



Inner North West Community Committee

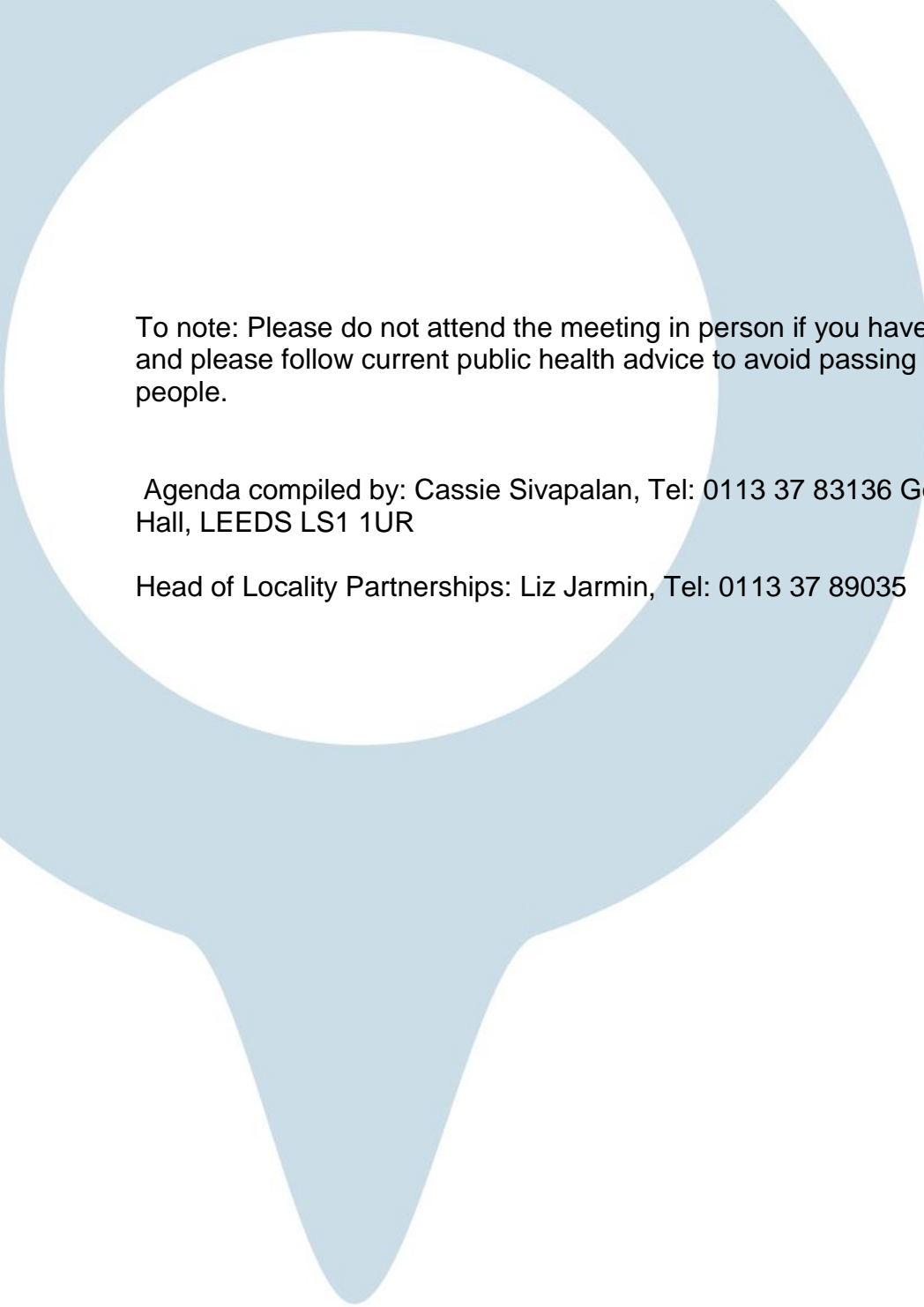
Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse,
Weetwood

**Meeting to be held in Sky Hub, Age UK Leeds,
Bradbury Building, Mark Lane, Leeds, LS2 8JA**
Wednesday, 27th September, 2023 at 6.00 pm

Councillors:

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| A Garthwaite | - Headingley and Hyde Park; |
| A Hannan | - Headingley and Hyde Park; |
| J Pryor | - Headingley and Hyde Park; |
| J Akhtar | - Little London and Woodhouse |
| K Brooks | - Little London and Woodhouse |
| A Marshall-Katung | - Little London and Woodhouse |
| E Flint | - Weetwood; |
| J Heselwood | - Weetwood; |
| I Wilson | - Weetwood; |





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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rules 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>	F_PR O
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF 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>	F_PR O

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(the special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	F_PR O
4			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>	F_PR O
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence</p>	F_PR O
6			<p>MINUTES - 5TH JULY 2023</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2023.</p>	F_PR O
7			<p>CLIMATE DISCUSSION</p> <p>To receive the report of the Localities Officer which invites the Committee to discuss Climate Action and appoint Councillor I Wilson as the Committee's Climate Champion.</p>	F_PR O
8			<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>To receive the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which 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.</p>	F_PR O
9			<p>UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>To receive the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which brings to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.</p>	F_PR O

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10			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	F_PR O
11			<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To note that the date and time of the next meeting as 13th December 2023 at 6pm.</p> <p>MAP AND VENUE DETAILS</p> <p>Sky Hub - Age UK Leeds, Bradbury Building, Mark Ln, Leeds LS2 8JA</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> <ol 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. 	F_PR O F_PR O F_PR O

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INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor I Wilson in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, K Brooks, E Flint,
A Garthwaite, A Hannan, J Heselwood,
A Marshall-Katung and J Pryor

1 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the meeting, with particular reference to Councillors A Hannan and J Heselwood who were attending the meeting as Committee Members for the first time. This followed their recent appointment to the Committee as Councillors for Headingley & Hyde Park Ward and Weetwood Ward respectively.

The Chair also provided those in attendance with a brief overview of the Committee's role across the communities it covers, and invited Members and officers to introduce themselves.

2 **Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

It was confirmed that there were no appeals received ahead of the meeting for consideration.

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

There was no information contained within the agenda which was designated as being exempt from publication.

4 **Late Items**

There were no formal late items of business, however, with the agreement of the Chair, supplementary information had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting in the form of further funding applications for determination as part of agenda item 10 (Finance Report). Minute No. 11 refers.

5 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

6 **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence from the meeting had been submitted.

7 **Minutes - 29th March 2023**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

8 **Appointments to Community Committees 2023/24**

The City Solicitor submitted a report that invited the Committee to note the appointment of Councillor Wilson as Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee for 2023/24 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and

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which also invited the Committee to make appointments to Outside Bodies and a range of other positions, as detailed within the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the appointment of Councillor Wilson as Chair of the Community Committee for the duration of 2023/24, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council, be noted;
- (b) That the Committee’s schedule of appointments be agreed as follows:

Organisation/Outside Body/Role	No. of Places / Suggested No/ of Places	Agreed Appointment(s) for 2023/24
Outside Bodies		
Cardigan Centre	1	Cllr K Brooks
Ireland Wood Children’s Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr E Flint
Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee	1	Cllr J Heselwood
Clusters		
Extended Services North West Cluster	2	Cllr E Flint
Local Housing Advisory Panel (LHAP)		
Inner North West LHAP	3	Cllr J Akhtar (Little London & Woodhouse)
		Cllr A Hannan (Headingley & Hyde Park)
		Cllr I Wilson (Weetwood)
Local Care Partnerships (LCPs)		
Holt Park & Woodsley LCP	1	Cllr K Brooks / Cllr A Marshall-Katung
Leeds Student Medical Practice LCP	1	Cllr J Akhtar
Community Committee Themed ‘Champions’		
Children’s Services	1	Cllr J Pryor
Environment & Community Safety	1	Cllr J Akhtar
Employment, Skills & Welfare	1	Cllr K Brooks

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care	1	Cllr A Marshall-Katung
Corporate Parenting Board	1	Cllr J Pryor

9 Vision Zero

The Team Leader for Safe and Sustainable Travel submitted a report which aimed to introduce and provide a wider understanding of the recently adopted Vision Zero strategy including its aims, its action plan and an overview of the range of ongoing workstreams that fed into its development. In setting out its aims, the Committee noted the strategy's ambition that by 2040 no one is killed or seriously injured on roads in Leeds.

Rosie Revell, Team Leader for Safer and Sustainable Travel together with Chris Kirby, Assistant Transport Planner, were in attendance to introduce the report and also provide further detail on the introduction of the 'Leeds City Bikes' e-bike hire service, which it was noted was due to launch in Leeds in September 2023.

As part of the consideration of this report, the Chair facilitated a wider discussion on this topic with members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Following an introduction from attending officers on both the Vision Zero strategy and the 'Leeds City Bikes' scheme, the Chair opened the discussion up to both Committee Members and also members of the public to provide comments and raise any questions. In summary, the key points from those discussions included the following:

- The relationship and interaction between pedal bikes and e-bikes on the highway, and how cyclists generally interacted with both pedestrians and other road users. The issues arising both in the city centre and wider communities were highlighted. In response, the comments and concerns were acknowledged, with the Committee being provided with an overview of the range of actions ongoing in this area;
- The meeting discussed the aims of the 'Leeds City Bikes' initiative, the scheme's delivery timeframe and the intended participants and the potential impact it would have on travel habits. Also, responding to an enquiry about the provision of family-friendly e-bikes, it was acknowledged that although the 'Leeds City Bikes' scheme would not provide for that at present, the comments raised were noted for further consideration and the potential alternatives for family friendly e-bike provision discussed;
- The need to ensure that there was adequate provision for secure bike parking and storage in the city centre was highlighted and discussed;
- Noting the comments made about what support there was for those who were reliant on car use, such as those with a disability, further

information was provided on the actions being taken in this area across the range of ongoing initiatives;

- Reference was made to the effective use of the actions that can be taken to improve behaviour of cyclists, including education and also enforcement, via initiatives such as ‘Operation Snap’;
- The importance of a proactive and preventative approach towards road safety, including enforcement around the illegal use of e-scooters and the dangerous use of e-bikes, was highlighted. In response it was undertaken that such matters would be highlighted with West Yorkshire Police;
- Concerns were raised about a number of specific highways and junctions including Headingley Mount, and the need to ensure that those areas became more cycle-friendly. The comments made were acknowledged, with it being noted that they would be fed into the data being compiled. Specifically regarding the issues experienced with Headingley Mount and the surrounding area, officers undertook to feed back further information to local Ward Councillors;
- The dangers of car users speeding and ‘pavement parking’ were raised, and the actions which were being taken to address these problems were discussed. The importance of enforcement in this area was highlighted to encourage behaviour change;
- The delivery of ‘school streets’ was highlighted and the successes achieved by this initiative so far, with it being noted that any further take up by interested schools and communities in the ‘school streets’ initiative would be welcomed;
- As a result of discussions, Officers from Safer and Sustainable Travel accepted an invitation to discuss Vision Zero and road safety at a meeting of Monk Bridge Residents’ Association and also to attend a meeting of residents at the request of a Weetwood Ward Councillor.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked all for their participation in the discussion and invited members of the public to raise any further related comments or questions they had with their local Ward Councillors, which would be fed into the relevant Council service. Finally, the Chair undertook to refer key points arising from the discussion into the work being undertaken on Vision Zero by the Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board scheduled for the coming months.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report, together with the associated presentation on the Council’s Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan, be noted;
- (b) That the comments made during the discussion at the meeting, be noted.

(During the consideration of this item Cllr J Pryor left the meeting, whilst Cllr J Akhtar left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

10 Update Report

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The Committee received a report which provided an update on the key activities being undertaken by the Communities Team based upon the priorities identified by the Community Committee. In presenting the report, it provided the Committee with an opportunity to discuss or seek further information on the range of actions currently being undertaken.

In presenting the report, the Localities Officer provided the Committee with an update on the provision of 'Play Streets' in the area, with it being noted that one event had been delivered on Farrar Lane on 31st May, with a further event scheduled for Johnston Street at the end of July. Should there be any communities interested in having a 'Play Street' event in their area, it was suggested any interested parties contact their local Ward Councillors or the Localities team for further information.

Regarding the CCTV data referenced within the report, regarding the prevalent issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the area, it was noted that the statistics had only captured one incident of ASB between November 2022 and April 2023. In response, it was undertaken that this matter would be investigated further.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the submitted report, be noted.

11 Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report that set out the overall delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to note the latest position, as submitted, and determine the funding applications contained within the report. The report also invited the Committee to review the 'Minimum Conditions' which would need to be satisfied prior to an officer delegated decision being undertaken in between Community Committee meetings in relation to the determination of funding applications.

Further to Minute No. 4, following the despatch of the agenda, with the agreement of the Chair, supplementary information was circulated to Members ahead of the meeting in the form of further funding applications for determination.

The projects set out in the report were discussed and determined as follows:-

Wellbeing Revenue Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Hyde Park Unity Day	£6,976	Approved in principle, pending the outcome from a meeting with event organisers (scheduled for 7 th July 2023)
West Yorkshire Police: Operation Mineral	£1,900	Approved
Inner North West Community	£1,515	Approved

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Committee Commissioned Project: Room Hire Charges for Community Venues to Support Money Buddies Sessions		
Leedswatch CCTV Cameras Maintenance Costs for 2023/24	£7,000	Approved
Leedswatch CCTV Cameras Maintenance Costs for 2022/23 for 4 Cameras	£4,000	Approved
Cardio Cricket	£1,000	Approved

Youth Activity Fund Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Jungle Kids	£4,000	Declined
Luttrell Children's Home	£1,500	Approved
Leeds City Council Youth Service: Standing Proud Youth Club	£2,620	Approved
Headingley Lit Fest: Poetry in Primary Schools	£2,800	Approved
Out There: Trans and Non-Binary Active	£9,087	Approved in principle, for the sum of £5,000 - £6,000 pending the outcome from a meeting with event organisers regarding the delivery of the event.

Small Grants & Skips Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Community Theatre Project: 'She Is...'	£485	Approved
Community Tennis Project: Woodhouse Moor	£165	Approved
Inner North West Community Committee Commissioned Project: Fun in the Park (HHP Group)	£620	Approved
Inner North West Community Committee Commissioned Project: Ireland Wood Summer Event & 2 Activity Days with Food	£915	Approved

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Little London Food	£4,337	Approved

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Pantry Container		
The Hollies Tennis Courts	£2,100	Approved

In conclusion, the Chair highlighted that should members of the community require any further information on the projects which have been discussed or should there be any interest in potential support being provided for the delivery of community based projects in the future, then enquiries should be directed to local Ward Councillors or the Localities team for further information.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (b) That having considered the funding applications submitted to the Committee, all applications, as referenced within the submitted report and the supplementary information circulated, be determined as set out in the minute above;
- (c) That the ‘Minimum Conditions’ which would need to be satisfied prior to an officer delegated decision being undertaken in between Community Committee meetings with regard to the determination of funding applications, as set out in paragraph 13 of the submitted report, be agreed for operation in 2023/24;
- (d) That the monitoring information of the projects funded by the Community Committee, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted;
- (e) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (f) That the details of the Small Grants & Skips budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (g) That details of the Capital budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (h) That details of Community Infrastructure Levy position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted.

12 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

Provision of Parking Permits – Ash Road

A resident of Ash Road highlighted the ongoing parking related issues being experienced in this area and sought an update regarding the provision of a parking permit scheme. In response, it was noted that a period of consultation had been undertaken and the dialogue was ongoing to determine next steps.

Meanwood Junction / Monk Bridge Road

Responding to comments raised regarding the process undertaken to ensure that effective crossing provision is delivered as part of any proposals, the Committee received an update on the current position, with it being highlighted that the local community, including the local Residents' Association were encouraged to continue to be involved in any further engagement processes taking place.

Traffic Measures – Meanwood

Responding to a Meanwood resident's enquiry about the strategy in place to ensure a correct balance was struck to meet the needs of local residents whilst at the same time acknowledging that the area is significantly used by 'through traffic', the Committee received an update on the actions being taken in this area including the use of external funding and the importance of the local community's involvement in such matters.

Pedestrians – Issues faced when Crossing Roads

With specific reference to Headingley Mount, given the increasing streams of traffic on the highway, with bike lanes, car traffic and the upcoming introduction of the e-bike scheme, and the fact that all were travelling at different speeds, an enquiry was made about how this made crossing such roads more challenging for pedestrians. In response, information was provided on how such matters were being taken into consideration, such as the use of specific traffic lights for bike users in some circumstances.

Disabled Parking Provision – Tinshill Top Park

Responding to an enquiry regarding the provision of disabled parking at Tinshill Top Park, it was undertaken that the matter would be looked into further.

'School Streets'

Regarding the 'School Streets' initiative, it was suggested that Ireland Wood Primary School may be an appropriate location for this initiative in the future. In response, it was highlighted that any expressions of interest in the scheme would be welcomed and considered.

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the committee was 6.00pm on 27th September 2023.

In terms of a venue, it was noted that whilst the venue details were still to be confirmed, it would be held in the Little London and Woodhouse Ward, and that once confirmed, the venue details would be publicised, as appropriate.

(The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.)

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Report to: Inner North West Community Committee (Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse & Weetwood Wards)

Report author: Marcia Cunningham Tel: 0113 3784105

Date: Wednesday 27th September 2023 To Note

Discussion Topic – Climate Action

Purpose of report

1. To introduce the discussion topic of Climate Action to the Inner North West Community Committee within which officers for the Best City Ambition consultation will attend to observe and engage. To identify and take forward local actions and priorities.

Recommendations

2. To note the contents of the discussion regarding Climate Action and the appointment of Cllr I Wilson as Climate Action Champion for the Inner North West Community Committee.

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Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood)

Report author: Marcia Cunningham

Tel: 07545604317

Date: 27th September 2023

For Decision

Inner North West Community Committee – Finance Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

Main issues

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

5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
8. All Inner North West Members were invited to a workshop on 7 November 2017 to consider how they would like to allocate the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in the INW area. As a result of these discussions, it is recommended that any funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled to be allocated across all three wards. Members agreed this recommendation.
9. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender reassignment, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24

The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2023/24 was **£85,460** for the Inner North West Community Committee. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of

£64,211.26 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2022/23. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2023/24 is therefore **£96,726.03**

14. 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.

15. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£28,144.35**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2023/24

	£
INCOME:2023/24	£85,460
Balance brought forward from previous year	£64,211.26
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2023/24	£ 96,726.03

Ward Projects	£
Small Grants and Skips	£5,000
Community Engagement	£1,500
YAF Summit	£1,200
Community Heroes Event	£2,500
SEND Activity Day	£1,000
Little London Commissioned project for Parents and children	£2,000
Hamara Ladies Group at Burley Lodge Centre	£12,234.56
Little London Family Funday	£3,000
CCTV Camera Maintenance	£3,000

Volunteer Training Courses Commissioned	£2,300
Ireland Wood Food Pantry Commissioned Revenue Costs	£4,576
Hyde Park Unity Day	£6,976
West Yorkshire Police Operation Mineral	£1,900
Room Hire Costs for Money Buddies Sessions	£1,515
Leedswatch CCTV 22/23	£4,000
Leedswatch CCTV 23/24	£7,000
Totals	£50,810.56
Balance remaining (Total)	£ 45,915.47

Covid Funding 21/22 £15,000 pot agreed £5,000 per ward Balances Remaining

Little London & Woodhouse	Headingley & Hyde Park	Weetwood
Balance: £ 1,076	Balance: £0.00	Balance: £1,470

New Applications:

Bahar AFG: Classes £13,500

This grant would benefit refugees mostly women from countries such as Afghanistan to adapt to life in Leeds providing language skills, food assistance, and advocacy.

The Conservation Volunteers: Branching Out £10,000

This grant would support the improvement of green spaces across Headingley & Hyde Park and Weetwood working with The Cardigan Community Centre, Opal and CFO Probation Hub. There will be 18 sessions, six in each identified green space working with volunteers.

Gateway Church: Chillzone Youth Zone £7,429.25

This grant would support the continued running of this weekly youth provision which attracts 15+ young people from 10-16 years. The Chillzone assists young people to manage their anxiety and helps them to make friends. Isolation and anxiety has increased in local young people due to the Covid pandemic.

Meanwood Valley Partnership: Meanwood Walking Festival £2,860

This grant would support guided walks for all ages in October, Christmas, February, Easter and Summer 2024 School Holidays. Each guided walk would be themed and would promote the many green spaces in Meanwood area. Each walk would be for up to 25 people and include refreshments which would also support local businesses.

West Yorkshire Police: Otley Run ASB £4,524.80

This grant will support additional resources for the Police to tackle ASB around the Otley Run

Leeds County Guide Association: Girl Guiding Recruitment Campaign £500

This grant (applications have gone to other committees also) will support the expansion of girl guiding into new areas through a recruitment/marketing campaign and improvement of

community links in order to increase the number of adult volunteers who can lead new groups and activities for local girls.

Barca Leeds: Kinder Leeds £660

This grant would support a free family fun day at Left Bank to promote kindness, compassion and wellbeing of attendees through access to a series of creative stalls provided by charities, public and private organisations on mental & physical wellbeing, environmental wellbeing and financial health leading to an increase in access to support,

LCC Housing: Luttrell Place £250 (£250 Match with HAP)

This grant will support the installation of bollards to the entrance of a disused garage site on Luttrell Place in order to restrict access and prevent fly-tipping.

KVDT/Leeds2023LittlelondonHost: Cross Community Diwali Celebration £1,000

This grant will support a cross community celebration of Diwali on 18th November at All Hallows in Hyde Park. The project is a collaboration of KVDT and Leeds2023 bringing together entertainment music and dancing with performances and participation for all ages and with a community meal sourced from locally grown ingredients at Kirkstall Farm promoting community growing and sharing.

Music House: Jam Around the Table £6,090

This grant will support the engagement of young people who may not have accessed participatory arts opportunities before. Young people will be able to take part in taster sessions, leading to a programme of jam sessions and performances. Taster session will take place in schools across the INW. The project will take place over 3 Saturdays and 5 days in school holidays which offers 20 young people the opportunity to take part in 8 days of music jamming sessions learning new skills.

Total: £46,814.05

Delegated Decisions (DDN)

1 Little London Food Pantry: £9,135

Additional funding for installation of ramp, railings, and steps due to increased costs.

Monitoring Information

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

17. Monitoring information will be provided for the next committee meeting.

Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24

18. The total available for spend in Inner North West Community Committee in 2023/24 including carry forward from previous year, was **£32,815**

19. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£33,890** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.

20. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is a balance of £1,871.78 in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

Table 2: Youth Activities Fund 2023/24

Income	£
Carried forward from previous year 2022/23	£1,200
New YAF budget allocation for 2023/24	£31,615
Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year 2020/21	£739.51
Total available budget for this year 2022/23	£32,815

Projects 2023/24	Amount Approved
Art Camp Easter	£1,980
Leeds Hyde Park FC	£10,000
Breeze Events (Tinshill & Ireland Wood)	£7,600
Weetwood Youth Project	£4,530
INW Holiday Project	£2,860
Luttrell Childrens Home Summer sports	£1,500
LCC Youth Service Standing Proud Youth Club	£2,620
Headingley Lit Fest Poetry in Primary Schools	£2,800
Total spend against projects	£33,890
Balance remaining	£1,871.78

Small Grants Budget & Skips 2022/23

21. At the last Community Committee on 30 March 2022 ward members approved a ringfence of **£5,000**. There is currently a balance of **£3,789.93** detailed in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Small Grants & Skips 2022/23

Project	Organisation/Dept	Ward (s)	Amount Approved
PHAB	PHAB	ALL INW	£430.40
Music Workshops	Irish Arts	Headingley & Hyde Park	£750
Free Little Library	OPAL	Weetwood	£650

New Bus Route	Dales Bus	All INW	£500
Community Theatre	She is.....	Weetwood	£485
Woodhouse Tennis Project	Tennis Project	Headingley & Hyde Park	£165
Commissioned Project: Fun in the Park	INW CC	Headingley & Hyde Park	£650
Commissioned Project: McMillan Fun Day + Summer Activities in Ireland Wood	INW CC	Weetwood	£915
Holiday Activities	Igbo Union	Little London & Woodhouse	£500
Cardio Cricket	Yorkshire Cricket	Headingley & Hyde Park	£1000
Summer Activities	Opal	Weetwood	£892
Caravan Holiday	Luttrell Childrens Home	Weetwood	£850
Skip Oatland Drive	INW CC	Little London & Woodhouse	£223
Skip Lovell Park View	INW CC	Little London & Woodhouse	£195.23
Skip Lovell Park Hill	INW CC	Little London & Woodhouse	£223
Skips x 2 Iveson Rise	INW CC	Weetwood	361.30
Totals			£8,789.93
Small Grant & Skips Balance			£-3,789.93*

For the remainder of the 23/24 financial year small grants and skips will no longer be ringfenced but will show under the main wellbeing pot alongside large grants.

Capital Budget 2023/24

The Inner North West has a capital budget balance of **£9,035.38** to spend, as a result of capital injections and project spend. Members are asked to note the capital allocation in **Table 4**.

TABLE 4: Capital 2022/23

	£
Starting total	£25,998.32
Capital Injection October 2021	£2,900
Stepping up to Melville Place	£4,344
All Hallow Church	£7,000
Raynel Garth Lighting Project	£3,887.04
Lovell Park View Fencing	£1,700
Capital Injection May 2022	£5,500
Vineyard Church Food Pantry	£2,767
Springbank Primary School Storytelling Chair	£810.60
Capital Injection October 2022	£2,900
Little London Football Club	£900
Woodhouse Community Centre	£3,575.40
Roadblock Sound System	£3,278.90
Balance remaining	£9,035.38

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2023/24

22. The Community Committee is asked to note that an injection of £41,743.33 has been made in 2023 with a total made available to the committee for 2023/24 of 138,469.77 There is currently a remaining balance of **£73,488.77** detailed in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5: CIL 2022/23

	INW (£)
Remaining Balance March 2023	£96,726.44
Injection 1	£41,743.33
Starting Position 2023-2024	£138,469.77
Meanwood Park Play Area	£10,170.00
Ireland Wood Food Pantry	£29,000.00
Silk Mill Play Area	£2,076
The Hollies Tennis Courts	£2,100
Christmas Lights	£12,500
Little London Food Pantry Ramp	£9,135
Total Spend	£65,001.00
Remaining Balance	£73,488.77

New Applications:

Meanwood Community Centre: New Entrance Doors £15,000

This grant would support the purchase and installation of new entrance doors to replace the current coded lock system which is difficult to operate. The new entrance would make the centre more inviting and easier to access for community groups and local residents.

Woodhouse Ridge Action Group: New Tool Store £9,227

This grant will be used for the purchase and installation of an 8m long corrugated steel container for the storage of WRAG equipment and tools. It will be installed on an existing concrete platform, with plans to commission a local mural artist to give it artistic character and to deter graffiti and tagging with an anti-graffiti coating

St Paul's Church: Kitchen refurbishment £7,000

This grant would support the refurbishment of the kitchen used to support community events including a weekly youth club and the Warm Welcome which takes place every Monday and provides a warm meal for attendees. As numbers have increased there is a need to purchase a larger oven, replace some of the kitchen counters and also purchase a dishwasher in order to promote health and hygiene and alleviate pressure on the volunteers' supporting events.

Total: £31,227

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

24. 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

25. 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
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Resources and Value for Money

26. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusion

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

Recommendations

30. Members are asked to note/determine as appropriate.
- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position and new applications listed (Table 1)
 - b. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 17)
 - c. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position and new applications listed (Table 2)

- d. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget and new applications listed (Table 3)
- e. Details of the Capital Budget and new applications listed (Table 4)
- f. Details of Community Infrastructure Levy (Table 5)



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood)

Report author: Marcia Cunningham **Tel:** 07545604317

Date: 27th September 2023 **For Information**

Inner North West Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Updates by theme

Children and Families: Champion Cllr Pryor

The Children & Families Sub-Group will be meeting in October to plan a programme of School visits and the Youth Summit for January 2024.

Update from Burley, Little London, Quarrymount Childrens Centres

Family Work has slowed a little and we currently have managed to reduce our waiting list to zero with the addition of a new family outreach worker. The team are all carrying a caseload of 10, so that is 60 open cases. Needs continue to be linked to Domestic abuse /Children on

CP / CIN Plans / Poverty /Mental Health of mother and children with Special Educational Needs of which we are seeing increasing numbers in the North West.

The team have planned for service delivery from September to Christmas and have a number of things happening. We are delivering all the below currently, however these are in differing locations to identified below. (Within my 3 reach sites though).

- Stay and Play groups in Burley and Little London. The Little London group is developing really well and continues to be very busy, as does our provision in Burley.
- PEEP – A group for both parents and their children to come together at Little London Primary – the PEEP group will be recommencing in October in Little London Primary School
- HENRY (Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the really young)– will be delivered in Burley CC in September.
- Family Learning for adults –Burley Park commencing September only as there is a shortage of trainers.
- Breast feeding group in Burley and Little London have recommenced this week.
- ESOL in Little London Primary School – commencing in October.
- Leeds Domestic Violence Services will be delivering a group in Little London in September – this is a confidential closed group and we do not promote this. It is invitation only.
- We are continuing to gift the Moses baskets /Fire Alarms/Carbon monoxide detectors to families who require these.
- A new stay and play group is planned for October in QMCC.

The Chatterbox project - which was funded through committees funding continues to grow as we are receiving more referrals from professionals where speech and language is an identified need for the child. This is what we are seeing as a result of the pandemic in young children.

Home Learning Packs - This valuable resource is also really well used. Committees generously supported this project last year, and the children greatly benefit from these wonderful resources.

We have updated our WHATS ON leaflet but given changes to the rooms in Little London it requires updating again, so once done I will send it on.

Committee members are welcome to attend any of our sessions to meet the staff and parents and children.

Environmental Sub-Group: Champion Cllr J Akhtar

4.The Environment Sub-Group will meet in October and determine a plan of action for the rest of the financial year tackling key environmental issues.

Health and Well-Being: Champion Cllr A Marshall Katung

A programme of School visits will be planned this Autumn to promote healthy eating for children especially fruit and vegetables which are so important for children's health and wellbeing.

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](#)

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.

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.

The autumn booster programme will aim to increase protection against severe Covid for those at higher risk. In addition, there is a need to address inequalities in the uptake of the flu vaccination. Low vaccine confidence amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and negatively impact some of the poorest communities. Skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing provides staff with an important resource that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths, whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what are safe and effective vaccines.

You can find out more and book online [here](#)

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update Headingley & Hyde Park + Little London & Woodhouse Wards

Street Cleansing

We are continuing to work on our daily high foot fall areas as well as targeting a different section of the 2 wards each day. This is working well to ensure all areas of the wards are cleansed at least once a week on top of us clearing hotspot areas too. The student Changeover program went really well and led to a lot of positive Feedback from residents in all areas of the wards.

Enforcement

We are still receiving a high amount of service requests for enforcement action within both wards and the 2 officers we have are managing this and prioritising based on risks to public health. We are having many positive results due to the working relationships our officers have in the community. We had 150 Formal cases opened relating to Student Changeover and the majority of these have been closed successfully due to good compliance, we are still investigating a number of the cases which are more complex.

Education

Our Street Wardens James has been working well in targeted areas taking on projects such as targeted bin etiquette education project in the burley lodge area after Councillor Brooks raised a few of the local residents' concerns and put me in touch with them. This work is still ongoing with a site meeting with Councillor Akhtar booked in. James also came up with and led the foodbank donation project during student changeover and received a thoughtful thank you from Rainbow Junction. James is always happy to work with members, residents and local businesses to resolve waste related issues.

PSPO

PSPO continue to be one of our priorities and we still have a 100 percent successful prosecution with these cases in court. We do receive a lot of requests for PSPO enforcement across the ward and have prioritised the areas in most need based on issues that could have a detrimental impact on public health if not addressed.

General Staffing

We are in our highest period of annual leave requests at the moment, but the team are working well to ensure all of our street cleansing priorities such as litter picking, litter bin emptying and fly tip removal are all still carried out. We are still in the process of training our new path sweeper driver and should see an increase in mechanical sweeper work being carried out in the wards over the next few months.

Housing Leeds

Housing Leeds held an action day in the Tinshill area on the 3rd August, providing skips jointly with local ward members to enable residents to dispose of their unwanted items, to encourage them to tackle overgrown gardens and hedges and to generally clean up the area.

Partner agencies were involved, including the Cleaner Neighbourhoods team, who were on site collecting extra waste. Housing Officers were out speaking with local residents, encouraging them to tackle their gardens and getting stuck in by helping to cut hedges, clear paths and tidying up the area.

Housing Advisory Panel

Current spend and budget below.

Budget Summary Sheet 2023/24 Inner North West		Totals	Budget	2023/24 Expenditure
	Budget for 2023/24	£29,228.75		32.90%
	Carry Forward from 2022/23	£250.96		
	TOTAL 2023/24 BUDGET	£29,479.71		% available
	Approved Budget Spend 2023/24	£9,700.00		67.10%
	Available Budget (Balance)	£19,779.71		

Recent approved HAP bids

INW_07_2324 Beevers Court Seating

INW_08_2324 Iveson Rise - Garden

INW_09_2324 Little London Litter Pickers.

Bids in the pipeline for next HAP meeting on 21st September

INW_12_2324 Oatland Place barrier

INW_13_2324 Beevers Court Gardening equipment

INW_15_2324 Little London residents – fun day.

Update on previously funded bids.

INW_01_2324 Little London Fun Day – was a success despite the rain. Came in under budget.

INW_05_2324 Green Guardians – Housing staff are completing referrals.

Currently working with Ireland Wood residents' group to re-establish, Little London Voices group is working well to make positive changes to their environment. Blenheim View and Lovell Park View residents' associations have recently had their annual support grants to support with running costs.

Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks Is working on a new initiative with the LCC Jobshops, to reduce barriers to employment. More details will be given at a future update once the initiative has progressed.

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Inner North West Community Committee area is 3,451. This is an increase of 92% since March 2020, and an increase of 10 claimants on the previous month.

The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner North West 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%
Inner North West	1,802	2.3%	3,441	4.4%	3,451	4.4%
Headingley & Hyde Park	549	1.9%	1,084	3.7%	1,078	3.7%
Little London & Woodhouse	862	2.6%	1,534	4.5%	1,547	4.6%
Weetwood	391	2.7%	823	5.7%	826	5.7%

*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 the Inner North West 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)
Inner North West	1,285	1,547	363	273	293	441
Headingley & Hyde Park	382	393	114	76	94	111
Little London & Woodhouse	688	893	185	156	138	242
Weetwood	215	261	64	41	61	88

- During April 2022 – March 2023
 - 14,179 people accessed the Service, 1,547 of whom were residents from the Inner North West.
 - Supported 2,999 people into work, 273 of whom were residents from the Inner North West. 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, 441 of whom were from the Inner North West.

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 City Centre, Headingley Community Hubs. There is also the following pop up Jobshop:

- Holt Park Community Hub, Holtdale Approach, LS16 7RX, Friday 9:00 – 17:00

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 Inner North West, 262 courses were delivered at 19 venues. 514 residents have accessed a course. In addition, there were 50 courses delivered on-line. ESOL support will continue to be delivered at City Centre Hub and Little London Primary School 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

Social Media

3. The Inner North West Community Committee Facebook Page now has 976 followers (18/09/23) an increase of 43 from May 2023.

Consultation and Engagement

4. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

5. 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.

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Resources and Value for Money

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Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

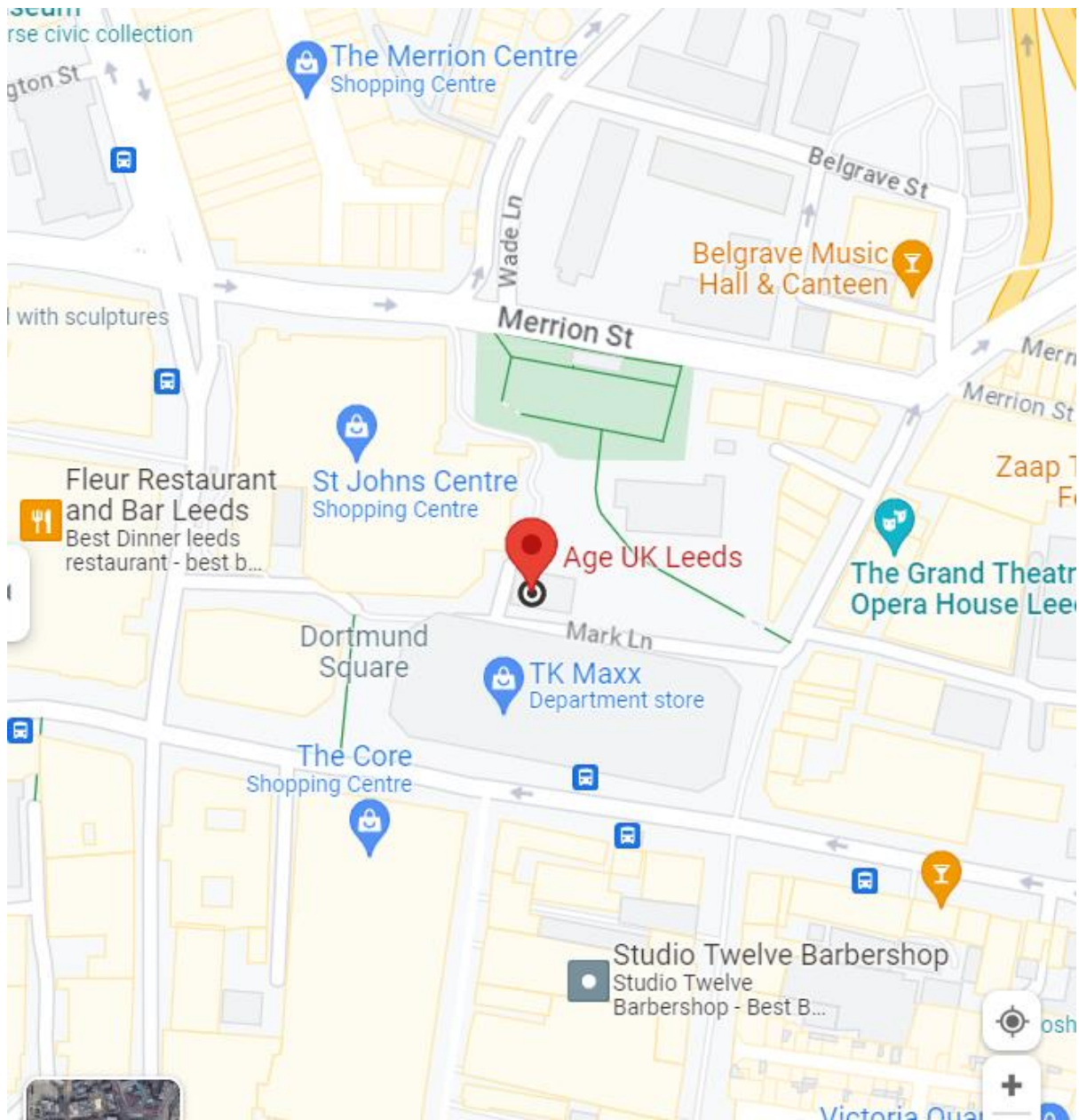
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Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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



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