most likely to experience poverty improve their mental and physical health the fastest, people are living healthy lives for longer, and are supported to thrive from early years to later life.



Zero Carbon

In 2030 Leeds will have made rapid progress towards carbon neutrality, reducing our impact on the planet and doing so in a fair way which improves standards of living in all the city's communities.

Inclusive Growth

In 2030 Leeds will have an economy that works for everyone, where we work to tackle poverty and ensure that the benefits of economic growth are distributed fairly across the city, creating opportunities for all.



Health and Wellbeing



In 2030 Leeds will be a **healthy and caring city for everyone**: where those who are most likely to experience poverty improve their mental and physical health the fastest, people are living healthy lives for longer, and are supported to thrive from early years to later life.

To realise this ambition, Team Leeds will focus on:



Investing to ensure better and more equal access to essential services in health and learning, developed with and accessible for every community across Leeds.



Ensuring children in all areas of the city have the best start in life and enjoy a healthy, happy and friendly childhood.



Delivering a safe and welcoming city for people of all ages and from all communities in which residents feel more secure and have good friends.



Enabling every community in the city to have safe connected spaces, streets and paths to access a local park or green space, providing somewhere to be active and to play, helping to improve mental and physical health across all ages.



Working with housing providers, landlords, tenants and communities to improve poor quality housing, so everyone can have a home which supports good health, wellbeing and educational outcomes.



Inclusive Growth

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To realise this ambition, Team Leeds will focus on:



Ensuring young people and those changing career in later life have the skills and job opportunities which enable them to realise their potential and thrive.



Our businesses and social enterprises being innovative, creative, ambitious and connected to the local community they are in, with access to the skills they need to boost productivity and succeed.



Understanding that place matters, and positive identity, culture, heritage and pride in our communities are vital assets in a sustainable future for the city and its local centres.



Growing cross-city research capacity and making Leeds a test bed for innovation and new technologies, including in healthcare and the delivery of a just transition to net zero.



Leeds being an outward looking global city with our people and businesses operating on the world stage, mindful of our impact on the planet and addressing the biggest societal challenges of our time, and where we welcome inward investors that share our values.



Zero Carbon

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To realise this ambition, Team Leeds will focus on:



Delivering a low-carbon and affordable transport network which encourages people to be physically active and reduces reliance on the private car, helping people get around the city easily and safely.



Promoting a fair and sustainable food system in which more produce is grown locally, and everyone can enjoy a healthy diet.



Addressing the challenges of housing quality and affordability, tackling fuel poverty and creating vibrant places where residents have close access to services and amenities.



Joining with local communities, landowners and partners to protect nature and enhance habitats for wildlife.



Investing in our public spaces, green and blue infrastructure to enable faster transition to a green economy while improving quality of life for residents.

Team Leads Breakthrough Priorities

In Leeds, bringing new groups of people together to combine their skills and experiences in a different way has helped us to tackle some of the biggest challenges we face. People are drawn from across different services, organisations and communities and together agree a clear end goal they are aiming for. We have called this our 'breakthrough' approach – the way in which by working together we

make a change or improvement which we have not been able to achieve before.

In 2022 we will establish five new breakthrough priorities, responding to the challenges and goals set out in the Best City Ambition. Each will be driven by a diverse group of people drawn from all parts of Leeds.

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The first set of priorities will focus on:



Better Homes for Health and Wellbeing
Exploring ways in which the city's housing providers can act to reduce pressure on the health system and reduce delays in hospital discharges.



Promoting Mental Health in the Community
Providing training to help people who run local community spaces feel confident asking about their customers mental health and being able to refer them for support if needed.



Inclusive Green Jobs
Collaborating as Anchor Institutions to take a whole-city approach to better harness our collective capital investments, not least those aimed at pursuing our shared Net Zero carbon targets.



Learning Outcomes for Social Mobility
With a focus on early years, working to ensure every child in Leeds has a good start in life.



Responding to the cost of living crisis
Working together across sectors to harness the capacity and capability in the city, its communities and those with lived experience to develop a city solution to welfare provision and addressing the cost of living crisis – with a specific focus on food, fuel, housing and digital inclusion.

THE BIG CHALLENGES FACING LEEDS

Like every large city in the UK, Leeds is always responding to a range of complex challenges and the Best City Ambition sets out how we will do that.

Here we summarise what some of those big challenges are, informed by conversations with citizens and partners as well as from recent research and analysis through the Leeds Joint Strategic Assessment.

The challenges are a key starting point for the development of the Best City Ambition. We have developed a Life-Course approach to the challenges, meaning we consider the biggest issues at each stage of a person's life from early years to older age, whilst also ensuring we cover the Three Pillars of the ambition.



Starting Well

Close educational attainment gaps between most and least advantaged young people, against the legacy of Covid-19 disruption and the population profile of children and young people becoming more diverse and focused in communities most likely to experience poverty.

Ensure coherent post-16 education and skills provision for the 'bulge' cohorts now beginning to go through secondary school.

Living Well Health and Wellbeing

Break the link between poverty and inequality, and poor health and wellbeing outcomes, exacerbated by the pandemic - from prevention and enabling of more healthy and active living, to tackling wider determinants such as employment, education, housing and the environment, and improving access to health and care.

Respond to the mental health crisis which deepened during the pandemic, particularly affecting young adults and women; shielding older adults; adults with pre-existing mental health conditions, and Black, Asian and ethnic minority adults.

Living Well Thriving Communities

Ensure the sustainability and self-reliance of communities through asset and strength-based approaches and meaningful community engagement, that builds community capacity and resilience, promotes good friendships and inspires citizens to find their own solutions and change the things they believe need changing in their community.

Address challenges of housing quality and affordability against the trends of rising housing costs and the concentration of older poor quality housing in low income communities, combined with the significant expansion of the private rented sector in inner city areas.

Living Well Climate Change

Make significant progress towards our ambitious net zero carbon target focusing on: improving energy efficiency, promoting healthy and sustainable diets, and prioritising active travel with walking and cycling as an easy and first choice.

Ensure a public transport system that is safe, active, accessible, clean and energy-efficient to help people get around the city.

Working Well Inclusive Growth

Equip people and businesses with skills and life-long learning which enable them to realise their potential and renew their skills-needs as the world of work continues to change and our workforce ages.

Ensure economic growth and opportunity is widely distributed across all communities and areas of the city, against a backdrop of accelerated changes in working practices and potential changes to the economic geography of the city post-pandemic.

Ageing Well

Design accessible neighbourhoods with quality services nearby to enable our aging population to thrive while it is becoming more diverse, with a changing socio-economic profile, house-ownership less dominant, people working longer over a more varied career pattern, and with carers themselves become older.

Close the stark gaps in healthy life expectancy and premature mortality between different areas of the city against the backdrop of a more diverse ageing population, recognising the role a healthy and active lifestyle can play in keeping people well for longer.

Achieving our Ambition: Strategies, Partners and Evidence

The Best City Ambition aims to help partner organisations and local communities in every part of Leeds to understand the contribution they can make to achieving our shared goals – working together as Team Leeds.

To support everyone's efforts, keep and ensure that together we can deliver real progress for people in Leeds, we now need to:

- Refresh key strategies and plans on an ongoing basis so they fully reflect and progress the Best City Ambition.
- Draw on the evaluation of ABCD and working in communities reviews to work with citizens, the Third Sector, Community Committees, Local Care Partnerships, and other key stakeholders to ensure the Ambition is meaningful at a local level and rooted in Leeds communities, guiding prioritisation and investment.
- Continue to develop a broader, more consistent evidence-base to both inform interventions and monitor their impact.

Leeds already benefits from strong networks and partnerships, some which have a city-wide remit while others are more focused on specific geographical communities

or groups of people. These partnerships will have a key part to play, so together we will ensure their role in supporting the Best City Ambition is clear, and that different partnership groups are connecting as needed.

The breadth and diversity of our city partnerships is a big strength – one that enables more people from a wider range of backgrounds to contribute. Continuing to find ways to work with citizens from different backgrounds in new and innovative ways is crucial to our ambition, especially ensuring the voices of people with lived experience of our big challenges are heard.

We will review existing city strategies in response to the Best City Ambition guided by the Three Pillars and aim, over time, to reduce the overall number of strategies so we can better join up our actions and focus effort on what will make the biggest difference to people's lives.

An important part of this will involve updating how we measure the outcomes of the work Team Leeds does, as we strengthen our understanding of Leeds and the way our communities are changing. Our new tool, the Leeds Social Progress Index, will provide new capability to track the impact of

our interventions and highlight the social and environmental wellbeing of our citizens and communities.

The data and analysis underpinning these assessments of progress

will be made public on the Leeds Observatory (<https://observatory.leeds.gov.uk/>) whenever possible so is available to anyone who can benefit from its use.



Propositions to Government

This Best City Ambition sets out our overall vision for the future of Leeds and how we will need to come together as Team Leeds to achieve our ambitions.

Clearly, we will need to work with partners beyond the city, including our neighbouring local authorities, private sector investors and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. It will also be vital to engage with Government in working towards these goals. The Best City Ambition and the supporting Three Pillars of health and wellbeing, inclusive growth and zero carbon provide a framework with which existing and future discussions with Government can be framed, developed and refined, clearly articulating our vision and enabling us to make a strong case for the city and its potential.

Within the overarching vision which the Ambition sets out there will be opportunities to pursue more specific aims, both responding reactively to opportunities to bring new resources or investment into Leeds and seeking to influence national policy to support our shared goals. To strengthen Leeds' position further in doing this, the Ambition will provide a framework to now work with partners across all sectors to develop a series of Leeds-based propositions to Government. These should capture the biggest opportunities here and now, being clear about how what we propose supports national social and economic progress, as well as advancing our own ambitions for Leeds.





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

**Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,
Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam**

Report author: Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer

Tel: 07712 217 260

Date: Tuesday 26 September 2023

For Decision

Outer East Community Committee - Finance Report

Purpose of Report

1. The report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24. Financial decisions are taken to the Community Committee meetings to ensure transparency and that financial regulations are met.

Main Issues

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

- 6.** Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
- 7.** Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15 - 25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
- 8.** In the Outer East Community Committee, the CIL money for Allerton Bywater Parish Council, Great and Little Preston Council, Kippax Parish Council, Ledsham Parish Council, Micklefield Parish Council and Swillington Parish Council will be administered by each individual Parish Council, whereas monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam will be administered by the Outer East Community Committee.
- 9.** It was agreed at Outer East Community Committee on the 02 October 2018 that CIL monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam would be spent in the ward it was generated in
- 10.** Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation: the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
- 11.** Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
- 12.** In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
- 13.** Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.

14. The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when 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.
15. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.
16. Members are reminded that 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 01 April 2023; up to £1000 per ward. This approach will ensure consistency in terms of administering small grants, in accordance with the committees' minimum conditions.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24

17. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2023/24 was **£84,921.00** for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of **£87,399.52** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2022/23. Allocated wellbeing projects in 2022/23 is **£57,536.38** and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2023/24 is therefore **£114,784.14**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
18. The total amount approved on Table 1 includes all the projects the committee has approved in 2023/24. 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.
19. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£62,920.63** has been allocated to projects and there is a remaining balance of **£51,863.51** in the Wellbeing Revenue Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2023/24

Wellbeing Revenue	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
INCOME: 2023/24	£84,921.00	£21,230.25	£21,230.25	£21,230.25	£21,230.25
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year 2022/23 (with even split of balance remaining)	£87,399.52	£20,248.04	£24,561.38	£26,648.34	£15,941.76
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£57,536.38	£12,782.25	£17,095.60	£19,182.56	£8,475.97
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2023/24	£114,784.14	£28,696.04	£28,696.03	£28,696.03	£28,696.04

Wellbeing Projects 2023/24 (Including Small Grant & Skip Allocations)	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
TNCP School Holiday Activity Programme	£6,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£6,000.00
Youth Service School Holiday Programme	£1,259.46	£ -	£ -	£ -	£1,259.46
Rhinos Multi Sports Summer Camps	£4,319.75	£509.44	£1,810.31	£ -	£2,000.00
Kippax Community Gala & Scarecrow Festival	£1,449.32	£ -	£ -	£1,499.32	£ -
Kippax Community Pantry	£5,000.00	£ -	£ -	£5,000.00	£ -
Community Engagement Pot	£2,000.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Public Space CCTV Cameras	£12,000.00	£3,000.00	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
CDGNS Wider Community Provision	£9,688.00	£9,000.00	£ -	£ -	£688.00
Wellbeing Groups & Youth Programmes	£6,237.00	£4,989.60	£ -	£ -	£1,247.40
Grit Bin Refills	£3,200.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,500.00	£700.00
Vicars Court Community Centre	£5,873.00	£ -	£ -	£5,873.00	£ -
PHAB Weekly Social Club	£644.39	£80.58	£241.62	£80.57	£241.62
Summer Bands in Leeds Parks	£660.00	£660.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
WYP Operation Mineral	£2,850.24	£712.56	£712.56	£712.56	£712.56
The Growing Zone Pizza Oven	£876.00	£ -	£ -	£876.00	£ -
Incredible Edible Community Skip	£203.47	£ -	£203.47	£ -	£ -
Garforth Annual Gala Skip	£250.00	£ -	£250.00	£ -	£ -
The Growing Zone Community Skip	£160.00	£ -	£ -	£160.00	£ -
Garforth Annual Beer Festival Skip	£250.00	£ -	£250.00	£ -	£ -
Total Spend 2023/24:	£62,920.63	£19,952.18	£8,467.96	£18,151.45	£16,349.04
Balance Remaining 2023/24:	£51,863.51	£8,743.85	£20,228.08	£10,544.58	£12,347.00

Projects for Consideration and Approval

- 20. Project Title:** Holiday Activity Fund
Organisation: Igbo Union Yorkshire, CIC
Total Project Cost: £4,935.00
Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £210.00
Wards Covered: Temple Newsam

Project Summary: Funding will be used to contribute towards costs of transport, entrance tickets, and refreshments at a celebration trip to Flamingo Land with young people who have taken part in The Leeds African Cup of Nations (LACON) tournament to reward for their hard work. The organisation works remotely with community leaders and volunteers to foster integration within communities, identify and bridge gaps, promote health & wellbeing, inclusivity, and allow many children access to experiences they may otherwise miss out on due to disadvantage.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

- Best City for Communities; Best City for Children & Young People

- 21. Project Title:** Outer East Crime Reduction
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police (WYP), Outer East NPT
Total Project Cost: £2,557.00
Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £2,557.00
Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£639.25), Garforth & Swillington (£639.25), Kippax & Methley (£639.25) and Temple Newsam (£639.25).

Project Summary: Funding will be used to cover the cost of trembler alarms, PIR shed alarms, sash jammers, dual function personal attack alarms, and faraday pouches for a targeted project that seeks to significantly reduce the amount of robberies and burglaries taking place across the Outer East during the winter months. The WYP Crime Reduction Unit will work with officers and PCSO's in the area to increase the feeling of safety in the wards, provide past victims of theft and burglary with the appropriate security, increase awareness and knowledge of risks to vulnerable households, and offer suitable resources.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

- Best City for Communities

- 22. Project Title:** Premier League KICKS
Organisation: Leeds United Foundation
Total Project Cost: £12,000.00
Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £6,997.75
Wards Covered: Temple Newsam

Project Summary: Funding will be used to contribute towards the costs of initiating a Premier League KICKS programme in Halton Moor to assist in the reduction of criminal acts by young people such as gang related incidents and anti-social behaviour (ASB) which are commonly exposed to the community. The programme will drive engagement with the Halton Moor community, leading the way to make positive changes with social, cultural, physical, and mental impacts on individuals using football as a vehicle to engage with hard to reach/vulnerable children and young people.

Working with key stakeholders, the organisation will build on the KICKS programme success of the last two years in Halton Moor and strive towards enhancing physical and mental wellbeing, including self-esteem, ambition, and social skills; strengthening communities with a culture of volunteering, social action, and positive role models, supporting education, training, and employment pathways; working in partnership with young people, the police, and other stakeholders to support the younger generation with societal challenges they face and to improve community safety; inspiring young people to develop positive, supportive relationships with one another and the authorities and promoting integration and champion equality, diversity, and inclusion.

The programme will target individuals in Halton Moor who may experience inequality in their education, employment, social housing, health, and wellbeing. Breakdown barriers including poverty, having a troubled home life, mental health issues, being involved in anti-social behaviour and possible drug and alcohol misuse. After school clubs will be run to enhance the opportunities for young people to take part in sport and experience the benefits it has to offer, these include:

- Promoting child development, both physically and mentally leading to increased self-esteem.
- Getting more young people active, reducing the likelihood of obesity.
- Teaches vital skills, such as discipline and the importance of rules.
- Promotes teamwork and social skills needed to help progress through education and employment.
- Creates that sense of belonging and feeling part of a team.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

- Best City for Communities; Best City for Children & Young People; Best City for Health & Wellbeing.

23. Project Title: Halton Moor Community Football Sessions

Organisation: United Football Sporting Academy

Total Project Cost: £5,000.00

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £4,500.00

Wards Covered: Temple Newsam

Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to continue to deliver weekly community football sessions for children aged 7 to 15 in Halton Moor on Wednesday evenings, 5pm – 7pm and Saturday mornings, 09:30am -10:30am throughout the darker nights. The group are engaging with a diverse community when holding these sessions helping to address local issues such as knife and gang related crimes. These sessions allow local children to focus on something positive and provide a local activity that they can become involved in. The continued aim of the project is to aid retention in main school education by supporting those at risk of child exploitation and county lines, reducing local ASB by providing a regular afternoon/ evening resource over 6 months to engage young people. The project will continue take place on the Beckfields opposite Corpus Christi High School and Meadowfield Primary School and will hugely assist with all areas of local concern for youth ASB and in the middle of council housing estates.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

- Best City for Communities; Best City for Children & Young People; Best City for Health & Wellbeing.

24. Project Title: Outer East Christmas Trees, Lights & Events 2023

Organisation: Safer Stronger Communities Team, Leeds City Council (Acting on behalf of the Outer East Community Committee)

Total Project Cost: £35,960.00

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £19,864.00

Amount Proposed from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget: £16,096.00

Wards covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor (*CIL*: £15,600.00), Garforth & Swillington (*Wellbeing*: £12,654.00), Kippax & Methley (*Wellbeing*: £7,210.00) and Temple Newsam (*CIL*: £496.00).

Project Summary: Funding will be used to support the delivery of Christmas provisions across the Outer East and cover the costs for the purchase, installation and removal of Christmas Trees and Lights, Parish Council and Community Group Christmas subsidy, and Christmas Light Switch On event infrastructure such as management fees, staffing, traffic management, first aid, security, stage, barriers, stage host, fireworks, fairground rides, necessary provisions, entertainment, performances, street cleaning, marketing, and promotional materials.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

- Best City for Business; Best City for Communities; Best City for Children & Young People; Best City for Health & Wellbeing.

Monitoring Information

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

a) Money Buddies, Burmantofts Community Projects

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Kippax & Methley and Temple Newsam.

Project Monitoring Summary: The project delivered 116 specialist face to face; emergency debt advice, full financial capability, and benefit support service sessions to 176 clients in the local community at Cross Gates and Whinmoor Community Hub, Halton Moor Library and Kippax Community Hub. The project identified that:

- 79.50% of clients accessing the service declared a household income of up to £15,000 per annum.
- 94.50% of clients helped declared a household income of up to £20,000 per annum.
- 39.50% of clients stated they lived on benefits only.
- 6% of clients had earnings and benefits as their income sources.
- 89% of clients reported 1 or more health issues.
- 24.50% of clients presented with 2 or more issues.

The number of people accessing the service has risen sharply as more people face significant challenges from the cost-of-living crisis and energy price surges which for many, have become overbearing and unmanageable. To support clients experiencing considerable difficulties, food, and fuel vouchers to the value of £5375 were distributed to 80 people. The project achieved a total of £693,948.79 financial gains relating to low income and money management issues such as:

- Benefits - £437,777.10
- Debts Managed or Written Off - £231,242.10

The cost- of- living crisis has resulted in a higher proportion of people who had their debts managed or written still in a deficit budget, 80% of clients are in a deficit budget after full budgeting/ debt advice meaning that inflation, interest rate rises and benefits/ wages not rising sufficiently will drive poverty to extreme levels.

b) Kippax Finger Signpost, Kippax Parish Council:

Wards Covered: Kippax & Methley

Project Monitoring Summary: The project was delivered successfully with a finger signpost installed at the junction of Butt Hill, Station Road, and Brigshaw Lane in Kippax directing residents and visitors to village amenities. The signage will help encourage people to visit local features in the area by promoting facilities and locations. The finger signpost matches existing signposts located nearby on Crosshills Gardens and the car park on High Street. The new finger signpost installed consists of four finger signs indicating the direction to Brigshaw High School, Brigshaw Recreation Ground, High Street, and the Leisure Centre.

c) Garforth Barley Hill Park, Phase 1 & 2, Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside

Wards Covered: Garforth & Swillington

Project Monitoring Summary: The project was successful in developing the underused grassed area of the park into a more exciting useable space for local people and provide an area that could be used to relax, enjoy gardening, and grow plants that would help improve access to the main street and wider park. In addition, a wandering path has also been laid making the trail more interesting to people, new seating and picnic tables fitted, raised bed created, reading corner, arch way and magical throne installed together with chess tables, sun dial, and orchard comprising fruit trees and edible hedge.

d) Kippax Community Gala & Scarecrow Festival, Kippax Parish Council:

Wards Covered: Kippax & Methley

Project Monitoring Summary: The project provided an opportunity for all members of the community to come together, engage with each other and enjoy culture and live music at a free to attend Community Gala which took place on Sunday 10 June 2023 on Kippax Common with the Scarecrow Festival taking place over the same weekend and a Scarecrow making workshop held on 03 June. The Gala was a great success with approximately 1500 residents attending and enjoying the inflatables, entertainment, food, stalls, and funfair. Most visitors were families with young children,

but various ages also attended. Many families brought picnic blankets and enjoyed the ice cream and other food outlets. Visitors stayed at the gala for a longer period in comparison to events held in previous years which is likely due to the varied entertainment, stalls and warm sunny weather this year. The Scarecrow competition was also a great success with 27 Scarecrows created by individual residents and community groups including Brownies, Knit and Natter and the Art Group.

e) Summer Bands in Leeds Parks 2023, Leeds International Concert Season:

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Project Monitoring Summary: Two free concerts took place in June and July at Manston Park, Cross Gates as part of Summer Bands in the Parks series. The concerts were of great benefit to the local community as people were able to access and experience free music in the comfort of their local park, get out and about locally with children, elderly friends, relatives, dogs etc, meet and engage with other people from the area all in the comfort of their own local park. The project was a great success with audience numbers reaching up to 250 people and ranging from very young children to elderly members of the community. Individuals from a wide range of ethnic origins and disabilities attended with easily accessible designated performance spaces provided for those with access needs. Residents conveyed their appreciation for a free music concert in their local park and it was particularly enjoyable spending an afternoon listening to a live band performance in the company of others from local community.

f) ELC Majorettes, East Leeds Comets:

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Project Monitoring Summary: The East Leeds Comets Majorette Troupe hold weekly action-packed sessions run by experienced volunteer dance trainers offering fun, stimulating, nurturing, energetic experiences for children and young people between 3 and 23 years of age. They encourage positive conduct by promoting a constructive attitude towards anti-social behaviour using competitive activities held in a supportive environment to increase confidence and self-esteem through dance, twirling, team sports and group games. The Majorette Troupe are often presented with opportunities to take part in competitions, the funds generously awarded by the Outer East Community Committee allowed the group to purchase much-needed baton equipment and dance uniforms for the Majorette Troupe to compete in monthly majorette dance competitions.

DDN

26. Since the last Community Committee was held on 27 June 2023, the following project has been approved by DDN.

- a) Vicars Court Community Centre, Health for All (Leeds) - Date DDN Approved: 26 July 2023.

Declined Projects

27. Since the last Community Committee was held on 27 June 2023, no projects have been declined.

Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24

28. The total Youth Activities Fund budget approved by Executive Board for 2023/24 was **£47,500.00** for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 2 shows a carry forward figure of **£28,134.47** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2022/23. Allocated projects in 2022/23 is **£15,477.00** and not yet completed. The total YAF funding available to the Community Committee for 2023/24 is therefore **£60,157.47**. A full breakdown of the projects approved is available on request.
29. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is **£ -** balance remaining in the Youth Activity Fund for 2023/24. A full breakdown of the projects is listed on table 2 and available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2023/24

YAF Revenue	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
INCOME: 2023/24	£47,500.00	£11,875.00	£11,875.00	£11,875.00	£11,875.00
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£28,134.47	£4,235.56	£12,658.69	£9,754.68	£1,485.54
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£15,477.00	£ -	£11,715.00	£3,762.00	£ -
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2023/24	£60,157.47	£16,110.56	£12,818.69	£17,867.68	£13,360.54

YAF Projects 2023/24	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Breeze in the Park	£15,200.00	£3,800.00	£3,800.00	£3,800.00	£3,800.00
Youth Service School Holiday Programme	£38,038.54	£10,820.00	£8,829.00	£8,829.00	£9,560.54
Rhinos Multi Sports Summer Camps	£3,680.25	£1,490.56	£189.69	£2,000.00	£ -
Kippax Community Gala & Scarecrow Festival	£3,238.68	£ -	£ -	£3,238.68	£ -
Total Spend 2023/24:	£60,157.47	£16,110.56	£12,818.69	£17,867.68	£13,360.54
Balance Remaining 2023/24:	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -

Capital Budget 2023/24

30. The Outer East Community Committee has a capital budget of **£90,965.58** available to spend, following capital injections. Members are asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Capital 2023/24

Capital Allocations & Injections	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£94,506.00	£26,591.75	£7,521.26	£29,413.75	£30,978.74
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£94,506.00	£26,591.75	£7,521.26	£29,413.75	£30,978.74
Injection 1 (2023/24)	£6,600.00	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£1,650.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE (2023/24):	£101,106.00	£28,241.75	£9,171.26	£31,063.75	£32,628.74

Capital Projects 2023/24	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Barnbow Pub Defibrillator	£1,800.00	£1,800.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Defibrillator	£1,800.00	£ -	£ -	£1,800.00	£ -
Kippax Finger Signpost	£2,576.00	£ -	£ -	£2,576.00	£ -
Whinmoor Bowling Pavilion Floor Refurbishment	£3,964.42	£3,964.42	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Spend 2023/24:	£10,140.42	£5,764.42	£ -	£4,376.00	£ -
Balance Remaining 2023/24:	£90,965.58	£22,477.33	£9,171.26	£26,687.75	£32,628.74

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2023/24

31. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is now a total of **£327,388.17** available to the Outer East Community Committee. Members are asked to note the CIL allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 4.

TABLE 4: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2023/24

CIL Allocations & Injections	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2022/23)	£134,898.58	£17,787.60	£96,432.70	£696.56	£19,981.72
Injection 1 (2023/24)	£199,503.03	£104,698.64	£89,053.21	£ -	£5,751.18
Underspend	£630.00	£ -	£630.00	£ -	£ -
TOTAL AVAILABLE (2023/24):	£335,728.17	£122,486.24	£186,115.91	£696.56	£25,732.90

CIL Projects 2023/24	OE (£)	Ward Split			
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Garforth Barley Hill Park Phase 3	£8,340.00	£ -	£8,340.00	£ -	£ -
Total Spend 2023/24:	£8,340.00	£ -	£8,340.00	£ -	£ -
Balance Remaining 2023/24:	£327,388.17	£122,486.24	£177,775.91	£696.56	£25,732.90

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

33. 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

34. 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

35. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

38. Members are asked to note and make decisions on the following where appropriate:

- a) Minimum condition arrangements for 2023/24 (paragraph 14)
- b) Changes to the Small Grant administration process (paragraph 16)
- c) Details of the Wellbeing Budget Position, Table 1 (paragraphs 17 - 19)
- d) Projects for consideration and approval (paragraphs 20 - 24)
- e) Monitoring information for funded projects (paragraph 25)
- f) Details of the Projects Approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 26)
- g) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) Position, Table 2 (paragraphs 28 - 29)
- h) Details of the Capital Budget, Table 3 (paragraph 30)
- i) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget, Table 4 (paragraph 31)

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Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

**Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,
Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam**

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For Information

Outer East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

3. Children and Families: Champion Cllr Michael Millar

The Each Community Committee has been allocated a Youth Activity Fund which it is responsible for administering. The Youth Activity Fund has been made available to provide local activities for children and young people aged 8-17 years across the city.

The Youth Activity Fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. Children and young people are involved in the funding process and advise Community Committees on the activities they would like to take part in, in their respective areas.

A Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey is now 'live' and young people can complete the survey by clicking the YAF Survey link, or alternatively, by scanning the QR code. The last day that young people can respond is the 31 March 2024.

YAF Survey link: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/H5X5TG/>

YAF Survey QR code:



Engagement with young people was held at the Outer East Breeze in the Park and Youth Activity Days which took place over the school summer holiday period, over 500 youth activity consultation surveys were completed by young people at these events.

4. Community Safety: Champion Cllr Mary Harland

An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

5. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

		% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	171	+ 4%
Cases Open in last Month	34	+ 10%
Closed Cases in last Month	40	+ 8%:
% of active citywide caseload	36%	

The current active case load for the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) in the Outer East area is 26. Cases opened in the last 3 months by ward:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 5 (ASB)
- Garforth & Swillington: 3 (2 Noise, 1 ASB)
- Kippax & Methley: 6 (2 Noise, 4 ASB)
- Temple Newsam: 7 (1 Noise, 6 ASB)

Key Issues:

- Citywide Nuisance Vehicle PSPO is now live and enforceable, it is hoped that this will help to address the ongoing vehicle related issues around The Springs, the East Leeds Orbital Road, Micklefield and the Temple Newsam estate.
- 20 Fixed Penalty Notices have already been issued to address this behaviour at other locations in the city. Signage has been erected at key "hotspots" and shortly to be extended to the main arterial routes into the city.
- 2 cases are domestic noise in Garforth and Swillington ward are currently being investigated using diaries, proactive monitoring, and Noise Monitoring Equipment. One of the cases LASBT has applied for an Injunction to protect staff due to threatening and abusive behaviour.
- LASBT are in the process of applying for 2 Injunctions that have come from a Partial Closure investigation in Allerton Bywater, 2 of the cases are due to ASB/ verbal abuse,

one of these is a council tenant and LASBT are waiting for a court outcome from the criminal proceedings before determining the appropriate tenancy/ civil action. 2 of the cases are domestic noise and are currently being investigated using diaries, proactive monitoring and Noise Monitoring Equipment.

6. **West Yorkshire Police**

Appendix 1 WYP Service Update provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

7. **Environment: 2022/23 Champion Cllr Pauleen Grahame**

An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

8. **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)**

If you have any unwanted items that are not suitable for donation, and you cannot get to a Recycling Centre, you can book in a free unwanted items collection (bulky collection). If you live within the Leeds council tax area the service can collect up to 5 items per collection, with a maximum of 4 collections per year.

De-leafing is due to start week commencing the 02 October 2023. If there are specific sweeping issues especially of a health and safety nature, please continue to report in the normal way via the online portal or by emailing at eneaction@leeds.gov.uk

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam

The top five service areas of complaint are as follows:

- Bulky Collections: 158
- Fly tipping (streets): 35
- Overgrown Vegetation: 23
- Fly tipping (Enforcement): 1
- Litter (streets): 5

The Environmental Crime Team (SECT) continue to focus on the large-scale Fly tipping and other environmental issue such as Waste Carriers. They have recently worked closely with Councillors and Contractors on the new East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR).

Environmental Action Officers continue to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, for any additional queries, please contact Diane Otley, Team Leader: diane.otley@leeds.gov.uk

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

The top service areas of complaint for these wards are as follows:

- Bulky Collections: 499, this is down by 135 from the last quarter.
- Fly tipping (streets): 37, this is down by 17 from the last quarter.
- Fly tipping (Enforcement): 29, this is down by 17 from the last quarter.
- Overgrown Vegetation: 77, this is up by 47 from last quarter. (Due to time of year)
- Road Sweeping: 20, this is down by 6 from last quarter.

- Waste in Garden: 11, this is down by 8 from last quarter.
- Footpath Sweeping: 5, this is down by 6 from last quarter.
- Litter (streets): 3, this is down by 5 from the last quarter.

This quarters figures do show that there has been quite a significant decrease in the number of people requesting free bulky collections from the authority but that thankfully hasn't caused any spikes in the number of reactive/ proactively reported fly tipping incidents which have themselves seen a decrease in numbers reported to CNT. In fact, the top reported complaints to the service have dropped across both wards with the only exception being reports of overgrown vegetation which have understandably risen in this period due to it being the main growing period.

Environmental Action Officers continue to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, for any additional queries, please contact Lee Hayward, Team Leader: lee.hayward@leeds.gov.uk

9. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion Cllr Jessica Lennox

Appendix 2 Employment, Skills & Welfare Service Update provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

10. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr James Gibson

Appendix 3 Health & Wellbeing Report provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

11. Housing

Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Voids Levels (empty properties): Demand for properties remains high across the areas, especially for houses. The Lettings Team is working hard to ensure properties are allocated in a timely manner.

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/ fly tipping, which are remove in a timely manner to ensure properties enjoy an appealing kerb-side appeal. The current number of Ready to Lets are as follows:

- Swarcliffe/ Whinmoor: 3
- Halton Moor/ Osmondthorpe: 0
- Total: 3

Income Collection: The rent collection figures for the areas are as follows:

- Swarcliffe: 94.03%
- Halton Moor: 92.33%

A comparison of the figures against the end of the last financial year show that Swarcliffe collection has increased by 0.49% and Halton Moor has increased by 0.78%. The team is working closely with residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost of living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

The team continues to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The Housing Officer (Income) is working with the more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who risk assess all complaints, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Police Officers are working in partnership within the team to share information.

There are 10 ASB cases have been reported across the Swarcliffe and Halton Moor areas, these are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. Six weekly partnership working meetings continue to take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Housing Officers are carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. Visits to residents who have not had an annual home visit for the last 3 years is currently underway.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 Estate Walkabouts have been carried out, fly tipping has been identified as the main issue. Housing Officers continue to proactively report all fly tipping on the estate whilst carrying out their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work.

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

Voids Levels (empty properties): Demand for council housing remains high across both wards. The team have worked hard to reduce the number of ready to let properties and currently there is just one property in the area. The team are finding that their more difficult to let stock is Retirement Life accommodation as there are several schemes across the area of a very similar property type.

Income Collection: There has been an increase in rent collection with the short-term trend improving and showing good increases in collection. The team is working closely with residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost-of-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

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12. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Peter Greenwood is currently covering panel area due to high levels of sickness across the team. Outer East continues to be a top priority due to the inconsistent staff support over the last two years. At the HAP meeting scheduled to take place on 28 September 2023 there are 5 bids to table and the plan on a page to refresh. There will also be an email issued to all tenants to inform them what the Tenant Engagement Team provide for tenants in the Outer East area and how they can get involved.

13. Youth Services

Appendix 4 Core Youth Work Report provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

14. Community Engagement: Forums

Forum meetings for Cross Gates & Whinmoor with representatives from West Yorkshire Police and key services have taken place and well attended by residents and partners with further meetings scheduled in the community throughout 2023.

- Whinmoor Forum, chaired by Cllr Jessica Lennox:
 - 20 September, Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (6pm)
 - 24 January 2024, Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (6pm)
- Manston & Swarcliffe Forum, chaired by Cllr Pauleen Grahame:
 - 19 September 2023, Barnbow Pub (6pm)
 - 23 January 2024, Swarcliffe Community Centre (6pm)

15. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 5 Social Media Report provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period. The report covers the period of June to September 2023. The four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages remain suspended.

Corporate Considerations

16. Consultation and Engagement

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

17. Equality and Diversity/ Cohesion and Integration

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.

18. Council Polices and City Priorities

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:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

19. Resources and Value for Money

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

20. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

21. Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

24. 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.

Appendix 1 - Outer East Community Committee Neighbourhood Policing Teams - Service Updates

NPT Wards	Crossgates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam & Halton.
Date Updates Provided	11 September 2023
Meeting Date	26 September 2023
Meeting Time	16:00
Venue	Swarcliffe Community Centre, 65 Stanks Gardens, Leeds, LS14 5LS

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data

Outer East ward areas, yearly crime comparison tables for August - September 2022 vs 2023.

Crossgates and Whinmoor Crime Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
Burglary - business and community	5	1	4
Burglary - residential	24	14	10
Robbery	1	0	1
Theft from motor vehicle	3	4	1
Theft from the person	2	2	0
Theft of motor vehicle	9	3	6
Grand Total	44	24	20

Garforth and Swillington Crime Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
Burglary - business and community	1	4	3
Burglary - residential	4	8	4
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft from motor vehicle	7	5	2
Theft from the person	1	1	0
Theft of motor vehicle	5	2	3
Grand Total	18	20	2

Kippax and Methley Crime Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
Burglary - business and community	2	3	1
Burglary - residential	5	11	6
Robbery	1	0	1
Theft from motor vehicle	4	4	0
Theft from the person	2	0	2
Theft of motor vehicle	4	5	1
Grand Total	18	23	5



Temple Newsam and Halton Crime Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
Burglary - business and community	1	2	1
Burglary - residential	8	12	4
Robbery	2	4	2
Theft from motor vehicle	9	2	7
Theft from person	0	1	1
Theft of motor vehicle	5	2	3
Grand Total	25	23	2

Serious and acquisitive crime demands, have declined across the Outer East ward areas, with an overall demand reduction of fifteen crime occurrences across the Outer East, in comparison to the same period reviewed in 2022.

Burglary occurrences presented with increased demands across all ward areas year on year, except for the Crossgates and Whinmoor ward area which presented with reduced demands.

The Crime Prevention Officer has held several crime prevention engagement events, to raise awareness and provide information on home security. In addition, several site surveys have been conducted at business premises and repeat/vulnerable victims also re-visited.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data

Outer East ward areas, yearly anti-social behaviour comparison tables for August - September 2022 vs 2023.

Crossgates and Whinmoor ASB Call Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
ADULT NUISANCE NON - ALCOHOL RELATED	7	4	3
ALCOHOL	2	0	2
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	1	0	1
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	3	1	2
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1	1	0
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	18	4	14
YOUTH RELATED	21	10	11
Grand Total	53	20	33

Garforth and Swillington ASB Call Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
ADULT NUISANCE NON - ALCOHOL RELATED	0	2	2
ALCOHOL	0	0	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	1	0	1
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	2	0	2
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1	3	2



NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	6	5	1
YOUTH RELATED	6	7	1
Grand Total	16	17	1

Kippax and Methley ASB Call Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
ADULT NUISANCE NON - ALCOHOL RELATED	3	3	0
ALCOHOL	0	0	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1	2	1
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	0	0	0
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	15	13	2
YOUTH RELATED	6	4	2
Grand Total	25	22	3

Temple Newsam and Halton ASB Call Category	Aug - Sept 22	Aug - Sept 23	Change
ADULT NUISANCE NON - ALCOHOL RELATED	3	1	2
ALCOHOL	1	0	1
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	2	0	2
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	3	0	3
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	11	4	7
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	34	5	29
YOUTH RELATED	33	13	20
Grand Total	87	23	64

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) demands continue to decline, with a reduction of ninety-six reports of ASB, across the Outer East ward areas in comparison to the same period reviewed last year.

Nuisance motorcycle/quad demands, presented with the largest demand reduction with forty-six fewer calls for service.

Current Local Priorities Outer East:

Partners and Public can access Leeds East local priority updates at: [Leeds East | West Yorkshire Police](#)

Community and Policing Priorities are reviewed frequently and will be amended in line with community concerns, raised issues at Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings, identified risks and information obtained from local policing analysis.

We will frequently share news updates on Social Media channels, Community Alert and via the West Yorkshire Police Website.

In addition, we have worked with Leeds City Council Hubs across Leeds District and some of the WYP Campaign video's now feature in Community Hubs and Libraries, where there are TV screens to display them. As new materials are produced, they will be shared with the Hubs accordingly.

Operation Dieselcrest and Operation Republic – Local Priority Update:

Ward Area: All ward areas across the Inner and Outer East

To address anti-social motorcycles, vehicular nuisance and associated criminality across the Leeds East ward areas.

As part of Operation Dieselcrest and Operation Republic we will continue to proactively gather intelligence and identify those involved in the anti-social use of motorcycles, vehicles, and associated criminality.

We continue to monitor and respond to incident demands, collate evidence, conduct disruption visits on known offenders, holding targeted days of action and arresting suspects identified.

In addition, we continue to work collaboratively alongside partner agencies to utilise all enforcement methods available, against those repeatedly involved in such behaviour.

You said:

You want to see positive action taken against offenders, involved in the illegal use of motorcycles, vehicles, and associated crimes.

We have:

- Executed several misuse of drugs warrants which resulted in drugs, motorcycles, quad bikes being seized, and offenders arrested
- Seized over 100 motorcycles, quad bikes, electric scooters, and cars inclusive of stolen vehicles
- Arrested several individuals for road related offences, theft, weapons, and drugs
- Issued Traffic Offence reports for speeding and other motoring offences
- Issued multiple Section 59 Warnings, particularly across areas identified for car meets and vehicular nuisance
- Conducted several targeted days of action
- Identified several individuals and have issued 14 Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW)
- Served one Community Protection Notice, following a breach of CPNW issued
- Following the ongoing legal work conducted by Leeds City Council, Operation Leodis and West Yorkshire Police, one individual has been issued with a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order and two individuals have been issued with a two-year Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Order.
- Worked alongside Leeds City Council who have secured a Leeds City wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), to tackle vehicle related anti-social behaviour. Further information is available at: [Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week sees city-wide Public Space Protection Order comes into force \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/news/anti-social-behaviour-awareness-week-sees-city-wide-public-space-protection-order-comes-into-force)

- Implemented Operation Republic working alongside North Yorkshire Police on the force borders to tackle illegal, anti-social and dangerous car meets. The full news release can be accessed at: [Police forces join together to tackle illegal car meets | North Yorkshire Police](#)
- Following the implementation of Operation Republic over 150 motorists received a notice of impending community protection warning letters. Should the motorists continue to take part in the dangerous activity, they will be issued with a formal community protection warning, which could escalate to a Community Protection Notice. Arrest and prosecution could follow if the notices served are not adhered to.
- Held a Police and Community Together meeting at Squires Cafe, for motorcycle owners and riders to allow open discussions of concerns and actions being taken to address Theft of motorcycles, whilst providing crime prevention information and advice.

Ward Area: Crossgates and Whinmoor

Lead Sergeant: PS 3550 Nicholson

Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 764 Drew and PC 1000 Bradley

To address reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people, with a particular focus on the White Laith Shops, the Bus Terminus and Whinmoor Library.

We will utilise a multi-agency approach to tackle the rise in anti-social behaviour from young people, at the Bus Terminus and surrounding shops and buildings following reports of nuisance behaviour, bus surfing, criminal damage, and littering. We have and will continue to work with partner agencies, primarily Leeds City Council Youth Services team in order to support early intervention, educating young people as to the dangers of these types of anti-social behaviour and will work with Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team to take action against those repeatedly involved in such behaviours. We liaise and work with First Bus Service to address the reported demands, collate and view CCTV with a view to identifying those involved.

To continue our focus on addressing the use of stolen and off-road motorcycles driving illegally and in an anti-social manner in Swarcliffe, Stanks, Whinmoor and Crossgates.

We have seen a significant reduction in the numbers of such motorcycles across the ward, however, we know that the motorcycles remain present in the area to some degree and our objective is to reduce this even further. We will achieve this by utilising a number of tools primarily community information to identify where the bikes are being stored and those responsible for the theft/illegal use. We will conduct targeted operations such as the current Operation Dieselcrest, which specifically targets those offenders involved in this criminal and ASB activity, and the use of the off-road motorcycle team.

You said:

There is anti-social behaviour issues around the White Laith shops and the bus terminus, with young people causing a nuisance, littering and issues with bus services being cancelled due to the behaviour displayed.

Motorcycles continue to be seen on the main roads and the local estates, causing danger and intimidation to local residents and road users.

We have:

- Conducted patrols across identified areas and conducted plain clothes operations.
- Worked with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour team to issue tenancy warnings to parents of young children repeatedly involved in such ASB.
- Worked alongside the elected members to host additional contact points and community meetings, to reach communities in Swarcliffe.
- Continued to promote the importance of community information, naming those responsible and where the motorcycles are stored, acting on this information received to seek out and recover the often-stolen motorcycles
- Continued to deploy as part of Operation Dieselcrest to robustly tackle the primary offenders, serving of community protection notices and injunctions on those persistently involved in this crime type.
- Identified and interviewed two juveniles for Criminal Damage at St Theresa's Primary School, with one admitting the offence of damage to specialist equipment, utilised for young people with special educational needs.
- Charged two juveniles for Criminal Damage, in respect of damage reports made around the ELOR.
- Liaised and worked alongside Leeds City Council Youth Services, to identify, engage and educate young people involved in the anti-social behaviour.
- Utilised the FIRST Leeds 'Trojan' bus to deploy to the locality, to disrupt and prevent any offences.

Ward Area: Garforth, Swillington, Kippax, Methley and Villages

Lead Sergeant: PS 0801 Collett

Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3826 McAleese and PC 2484 Jenkins

To address public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse and alcohol misuse across public park areas with a particular focus on:

- Barley Hill Park, Garforth
- Glebelands Park, Garforth
- Rocket Park, Millennium Village, Allerton Bywater

We will conduct targeted high visibility patrols at the affected locations, during peak times identified from call demand analysis and information provided by local communities. We will deploy in 'plain clothes' to gather intelligence and identify individuals involved in anti-social behaviour and criminality. We will work closely with the Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Youth Services, to respond to any repeat youths identified and divert young people into local provisions and planned activities in the locality. We will aim to inform, engage and provide advice for young people so they can make safer choices, whilst signposting and referring young people who need further support.

To target and address multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across the ward areas.

We will continue to arrange planned operations in line with Fatal4, to address speeding and driving offences in the communities we serve, along with utilising Speed Indication Devices to raise public awareness. We will work closely with Leeds City Council Parking Services to address repeat incidents and reports of local parking issues and obstructions. Penalty Notices will be issued, to anyone found to be causing an obstruction and parking on a pavement.

You said:

You want to see a reduction in youth related anti-social behaviour and associated criminality such as Public Order, Criminal Damage, drugs and alcohol use.

You want to see positive action taken against road related offences, with a particular focus on speeding offences and parking offences.

We have:

- Conducted multiple targeted patrols and engagements, across the identified public park areas to address reports of anti-social behaviour, public order, and criminal damage.
- Liaised with partners and elected members, who have worked to increase the youth provision offers across the locality following public and young people's feedback.
- Delivered road safety lessons in schools and multiple schools parking patrols conducted, with advice given to parents regarding safe parking.
- Identified two young people involved in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, who were subsequently managed by the Youth Offending Service.
- Conducted multiple actions over the last six weeks working alongside West Yorkshire Police Roads Policing Unit, neighbouring forces and partner agencies, resulting in multiple actions taken. Further information and results can be accessed at: [Road Safety Matters - Local Priority Update | West Yorkshire Police](#)
- Deployed Safer Schools officers across locations with accessible 'open water' areas, to engage with young people during the Summer Holidays about the dangers of open water swimming.
- Conducted further speed checks across Barley Hill Road and Lidgett Lane, resulting in one motorist being issued with a ticket for speeding at 32mph in a 20mph zone.
- Issued a community resolution on Wakefield Road, following the stop and search of an individual resulting in a small quantity of cannabis being located on the person and seized for destruction.

Ward Area: Temple Newsam and Halton

Lead Sergeant: PS 2029 Earnshaw

Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1438 Mortimer and PCSO's Austin, Logan and Miles.

To address road safety concerns and road related offences, across the Temple Newsam and Halton ward with a particular focus on Temple Newsam Park and The Springs Retail Park.

We will continue to proactively deploy in line with Fatal4, to address vehicular nuisance, speeding and driving offences in line with Operation Dieselcrest and Operation Republic. We will proactively deploy at peak times identified and work closely with site management teams to obtain and review CCTV footage, to identify offenders. We will work closely with Leeds City Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to take enforcement action against those repeatedly involved in the anti-social use of vehicles inclusive of anti-social car meets.

To address reports of urban street gangs and organised criminal groups involved in the supply of drugs and serious violence, particularly across the Wykebecks and Halton Moor sections of the ward.

As part of Operation Doleedge and Operation Bunkmill, we will seek to obtain warrants and bring offenders involved in the supply of drugs and associated criminality to justice. We will utilise a range of operational tactics to disrupt offending, identify offenders and gather intelligence. We will work closely with partner agencies, to utilise all enforcement methods at our disposal, inclusive of seeking to obtain premise closure orders on properties, whilst ensuring vulnerable victims are identified, signposted, and safeguarded accordingly. We will work proactively alongside partner agencies and third sectors to educate, disrupt, and divert young people away from criminality.

You said:

You would like to see further roads safety deployments and actions taken in relation to anti-social and dangerous car meets.

You want to see officers take action to address the supply of drugs and violent crime, in the community.

We have:

- Seized and recovered motorcycles and vehicles involved in Anti-Social Behaviour and criminality.
- Conducted house to house engagements, across identified street locations to meet residents, delivering key contact information and discussed local issues and concerns.
- Implemented a new Operation alongside the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill NPT Team called Operation Bunkmill, which sits alongside Operation Doleedge. You

can access previous news releases in relation Operation Doleedge via the below links:

1. [Ten Arrested As Part Of Operation Doleedge Across Halton Moor, Leeds | West Yorkshire Police](#)
2. [Drugs And Weapon Seized As Operation Doleedge Continues Across Halton Moor, Leeds | West Yorkshire Police](#)

- As part of Operation Bunkmill we have assigned a dedicated officer, who conducts proactive diversionary patrols, to engage with identified individuals and divert them away from criminality
- Seized a motor vehicle under S59 of the Police Reform Act on the 26th August 2023, during proactive cross border deployments with the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill NPT Team in the Wykebecks and Rookwoods localities.
- Conducted targeted overt and covert operations across the Springs Retail Park, to disrupt car meets and theft.

Events and Meetings:

Did you know Leeds East NPT, hold several PACT meetings, contact points and events across the Neighbourhoods we serve?

PACT meetings and contact points are an opportunity for the public to attend and speak with their local Neighbourhood Policing Teams, about any concerns or issues within the local communities.

You can keep up to date with our events and meetings, on our NPT website at:

[Events and meetings | West Yorkshire Police](#)

Please note this website is updated frequently, so it is beneficial to keep monitoring the page for any new or upcoming events, meetings or contact points.

Community Alert:

Community Alert which launched in 2019, has been updated to include a new range of benefits.

The system allows the Police to provide updates to the community on incidents, crime prevention and topics that matter to the local community.

For more information and to sign up visit: <https://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk/>

We also recently shared the new look Leeds East NPT Newsletter via community alert, the Newsletter is also being delivered in the communities. The next edition will be circulated in September, via Community Alert.

Contacts:

There are several different ways you can contact the Police and obtain updates, from the Police listed below.

Contact Us: In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101.

#ClickB4UCall: Did you know that you can use the below online methods, to contact West Yorkshire Police?

Local Crime Tracker: The Local Crime Tracker allows people to find out the status of an ongoing investigation or contact details of the officer in the case, using their crime reference number.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/crimetracker>

Online crime reporting: You can call 101 to report non-emergency crimes, but there are also ways to report certain crimes on the West Yorkshire Police website.

There are dedicated forms for reporting anti-social behaviour, nuisance bikes and hate crime.

Report Online at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it>

101 Live Chat: Members of the public can have a two-way conversation with a member of the Customer Contact Centre using the Live Chat System.

The benefit of this system is that a Contact Centre Agent can provide assistance to several people at the same time, rather than being engaged on one phone line, and for quick queries, it is an ideal way to beat the queue.

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Ask the Police: West Yorkshire Police has recently signed up to askthepolice.uk which offers answers to frequently asked questions to the police. Residents are urged wherever possible to check on the website or mobile app first to see if they can get an answer to their question without needing to contact the police:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/ask-the-police>

Social Media Accounts: Did you know we also hold accounts on Facebook and Twitter, where we frequently post our engagements and work conducted across the Neighbourhoods we serve?

You can:

'Like' us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast

'Follow' us on Twitter - @WYP_LeedsEast

We hope the information assists in providing detailed information on how to contact the Police, keep up to date with meeting and events, receive messages and keep up to date with our local news updates.

East Leeds NPT

Appendix 2: Employment, Skills & Welfare Service Update Outer East Community Committee

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Outer East Community Committee area is 3,838. This is an increase of 104% since March 2020, and a decrease of 14 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2023		May 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	46,811	9.0%	47,079	9.0%
Outer East	1,882	3.7%	3,852	7.5%	3,838	7.5%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	645	4.7%	1,281	9.3%	1,286	9.4%
Garforth & Swillington	234	2.0%	569	4.9%	562	4.8%
Kippax & Methley	354	2.7%	777	6.0%	766	5.9%
Temple Newsam	649	5.0%	1,225	9.5%	1,224	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

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)
Outer East	680	736	232	167	141	236
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	290	256	88	62	54	79
Garforth & Swillington	83	151	42	23	16	55
Kippax & Methley	74	70	35	17	17	22
Temple Newsam	233	259	67	65	54	80

During April 2022 – March 2023

- 14,179 people accessed the Service, 736 of whom were residents from the Outer East.
- Supported 2,999 people into work, 167 of whom were residents from the Outer East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, construction, health and care including childcares, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 3,753 people to improve their skills, 236 of whom were from the Outer East.

Leeds Employment Hub is 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.

All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Seacroft and City Centre Community Hubs.

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 include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between April 2022 - March 2023, in the Outer East, 10 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 274 residents have accessed a course. In addition, there were 50 courses delivered on-line.

In addition to the above Community Learning courses and in response to requests for ESOL support, a 10 week ESOL course was delivered to residents from the local community at Kentmere Community Centre. The courses have been well attended with 3 courses delivered since September 2022. A new curriculum is in place to support the continued learning from September 2023 which is open to new and current learners. ESOL support will continue to be delivered at City Centre Hub, Hillcrest Academy, Chapeltown Childrens Centre and Gipton Childrens Centre from September 2023.

Between April 2022 - March 2023, 15 Developing You Health and Wellbeing courses, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment were delivered across the city, 123 people completed the course and 24 of whom were supported into work. Developing You courses were developed and delivered to people with Learning Disabilities, 18 people completed the course and are being supported by the Employment Hub to support progression to further learning, employment or volunteering.

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

Delivering in partnership the Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers work focuses on narrowing inequalities with a one system approach across the sector, adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice in the system, targeting the Priority Wards. The pathways that are being delivered provide people with a supported programme into Administration and Care roles within the NHS and Adult Social Care. There are functional skills (Maths, English and ESOL) support provided to upskill individuals to the required entry level for their pathway of choice. Since February 2022, 422 people, 51% of whom were from the Priority Wards have attended the information sessions, 167 have achieved a qualification and 174 people have been supported into work. New pathways that have been developed for Children's Residential, Care Practitioner roles and Care Navigators within GP Practices and will be delivered from September 2023. For further information please visit: [Health and Care Careers](#).

Within the last year the Service has supported 342 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.

Delivered Events and Activities

- **Informed Choices** supported school careers events and parents evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 10,535 young people, 458 parents/carers and 409 teachers.
- **Next Steps** support for young people following GCSE or A Level results is hosted on Start in Leeds [Next Steps after School or College](#).
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** delivered 28 information sessions between January and July 2023 at 7 venues across the city, five of the LCC Community Hubs, Age UK and One Community Centre
- **Jobs Fairs** 19 recruitment events delivered since April 2023 at 10 venues across the city, seven LCC Community Hubs, Wetherby Community Hub, Farnley Community centre and the White Rose Shopping Centre.
- **Leeds Community Learning and Employer Provider Apprenticeships Celebration Awards 2023** took place on 18th July 2023 at Civic Hall to celebrate the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embrace their future progression into further/higher education, volunteering and/or employment.
- **SEND Next Choices Event**, Getting Ready for Adult Life took place on 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 67 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships,

volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities and along with other specific support. 2,200 young people attended with very positive feedback.

- **Financial Wellbeing Events** delivered in partnership with Credit Union, Yorkshire Water and Leeds City Council, Housing, Jobshops for residents concerned with the rising cost of living. Support provided included debt advice and employment assistance.
- **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF)** took place on 6th February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. A total of 106 organisations participated and 8,000 visitors attended.
 - 78% of visitors were either more likely to start an Apprenticeship or more interested in an Apprenticeship since attending the event.
 - 85% of visitors would recommend the event to a friend.
- **Family Learning Festival** was delivered on the 16th February 2023 at the Carriageworks Theatre, approx. 150 people participating along with 25 exhibitors from across the Community Learning sector. Local skills providers, colleges, universities, employment advisors attended to provide advice for anyone looking to develop their skills further or to plan their next steps.
- **Reducing Re-Offending** construction recruitment events took place on 24th January 2023 and 19th July 2023 at HMP Leeds, 5 construction companies attended offering employment opportunities. 77 serving prisoners engaged with the advisors who delivered employability support sessions.

Planned Events and Activities

- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** information sessions are planned to be delivered at the following venues:
 - Richmond Hill Community Centre on Thursday 17th August 2023
 - Reginald Centre on Thursday 24th August 2023
 - Dewsbury Road Community Hub on Wednesday 30th August and Friday 6th October 2023
 - Compton Community Hub on Friday 1st September 2023
 - City Centre Community Hub on Thursday 7th September 2023
 - Beeston Community Centre on Monday 11th September 2023
 - Kentmere Community Centre on Tuesday 19th September 2023
 - Armley Community Hub on Friday 20th October 2023
- **The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023** will take place on 26th September 2023, at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event is aimed at those exploring a career in tech and digital. Attendees will be given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Digital Careers Fair 2023](#).
- **Reducing Re-Offending** a jobs fair to take place at HMP Wealstun on 28th September 2023. The event will offer support to prisoners due for release. A range of employers, from different sectors, are attending alongside Employment and Skills Advisors.
- **The Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** will take place on 20th November 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event will showcase the wide range of opportunities within the creative and culture sector. There will be a range of employers and providers as well as interactive activities and information sessions. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Creative Skills Festival 2023](#).
- **The Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** will take place at Leeds First Direct Arena on Monday 5th February 2024. Further details will be available in the Autumn.

Further Information

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:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@employmentandskills>

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

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>

The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter was launched in March 2023, which provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 2,700 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Appendix 3 - Outer East Community Committee Health and Wellbeing Report

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day is marked on September 10th each year to promote worldwide action to prevent suicides. Various events and activities are held during this time to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of early death. Every person lost to suicide is someone's partner, child, friend, neighbour and/or colleague and their death will hugely affect people in their family, workplace, and community. We can all play a vital role in reducing and preventing suicide by making people comfortable to talk about suicide and mental health through encouraging people to have these conversations.

The West Yorkshire Check In With Your Mate campaign aims to promote these conversations and to raise awareness of the factors and signs that may lead to suicide, inspiring people to start conversations about mental health with the men in their life - at home, in the community and at work – potentially saving lives.

To support the Public Mental Health team in promoting the '[Check in With Your Mate](#)' (CIWYM) campaign and help to prevent suicide, click [here](#) for a range of free resources. Colleagues are encouraged to download the CIWYM email signature to show support for the campaign throughout September and share/distribute campaign posters as appropriate.

For helpful guidance and support around language and to help prevent further harm when talking about suicide, we would recommend you familiarise yourself with the following [guide](#).

To coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day, the [Yorkshire Speak Their Name Memorial Quilt](#) will be at Kirkgate Market from 9th-15th September and we would encourage colleagues to find time to pay a visit to support us in reducing stigma when talking about suicide.

If you have been affected by suicide, at any point in your life, the [Leeds Suicide Bereavement Service](#) offers a safe space to talk and get support

Heatwave and health: comms toolkit

The summer weather/heatwave comms toolkit has been available for use across the city with copy and assets for bulletins and social media.

The messages are based around the new impact based alert system. The heat health alert system is operated by UKHSA in partnership with the Met Office and is outlined below:

- Green (summer preparedness) – general preparedness and awareness raising.
- Yellow (response) - where impacts may be expected for those who are particularly vulnerable or where the confidence in the weather forecast for more severe periods of heat is low
- Amber (enhanced response) - for situations where impacts are expected across the population.
- Red (emergency response) - significant risk to life for even the healthy population

The toolkit was made available during the Heatwave campaign for use by agencies and groups to support residents.

Winter vaccines rollout: Building vaccine confidence for higher risk populations.

Free webinars were offered during August in preparation for the vaccine rollout which begins in September. Various dates and times were offered to raise awareness of the rollout programme and information that can be passed on to residents in the city.

Climate change workshop

6 September, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

The directors of public health in Y&H have made climate change one of their priorities for collaboration across the 15 local authorities. A strand of the action plan is a CPD programme based on the insight and learning from the survey sent out to all DPH's earlier in the year.

Climate change is the single biggest threat to population health. Public health professionals have a key role to play in climate mitigation and adaptation and drawing attention to the health co-benefits of addressing the factors that drive climate change. Their in-depth understanding of health inequalities is crucial to ensure that climate change does not further compromise the health of the most vulnerable.

Cat Pinho-Gomes shares the support available from the Faculty of Public Health and discusses how we can embed climate and health into our daily jobs.

The event was open to all public health staff with an interest in climate change.

Better Conversations

Part of the Leeds Health and Care Academy, these skill sessions are open to anyone working in health and social care in Leeds. The workshops aim to enable health and care colleagues to deliver and encourage more collaborative conversations, primarily between a health and care professional and patient or service user, or when speaking to members of the public.

Three learning packages are on offer:

- Level 1 – eLearning – introducing the principles of better conversations – a 60-minute session
- Level 2 – virtual interactive workshop – better conversations: reflective practice (28 September, 22 November and 14 December)
- Level 3 – in-person workshop – better conversations: a personalised approach to conversations (13 September and 17 October)

Rightsizing campaign

People aged 50 and over living in West Yorkshire are being targeted with an innovative new campaign to help them 'rightsized' and find a home that's right for them. The aim of the 'rightsizing' campaign is to help people choose where they live before other factors, such as ill health, make that decision for them. The campaign press release is [here](#) or visit the new website for more information [Your home, your choice](#). If you wish to help promote the campaign a toolkit is also available here: [Rightsizing campaign toolkit](#).

Drowning Prevention

During the summer, the risk to young people through accidental drowning increases significantly. When the weather is hot young people can be tempted to go for a dip in the local river or reservoir, but swimming in open waters is extremely dangerous.

A range of water safety campaign resources are available for digital channels. They can be downloaded [here](#).

The Royal Life Saving Society [website](#) also provides information and resources on water safety education.

Annual flu report

UKHSA's annual report has been published and summarises the levels of influenza (flu) across the UK for the winter period, 2022 to 2023. The analysis indicates that excess deaths in England associated with flu were higher (14,500) than the average figure (13,500) for the five years before the pandemic. This is the highest figure since the 2017 to 2018 season, when there were 22,500 excess deaths associated with flu.

You can read more [here](#).

Child Poverty Action Group

These are some free resources from the Child Poverty Action Group which can be shared with constituents and the third sector.

Many of our resources are free to read online because of partnerships we've made. These include:

- [Mental Health and Benefits Handbook](#) this has just come out and has been produced in conjunction with MIND
- [Fuel Rights Handbook](#)
- [Debt Advice Handbook](#)
- [Children's Handbook Scotland](#)
- Selected [articles from the Welfare Rights Bulletin and Poverty](#)
- Factsheets on welfare topics – available on our [topics pages](#).

Measles Action Cards

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Yorkshire and Humber have recently circulated communications and guidance to acute trusts and primary care following a rise in the number of confirmed Measles cases both within Yorkshire and Humber and nationally during the first part of 2023. Children and young adults continue to be susceptible to infection due to a gap in immunity, contributed to by the fall in vaccination uptake rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Measles action cards for healthcare settings are available and inform staff of the symptoms to be aware of as well as the actions to be taken should a patient present with measles like symptoms.

The Health Publications website contains UKHSA measles resources for settings which can be downloaded and printed or ordered (usually for free). To access all of the available resources visit [Publications - Health Publications](#).

The 'If you think you've got measles call ahead' poster can be printed [here](#) to be displayed in surgeries, or if you would like this to be posted to you please contact the Public Health Resource Centre PHRC@leeds.gov.uk. This poster can also be shared on social media platforms and GP practice websites to raise public awareness of measles symptoms and actions.

National Energy Action: E-learning courses

This training aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge to help mitigate against the impact of the energy crisis on vulnerable households.




- Fuel poverty and health – information and online booking [here](#).
- Introduction to domestic energy efficiency – information and online booking [here](#).
- Delivering high quality domestic energy advice – information and online booking [here](#).

Appendix 4 – Core Youth Work Monitoring Report

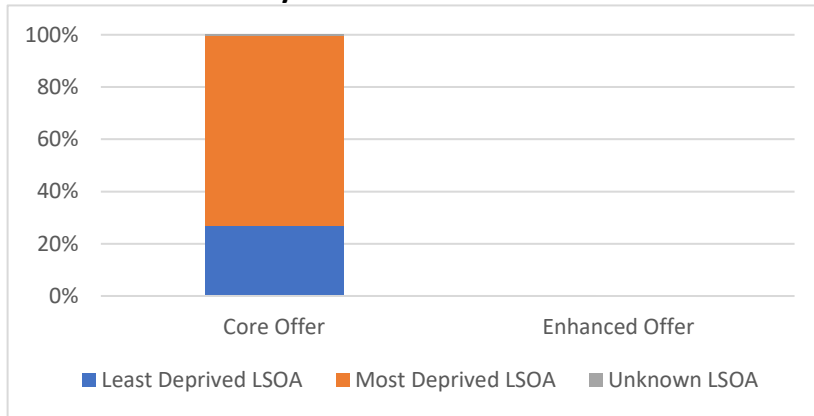
The vision for Youth Work in Leeds – ‘Making Connections’ Report



Area	Outer East
Core Offer Team Leader	Glen O’Malley
Enhanced Offer Delivery Partner	
Date of Report	April to June 2023

Indicators	Last report	This quarter	Comments
<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 181 Total Number of Youth Work Hours:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #4a86e8; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg); font-size: 1.2em;">core offer</p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #000;">567 hours</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #f08080; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg); font-size: 1.2em;">enhanced offer</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #76b82a; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg); font-size: 1.2em;">YAF & Other</p>  </div> </div>			<p>Overall the Youth Service Outer East Core Team delivered <u>181</u> Youth Work sessions between April and June 2023.</p> <p>This enabled young people to participate in a range of educational and diversionary programmes which contributed to the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Outer East Area.</p> <p>Overall engagement levels in the Core Youth Work programmes were <u>498</u> known young people and <u>116</u> Unknown young people.</p> <p>New Youth Work sessions have been created in Temple Newsam Ward.</p> <p>Core Youth Work sessions have focused on various issue based work such as Weapons Awareness, Water Safety, Pride Month, Ramadan and EID, Gypsy Roma Traveller history month exam stress & revision techniques, grief and bereavement discussions, making wands on Harry Potter day! celebrating the Kings coronation, St Georges day, and inviting Leeds culture 2023 to deliver a fantastic art session.</p>

Session Attendance by LSOA



310 young people from the Most Deprived (LSOA) areas engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during April to June 2023.

188 young people from the Least Deprived (LSOA) area engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during April to June 2023.

Total Number of different young people attending youth work provision from each ward

	Known YP	Unknown YP
Outer East		
CROSSGATES & WHINMOOR	206	30
GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON	91	31
KIPPAX & METHLEY	119	24
TEMPLE NEWSAM	82	31
	498	116

The numbers detailed for each ward are concerning, the number reflect only the young people living & attending Core Youth Work provision within the ward they live and within the ward the provision takes place at (they must be the same).

If a young person from Middleton attended a provision in Crossgates & Whinmoor ward they are not counted.

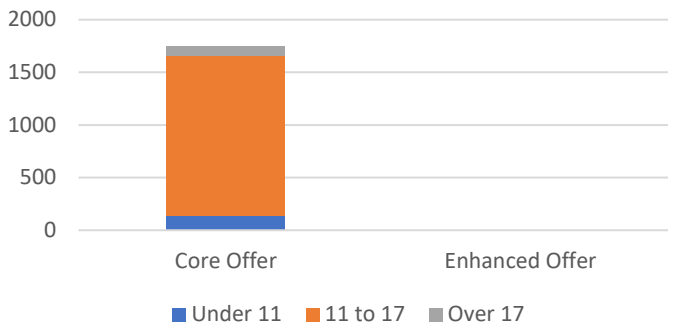
The distinct attendance for the whole of the Outer East area for April to June 2023 was **698** young people. The number for the wards combined comes in at **498** young people.

The overall attendance in sessions delivered by the Youth Service Outer East Core Youth Work Team during the April to June period is **4731** young people.

Young People Attending by Age

The target age group for the Youth Service Outer East Core team is aged 11 to 17 years of age, during the April to June period the following level of young people engaged:

Under 11's - 47 Distinct Young People



11 to 17's - 431 Distinct Young People
 Over 17's - 20 Distinct Young People

Young People Attending by ethnicity

Wedge Area %



Young People worked with this quarter %



- White British
- Traveller of Irish Heritage
- Gypsy/Roma
- White and Black African
- Any other Mixed background
- Pakistani
- Any other Asian background
- African
- Chinese
- White Irish
- Any other White background
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Asian
- Indian
- Bangladeshi
- Caribbean
- Any other Black background
- Any other ethnic group

Again during the April to June period the Youth Service Outer East Core Team has engaged a good mix of young people from across the area, on reflection **33%** of participants have been from different Cultures and **64%** of participants were White British.

Youth Service Outer East Core Team have been focussing on the Culture Cohesion Quality Mark and the Equality Diversity & Inclusion approach of Leeds City Council and creating new opportunities for all young people.

Young People Attending by Gender



Male 301

Female 196

Withheld 1

Unknown 0

*We recognise how young people choose to identify may not be reflected above. These categories are the options available in Core+ and for DFE data purposes on statutory reporting for Local Authorities. We are actively looking at improving the way in which we record gender and identity.

Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision



C&YP with disability 1



C&YP with no disability 497



Not known 0

Members at Garforth Kicks and Kippax Kicks who have Autism have settled into the informal style of the session. They are aware they can walk off the pitch at any time to manage their own feelings / behaviour. They really like the informal approach and the acceptance of everyone at the sessions.

Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilities




















Carer 1



No Carer 497



Unknown

Sessions by Priorities			
 P = Primary & S = Secondary issues Raised	P	S	
 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	0	12	<p>During the April to June reporting period the way in which session priorities are recorded has been updated, each session will have only one core priority detailed. It is important that all the issues addressed within sessions are reported upon.</p> <p>The main priority during the April to June period was “Reducing Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (46 key priority sessions, overall, 111 sessions) focussed on the issue.</p> <p>The second priority addressed during the April to June period was “Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing (41 key priority sessions, overall, 106 sessions) focussed on the issue.</p> <p>The third priority addressed during the April to June 2023 period was “Encourage physical activity and healthy eating” (25 key priority sessions, overall, 83 sessions) focussed on the issue.</p>
 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	2	14	
 Support families to give children the best start in life	0	7	
 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	19	42	
 Improve achievement & attainment for all	2	10	
 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	0	2	
 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	0	1	
 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	2	18	
 Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	41	65	
 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	25	58	
 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	7	38	
 Promote Sexual Health	8	26	
 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	5	31	
 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	46	65	
 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	4	18	
 Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0	0	
	161	407	

Safeguarding / Early Help - 3



Youth Workers from the Outer East Core Team have been providing support to young people who have been referred to cluster via schools or mind mate. Youth Workers have made contact and encouraged young people to attend local groups and get involved in the positive activities. Youth Workers also provide support to young people who are struggling with some aspects of their lives. Youth Workers have also been able to provide information to parents and carers around local groups and activities.

The Core Youth Work team has continued to provide young people with access to free food during regular Youth Work sessions. Many young people are attending sessions and indicating they are hungry, Youth Workers now offer fruit, toast, soup, rice based meals & pizza's during the sessions. This has also given youth workers the opportunity to deliver sessions on budgeting, food hygiene and cooking. Core Youth Workers have also been supporting young people who have indicated their families are struggling financially, sometimes free sessions, reduced price trips and support with clothing.







Core Youth Workers have been attending and supporting families as part of the early help meetings, the partnership approach with schools and partner agencies enables families to receive the correct level of support from the correct agency.

Core Youth Workers have been working with local Police regards a young person who absconds from home on a weekend, Youth Workers are focussing on reasons, where they go to and looking at conflict management techniques.

Youth Workers from the Outer East Core Team have been working in partnership with Early Help, Social Worker, Teachers and Family to support a young person to re access school. The young person has experienced

			personal issues and been subjected to bullying, working together the young person has been able to access local Youth Work provision building relationships, confidence and minimising social isolation.
Evidence of young people's involvement			<p>Working in partnership with Outer East Community Committee and Safer Leeds, the Core Youth Work Team has engaged young people in having their say via consultations and surveys. Young people have been encouraged to have a voice and complete surveys such as the Leeds City Centre women's say, Community Cohesion and the Child friendly Leeds City centre surveys.</p> <p>Young people from across the Outer East Core provision have been discussing ideas for the summer 2023 holiday programme. The young people produced some new ideas of Bake-Off competitions and a masquerade ball! Of course, theme parks were the number one choice. Core Youth Workers are currently busy planning the programme in the run up to the summer holidays.</p>

Leeds Youth Work Vision:

 Youth work will be valued and understood.	 Participation and Empowerment.	 Collaboration.
 Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity	 Respect and positivity	 Quality, safety, and well-being

What has gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Progress on priorities from last Quarterly report:

Youth Service Outer East Core Team has now recruited Youth Worker in Training, this has enabled the programme in the Outer East area to increase, overall four new Youth Work sessions have been created.

The replacement of three Mobile Units across the city has now progressed and the formal order has been submitted for the new vehicles.

Funding applications for school holiday diversionary programmes have been submitted and in total Outer East has secured, funding to offer a diversionary programme during the holiday periods, the local Youth Matters groups have been working with Core Youth Workers to identify what activities will be offered during the Summer holidays.

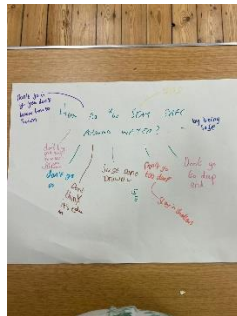
The increase in sessions has seen three additional outdoor sessions available for young people across the SSE area, this has been developed in partnership with Leeds United Foundation.

New members have been identified for the Youth Matters sessions and the young people are looking to join following information sessions and conclusion of holiday programme.

Water Safety Work has been enhanced across the Core Youth Work sessions and on the social media accounts, the passing of another young person has resulted in the need for extra work to be focussed upon.

Youth work will be valued and understood:

Water Safety Work has been undertaken by Core Youth Work sessions during the weekly sessions, recent spikes in weather conditions have seen a number of locations having groups of young people congregate and swimming in open water. In Outer East a sixteen year-old young person lost their life after swimming in open water. Youth Workers have engaged with Yorkshire Water, Fire Service and St Aidan's Nature Reserve to offer information around water safety. One of the key concerns was the level of substance use whilst young people accessing the water.



Youth Service Outer East Core Youth Workers have continued to offer access to the C-card project, during April to June two new sessions have been created enabling young people to register for the scheme, pick up from local access points / groups to promote responsibility & safe sexual health, Core Youth Workers are also working in partnership with Leeds Health to best deliver an effective service to young people. Lots of discussions have been had around sexual health as Youth Workers have seen an increase in the need for the 3 in 1 service as well as young people showing sexualised behaviour and inappropriateness. Young people have gained knowledge to help them make informed choices about their own sexual health and their bodies.

Participation and Empowerment:

Youth Service Outer East Core team engaged with local Youth Matters group to plan and deliver a diversionary programme during the Easter 2023 Holiday period, the programme offered trips to Laser-Zone, Flamingo Land and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. These trips were, received well with many being oversubscribed. The programme also offered a themed party / disco including an easter egg hunt to allow young people to have fun in a safe environment.

The new Halton Moor Youth Matters group was established in April 2023 and is going from strength to strength, the weekly session now engages sixteen young people attending on a Wednesday at Temple Learning Academy. The young people have been engaging in various educational & fun activities including issue-based work. The group members discussed and chose a name for the group and have decided the group will be called the "The Dream Team".

Collaboration:

The partnership between Leeds United Foundation & the Core Youth Service team continues to grow, during April to June a new sessions was created in the Outer East area. The Garforth session has enabled more young people to participate in weekly sessions offering physical activity, skill development and anger management techniques. The sessions also enable Core Youth Workers to focus on reducing ASB in the areas.



Youth Service Core Offer Youth Workers have been working in partnership with local schools, Leeds NHS sexual health clinic, Local GP's, Leeds survivor Lead mental health service, Night Owl. During April to June two events were attended by the Localities team which shared information on Core Youth Work sessions, work undertaken with young people and share information on Summer holiday programmes. The engagement with partners also seen a number of young people linked into the Youth Service provisions.

British Red Cross have been working in partnership with the Core Youth Service team in delivering First aid sessions across the South, Southeast area. Young people have also been taking part in coping with changes courses also delivered in partnership with the British Red Cross.

The Safe Project worked in partnership with SSE Core Youth Workers to deliver sessions on Exploitation, Staying Safe, ASB Awareness, Online Safety, Healthy Eating & Lifestyles. The sessions enabled young people to dispel myths whilst getting factual information from qualified staff.

The group members have been discussing the issues addressed during later sessions and how they have put the information into action to protect themselves.

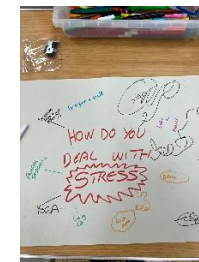
Yorkshire Housing have been engaging in a partnership with the Core Youth Work team to provide hygiene products for the young people who attend Swarcliffe Youth Club. Yorkshire Housing have also provided easter eggs for young people who live in the ward. Future work includes a short film about the lives of young people living in the area, young people will be taught how to use a camera and sound and editing process.



Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:

Young people from the Outer East Core Youth Work provision have been engaged in consultation around Community Cohesion for Leeds City Council Safer Stronger Communities Team, the consultation focussed on local areas, what is good, what concerns they have and what makes a good neighbour.

Kings Coronation - Leading up to the king's coronation young people from across the Outer East area developed their understanding of the monarchy, young people focussed on the wealth, how the royals work, religion and family history. The young people also decorated the youth clubs in union jacks and had coronation parties where they got to experience a traditional English tea, with sandwiches and scones.



Respect and positivity:

Exam Support – Core Youth Workers have been supporting young people who were faced with their GCSE course work and exam prep. Young people have needed some confidence building work to assist them when they start to doubt what they know. Youth workers have also provided support with preparing study timetables and calming exercises to reduce stress.

Mental Health Support and guidance has been provided by Core Youth Workers to young people who have been struggling with mental health and anxiety. Individuals were supported on a one-to-one basis but a session on mental health and stress was also introduced. This used discussion and mind mapping to help young people focus on recognising stress in themselves and others, finding self-help ways to reduce stress, and increase awareness of where or how to seek support.

Quality, safety, and well-being:

Young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions have been focussing on water safety, all Core groups focussed on the issue during drowning prevention week and this will be ongoing throughout the summer months. The drowning of a local young person was a huge shock for the community. The Youth Workers will continue to support young people and deliver work on processing grief.

Logic Park & East Leeds Orbital Road – Core Youth Workers have been focussing on the two locations as they have been identified as location that are experiencing regular Anti-Social Behaviour. Reports received vehicles been attacked at both locations with young people throwing bricks at Buses in Logic Park and young people throwing stones from bridges at ELOR. Detached teams have visited the locations, engaged with young people, challenged their behaviour, actions and where required shared information with Police & ASB team. Engagement has also been undertaken with security guards at Logic Park and local farmers at ELOR.

Weapons Awareness Sessions and information has been undertaken with young people from the Outer East area, the Core Youth Work team has seen an increase of knife crime in the area, Youth Workers have responded by delivering knife crime sessions and implementing bag searches in some youth groups. Young people have responded positively to the measures introduced and parents are pleased their children are being kept safe.

What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Mobile Units continue to make delivery of some sessions difficult, the level of servicing, repairs and technical issues has seen the two of the three mobile units not been available for between five and eight weeks during this quarter. This results on detached work being undertaken and young people are less keen to engage in.

Staffing levels in some sessions continues to be a challenge, two sessions attracting in excess of seventy plus young people only have three staff available to operate the session. Management have looked at staffing resources and where possible assigned additional staff and at other times had to implement restrictions on numbers and age.

Compliments and Feedback

1 – Highways, York Road, ASB

Sandi/Deeta and Youth Services

Just to thank you all for your support down at the location, the Council and contractors were meeting on site on Monday to hand over for works to start.

I have driven past the location this evening and noted the fencing is secure on the perimeter next to York Road, so hopefully the works will progress well, and young people will be deterred from accessing the site.

Mohammed Zahir

2 – Dream Team Session – Feedback:

“I am very grateful that my child is able to access the service because it gets him out of the house to socialise and make friends”

“Very pleased that my child is able to walk to the youth club, excellent service to take part in”

3 – Easter Holiday Programme Feedback:

“Thank you so much for taking me today , I loved the red pandas!” – young person on YAF trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park at Easter.

4 – St Aidan’s Consultation:

“Thank you for letting me talk with the young people here today, I’ve got some great ideas to take back,” – RSPB St Aidan’s consultation at Methley.

5 – Garforth Academy Group Work Session:

“Thank you for helping me with my anger” – young person on the Anger Management course via Garforth Academy

6 – Leeds United Kicks Session:

“My son is autistic and is bullied at school for it, I am so happy he can just play football here without anyone taking the mickey out of him.” – parent of young person at Garforth Kicks.

7 – Swarcliffe Youth Club:

I am very grateful for my child to be able to access the Youth Service as it gets him out of the house to socialise & make new friends.







What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter?

- Develop & deliver an affordable diversionary school holiday programme including Two Activity Days.
- To continue to promote the new Kicks session in the Garforth area.
- To continue promoting the LGBTQ+ sessions.
- To try new “Bake Off” competitions over the summer school holidays in response to the Outer East Community Committee survey results.
- To continue to focus on Anti-social Behaviour in hot spot areas as identified by partnerships.
- To further develop the sexual health support available to young people in the SSE area.
- To work with the young people on water safety over the summer months.
- To focus on developing an additional KICKS session in the Ullswater area of Halton Moor.



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Leeds Youth Work Vision:

 Youth work will be valued and understood.	 Participation and Empowerment.	 Collaboration.
 Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity	 Respect and positivity	 Quality, safety, and well-being

What were the issues?

RSPB St Aidan’s approached the Youth Service to obtain the views of local young people for their new welcome centre plans.

What did we do?

- Invited the community engagement officer to do a short presentation and consultation with the youth club members.
- Asked the young people if they would like to participate.
- Arranged for the visit in the youth club.

How did it make a difference?

Young people from Methley youth club participated in a consultation with the local RSPB St Aidan's nature park. The RSPB community engagement officer visited the club on an evening. She discussed the plans for a new welcome centre with the young people.

They were shown the proposed plans and were asked to produce suggestions for the building, improvements to the site in general and how the RSPB could improve engagement with teenage visitors.

Some brilliant ideas were discussed; from having large windows in the welcome building to view the fantastic sunsets the site has, to serving affordable healthy drinks on an evening. Another suggestion was to offer after school / evening interactive tours of the site to learn about the wildlife and habitat there.

The groups really enjoyed the discussions and appreciated that they were asked their opinions. Hopefully we will see their ideas come to life soon!

As a thank you for the consultation, the group are going to visit St Aidan's in July to do a "Bat spotting walk" they are really looking forward to it – especially staying out late!