

**Report of:** Head of Stronger Communities

**Report to:** Outer North East Community Committee  
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

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**For consideration**

## **Outer North East Community Committee – Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

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

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme**

##### **Environment & Community Safety: Councillor Robinson**

1. The ONE Environmental Sub Group met on 21 October 2019 and on 14 January 2020. Representatives from Parks & Countryside, Waste Management and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team attended both meetings.
2. At the meeting held at the start of this year, the sub group heard a presentation Parks & Countryside in regards to the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2020 – 2030. The service is currently consulting on its vision for the future of Leeds City Council owned and managed public parks and green spaces beyond 2020, and a strategy for how to deliver that vision over the next 10 years.

3. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team update the sub group in regards to de-leafing programme and some of the challenges that they have experienced with heavy rainfall and broken machinery. Despite this, the service has given reassurance to ward members that all will be on track by the end of this month.

### **Leeds Anti-Social Behavioural Team Review**

4. Following on from the service review, the triage process was set to go live in December 2019. All posts have been recruited to and training is being organised and the final scripts agreed. Briefing note will follow for all members to explain the finer workings and how their enquiries will be handled.
5. The community MARAC process has been agreed, the final list of expected attendees is being drawn up and agreed. Invitees will be requested on a case by case basis depending on the requirements of the meeting.
6. The Anti Social Behaviour Strategy and “service offer” has been agreed by the steering group. Out of Hours Noise Service remains under review with the service design team, further updates to follow.
7. Three temporary CCTV schemes are coming to fruition to help prevent anti-social behaviour at three locations. These are; Sandringham Park, Boston Spa High Street and Stables Lane. All three schemes should be fully operational by the end of this month.
8. Alwoodley – King Lane Park & Ride ASB – Crime Reduction Officers report recommends changes to Street lighting, CCTV and installation of barriers. This is being looked at and co-ordinated by West Yorkshire Police.
9. ASB at the play area on King Lane opposite The Avenue – LASBT Officer linking in with PCSO’s and Youth Services to co-ordinate some outreach and diversionary work. Moortown Rugby Club have offered to help with this as the behaviour of this group is being linked to alleged ASB at club functions such as Bonfire Night.
10. LASBT officers met with representatives from Moortown Rugby Club, Cllr Buckley and various council officers to discuss complaints about - ASB at functions, parking issues, littering issues and general disquiet between the club and some local residents. The club demonstrated that it is doing lots to try and negate the impact that its operations may have on the community but feel the behaviour of a group of youths in the area is tarnishing their reputation hence the action in the paragraph above.
11. Other things have been put in place with their function booking policy which will improve things and they have been encouraged to try and build a better relationship with their immediate neighbours in the Alwoodley Community Association through dialogue and to also hold an open evening for local residents where they can showcase the amazing work they do with young people in the area. The association works with approximately 250 young people, through a wide range of age groups, which promotes physical exercise, discipline and respect through playing Rugby.

## Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Matthew Robinson

### Benefits Claimants Data

12. Leeds moved onto the full Universal Credit (UC) digital claiming platform on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This means that new claims by all those who would previously have claimed Jobseeker Allowance (JSA) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA), are now for UC. The Government has now begun a process of transition and migration to complete the roll out of UC for existing claimants, and is expected to take until 2022 to complete.

13. The table below shows the number of people age 16-64 from the Community Committee area claiming benefits:

	<b>JSA Claimants March 2019</b>	<b>ESA Claimants August 2018</b>	<b>UC Claimants (Not in Employment) March 2019</b>
<b>East North East</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>9,210</b>	<b>3,380</b>
<b>Outer North East</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>295</b>
Alwoodley	110	700	162
Harewood	25	255	53
Wetherby	35	395	80

### Accessing Services

14. The table below shows that number of people from the Community Committee area being supported by the Employment and Skills Service:

	<b>Accessing Services April – Sep 2019</b>	<b>Into Jobs April – Sep 2019</b>	<b>Improved Skills April – Sep 2019</b>
<b>East North East</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>2,058</b>
<b>Outer North East</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>158</b>
Alwoodley	194	52	102
Harewood	55	24	30
Wetherby	38	9	26

### Employment Hub

15. The Employment Hub is a new ESIF funded three year programme that will provide tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of over 20 Employment Advisors will deliver the programme providing one to one support for eligible residents. A total of 24 people from the Community Committee area are being supported by this programme. 7 people from the Community Committee area were supported into work. For further information please visit: <https://leedsemploymenthub.co.uk>

## **Adult Learning**

16. The new academic year for Adult Learning started in September 2019. Courses can develop new skills and build confidence and can lead to a qualification or help people back to work. There are more than 1,200 courses available at around 200 venues with places for over 6,000 adults aged 19 years and above. All courses are advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning Course Finder [www.leedsadultlearning.co.uk](http://www.leedsadultlearning.co.uk)

## **Young Person's IAG Charter**

17. Leeds Careers Charter aims to raise the bar on careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for all young people in the city and bridge the gap between education and employment to support sustained positive outcomes. Supported by businesses, schools and colleges, the Charter sets out 8 commitments of practical support, which will be offered to inspire young people. This will help them make informed choices and plan their future careers.

18. The recently launched Start in Leeds supports the delivery of the Charter. This online and interactive careers guidance platform provides young people and families with up to-date information about local study and career options and opportunities. The platform also allows young people to build their own digital profile and CV and to search and apply for post-16 full-time education and apprenticeship opportunities. For further information please visit [Leeds Careers Charter or www.startinleeds.com](http://Leeds Careers Charter or www.startinleeds.com)

## **Leeds Apprenticeship Seminars**

19. Week commencing Monday 4 November 2019, six industry led Apprenticeship Seminars, Financial and Professional Services and Law; Health and Care; IT, Digital and Media; Construction and Infrastructure; Public Sector (including uniformed services), Manufacturing and Engineering will be delivered at Leeds Beckett University. The seminars will raise the profile of Apprenticeships within the city to young people and their parents / carers. For further information please visit: <https://apprenticeship industry led seminars>

## **Recovery College**

20. The Recovery College was launched in Leeds in September. One of over 85 recovery colleges in the UK and even more worldwide, it takes an educational approach to improving mental health and offers information based workshops and training courses that focus on living mentally and physically well. The first prospectus details a range of courses for people to learn about mental health, work out what keeps them well, and find ways to live better. Courses are open to all adults who live, work or study in the city including carers, family, friends and health and care staff too.

21. Typically, courses are free to attend and provide useful information and tips to make a difference to a person's life, work or study. The uniqueness of the Recovery College is that the offer is completely co designed and delivered by people with lived experience of mental ill health.

22. The college has a Steering Group and an Operational group to help shape, deliver and monitor the development of the offer and the Service is represented at both these to ensure that:

- the provision is aligned within the city's offer as a whole
- that we share best practice, experience and knowledge about reaching communities in some of our most disadvantaged communities
- the college benefits from the existing partnerships that exist within the city and which could support the development of this new provision

23. For further information please visit: <https://www.leedsandYorkpft.nhs.uk/leeds-recovery-college>

## **Community Engagement: Social Media**

24. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.

25. A newsletter will be provided for the March community committee meeting.

## **Updates from Key Services**

### **Public Health**

#### **Winter Friends-Stay Well This Winter**

26. This campaign has just commenced to help the frail and vulnerable stay well and protected this winter within our wards. Below are six short films giving professional advice on topics such staying well, social isolation and how to access Primary Care services.

<https://youtu.be/mULxMgaMwmg> - getting the right care for you and your family.

<https://youtu.be/lx5sYkbnjnc> - protect yourself from infections.

[https://youtu.be/HTjRT6\\_97iQ](https://youtu.be/HTjRT6_97iQ) - poor weather and loneliness.

<https://youtu.be/09xxwUt3YFo> - stay warm and well in your house.

<https://youtu.be/Uk6uPrFSK7I> - keeping active to stay healthy and independent.

<https://youtu.be/wq9ls-FFHf4> - keeping infections at bay.

27. There is up to date training available for local organisations who look after older citizens, frail, vulnerable or those with learning disabilities this winter. For more information please contact; Rachel Brighton Rachel.Brighton2@leeds.gov.uk

#### **Physical Activity for our Children and British Cycling**

28. Go Ride for School is a free provision for schools and also local organisations.

Sessions available at an introductory level and a more advanced outside of school four hour periods. With the current high level of interest with cycling in Yorkshire this is an opportunity to get local children more interested in cycling and thus increase their levels of physical activity. The scheme has up to twenty bikes to loan children for the sessions if they don't have their own. Cycle maintenance, up keep and general safety sessions are also available.

29. There is also a considerable amount of funding for local organisations and schools to develop their cycling offer from British Cycling.  
<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/placestoride>

30. For more information on anything to do with these cycling initiatives please contact Harry Wood - [HarryWood@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:HarryWood@britishcycling.org.uk)

### **Physical Activity for our Children and the Daily Mile**

31. This is an effective, evidence based initiative helping to get our primary school children moving more, maintaining a healthy weight and developing healthy habits for life. It involves teachers walking with children in every class every day to set up strong habitual healthy practices. The scheme is set up by the Yorkshire Sports Foundation and has its own dedicated officer to help schools start. <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

### **Careview - The Social Isolation Tool - new features added.**

32. We are delighted to announce that the Leeds City Council health app has secured European Space Agency funding to carry on its research work and add new reporting features for the city's community development workers. This is a partnership project with Leeds, Wakefield Age UK, Bury Council and two European cities as yet undecided.

33. For details of the space agency project please contact Abhay Adhikari  
[contact@digitalidentities.info](mailto:contact@digitalidentities.info)

34. The signposting tool which is also loaded onto the app for non-health professionals developed by Sue Mulligan has been met with universal approval. For details of the support tool contact. [Sue.Mulligan@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Sue.Mulligan@leeds.gov.uk)

### **SWIFt Service (Supporting Wellbeing and Independence for Frailty)**

35. The SWIFt service will support older people who are living with frailty with complex issues who are often (though not always) socially isolated to improve their wellbeing and independence. The SWIFt service has been running for two years as part of Time to Shine managed by Leeds Older Peoples Forum and funded by Big Lottery to tackle loneliness and isolation. To date the model included a citywide service and four locality based services, the existing delivery partners will continue to deliver in their localities with an additional six new local care partnership areas defined by having the greatest need in terms of moderate and severe frailty and deprivation. Delivered by the third sector and funded through IBCF/Public health, the service will offer;

36. Targeted support to older people living with frailty (as per target audiences identified in above section)

37. A holistic assessment of what matters to the person living with frailty, which encompasses identifying the individual's strengths and resilience factors. Key to this, is the SWIFt Worker having time to listen to people's stories and to understand their motivations and aspirations.

38. A person centred approach which involves working together with the individual to identify ways to address what matters to them and how to build on their strengths. This will result in developing an agreed plan with the individual and supporting them to implement it.
39. Practical support to enable the individual to engage with opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing.
40. Solutions that will aim to build on the individual's strengths and assets and improve their confidence, self-esteem and resilience.
41. Support to ensure that individuals are accessing the support services they require.

## **Housing**

### **Outer North East Housing Advisory Panel (ONEHAP) Midyear report 2019.**

42. The ONEHAP meet to consider the funding of environmental and community projects and services that benefit our housing Leeds tenants, in the wards Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby.

### **Funding Priorities:**

43. The 2019/20 priorities of the panel are outlines in the 'Plan on a page'
  - Enrich the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including projects which address parking, fly-tipping, dog-fouling and overgrown shrubs and trees.
  - Support applications which will give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of their general health and well-being, especially social isolation and mental health.
  - Champion joint initiatives with council teams, other statutory service providers and voluntary organisations to address social problems including burglary, ASB, drugs and domestic violence.
  - Assist tenants affected by universal credit and other welfare reforms through projects which include digital inclusion, work preparation and budgeting.

## **Budget**

44. ONEHAP received funding of £30,231.62. With the remaining funding from the previous year of £6,017.25. This gives a total budget for 2019/20 of £36,248.87.
45. The total spend for the year so far is £8,400.36 with match funding of £2,740. Match funders were Communities Committee – wellbeing fund.

Budget Summary Sheet 2019/20		Totals	2019/20 Budget Expenditure	HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Other funding confirmed/given in kind	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Outer North East									
	Budget for 2019/20	£ 30,231.62	23.17%	Environment & Housing	5	2	£ -	£ 4,240.36	11.70%
	Carry Forward from 2018/19	£ 6,017.25		Health & Well-being	5	4	£ 2,740.00	£ 4,160.00	11.48%
	<b>TOTAL 2019/20 BUDGET</b>	<b>£ 36,248.87</b>	% available	Community Safety	2	0	£ -	£ -	0.00%
	Approved Budget Spend 2019/20	£ 8,400.36	76.83%	Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	£ -	0.00%
	Available Budget	£ 27,848.51		Outer North East Total	12	6	£ 2,740.00	£ 8,400.36	23.17%

  

HAP Ref	Comments (free text)	Project Name/Description	Ward	HAP theme	Date Submitted to Panel	Panel Decision	Other funding confirmed/given in kind	Amount Agreed by Panel	Project Status
ONE_01_1920		Moor Allerton Festival 2019	Alwoodley	Health & Well-being	04/04/2019	Approved	£ 2,740.00	£ 2,740.00	In Progress
ONE_02_1920		First Aid Courses	Alwoodley	Health & Well-being	04/04/2019	Approved	£ -	£ 875.00	Complete
ONE_03_1920		Saxon Mount Access Steps/Walkway	Alwoodley	Environment & Housing	08/06/2019	Approved	£ -	£ 2,640.36	Complete
ONE_04_1920		Nursery Garth - Transport	Wetherby	Health & Well-being	04/04/2019	Approved	£ -	£ 295.00	In Progress
ONE_05_1920		20-54 Cranmer Bank - Gardens	Alwoodley	Environment & Housing	08/06/2019	Rejected	£ -	£ -	Cancelled
ONE_06_1920		Mini Libraries	Alwoodley	Health & Well-being			£ -	£ -	Concept Stage
ONE_07_1920		Mason House - Signs	Wetherby	Community Safety			£ -	£ -	Funded Elsewhere
ONE_08_1920		Transport	Wetherby	Health & Well-being	08/06/2019	Approved	£ -	£ 250.00	In Progress
ONE_09_1920		Rear of 20-54 Cranmer Bank - Gardens	Alwoodley	Environment & Housing	08/06/2019	Approved	£ -	£ 1,600.00	In Progress
ONE_10_1920		Alderton Heights - Bins	Alwoodley	Community Safety			£ -	£ -	Complete
ONE_11_1920		Sykes Road - Parking bays	Wetherby	Environment & Housing			£ -	£ -	Concept Stage
ONE_12_1920		Moorhaven Court - Seating	Alwoodley	Environment & Housing			£ -	£ -	Concept Stage

## Projects

46. Of the seven projects that were brought to panel; six were approved and one was rejected. Of the six approved projects; two were for housing and environment and four were for health and wellbeing projects.

## Working in Partnership

47. The Area Housing Manager continues to support the ONE HAP by attending meetings to provide up to date information about rent, voids and Annual Home Visits performance data so panel members are clear about what is happening in their area. Performance information is put in context both with issues affecting our communities in relation to citywide data and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These reports indicate performance in Outer North East Leeds continues to be on track.

48. Working in partnership with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the ONE HAP. The details noted earlier regarding funding bids clearly shows this is working in practice as both groups make sure tenants and residents benefit from this joint working approach in the range of projects funded. The ONE HAP and Community Committee work carefully to make the best use of available funds, get value for money and use money wisely to benefit our communities.

## Outer North East HAP for 2019/20

49. The HAP are keen to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

50. Following the HAP review there is a move towards the use of social media to promote the works and gain potential bids from the wider community. We continue to recruit HAP members across the city and, it is hoped, social media will play a strong role in this process and in appealing to our younger tenants. Each HAP area now has its own officer run HAP Facebook page. All consultations link into this and the page advertises for bids and panel members.



## **Cleaner Neighbourhood Team**

### **Overall**

51. Since September 2019, the CNT have continued to work on referrals from ward members, Parish Council, members of the public, the police and on proactive work around the ONE areas in regards to fly tipping, dog foul, blocked gullies, RTA's, overgrown vegetation and mud on road which is mostly from farm land.

52. An example of the type of work undertaken is on Scholes Lane, the team served a Highways Act Notice – 149. The Farmer complied with the Notice and ensured the mud on road was swept regularly through the harvesting period. This has come apparent through the wet weather causing muddy wet fields making it difficult to harvest.

### **De-leafing**

53. This year de-leafing started later than expected as the contractors did not come over to work with the CNT until November 2019. Also some of our vehicles were 'off the road' due to being faulty, which then left the service behind with some of the leafing referrals received. The aim is to be fully up to date with the de-leafing before Continentals leave the service on 15 January 2020.

### **Fly Tipping**

54. The service continues to remove fly tipping proactively and on receipt of referrals on a daily basis with our team going around the areas picking this up.

55. A breakdown of fly tipping for each area since September 2019 has been provided.

Alwoodley - 31  
Harewood - 33  
Wetherby - 25

### **Community Events**

55. The service has supported local schools by loaning out equipment for them to help them keep their area clean, the children have litter picked areas. The service has collected the bags of waste after the event.

### **December Elections 12 December 2019**

56. The team ensured that all the polling stations in the ONE area were gritted on the morning of the elections to ensure the safety of our constituents.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

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

## **Council Polices and City Priorities**

58. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

## **Resources and Value for Money**

59. 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**

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

## **Risk Management**

61. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

64. None.

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