

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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For consideration

Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor David Jenkins and Councillor Asghar Khan

Active Leeds

The Keeping Well at Home Programme

3. Active Leeds and Public Health have created the "Keeping Well at Home" resources to support people that are shielding, clinically vulnerable or have

mobility problems to keep moving during to the lockdown. These resources have recently been extended to provide further support for people wanting to stay mobile and active at home. The new programme includes:

- Online Exercise Activities via Zoom
 - IPAD Loan Scheme
 - Personalised Support
 - Digital activities on YouTube
 - Activity DVDs
 - Peer Support Groups
 - Printed Resources such as the Keeping Well at Home Booklets
4. For more detailed information about the Keeping Well at Home programme visit: active.leeds.gov.uk/keepingwellathome

Health Referral Programme

5. Active Leeds is accepting referrals and self-referrals to its referral programme throughout lockdown. The programme focuses on adults and supports people that are demotivated or just don't know where to start to become active. Each person has their own Health and Wellbeing Coach who will support people in accessing a range of resources to keep them active during lockdown. You can access the programme by completing the following online enquiry form: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/SLNH3/>

Get Set Leeds Local

6. Get Set Leeds Local is a physical activity project targeting Beeston Hill, Holbeck, New Wortley and Seacroft and uses an asset based approach to develop the capacity of the local physical activity system.
7. Having secured significant external funding from Sport England, the project team which comprises of representatives from inside the Council including Active Leeds and Public Health plus voluntary community sector delegates have set about building the ground work for the three year project.
8. In the first 12 months of the project Active Leeds have achieved the following outcomes that were set out in our project delivery model agreed by the funder Sport England:
- Established a project team and recruited a support officer
 - Developed a Community Chest pot of Funding for projects - resident led
 - Engaged with residents and started to develop coproduction networks

- Created an e-Book of training courses that can be upskill residents
 - Supported ideas and projects directly from residents that get people active
 - Share learning across localities to look at scaling opportunities
9. In December the Get Set Leeds Local sub team held a series of digital community conversation events which have allowed them to accelerate the development of co-production networks within the target localities and a range of ideas and concepts were brought forward by the community.
10. In the last 6 months a number of key co-produced projects have started to develop, targeting a range of sub groups in the community these include the following:
- Walking, cycling and jogging development across all target areas with partners including LS14 Trust in Seacroft
 - Community running project which targets residents that are recovering from addiction
 - Play sufficiency project which looks to develop children's play across the localities
 - Table Tennis supporting residents to engage in table tennis at home using a community box approach and digital sessions
 - The High Rise arts and social change project looking at green spaces and physical activity and building a conversation with residents
 - Seacroft Community on Top have developed a community gym at Dennis Healey Centre

Inner East Public Health

Additional Covid-19 Testing by Leeds City Council

11. Leeds City Council was providing additional testing in parts of LS8 in line with the recent government announcement on Covid-19 variants. This additional testing was to help improve understanding on how variants spread.
12. The testing complemented ongoing business engagement activity already going on in this area and was only for people without Covid-19 symptoms to help Public Health and partners to be better informed and plan local responses.
13. The additional testing was available for those living or working in parts of LS8, including parts of Harehills and the area just north of Easterly Road (and some small areas outside of LS8).

14. Levels of infection have been falling in this area of Leeds over recent weeks, in line with improving infection rates right across the city, and there are no additional risks for anyone living or working in the area. The best advice still remains to keep safe by thinking hands, face and space and staying at home when you can.

COVID-19 vaccine

Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca vaccines

15. The NHS is now offering vaccinations to people who are most at risk from Covid-19. The two approved vaccines Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca are safe and have been through rigorous checks, as well as extensive trials. Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg.

16. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS. Anyone who claims to be able to provide you with a vaccine for a fee is likely to be committing a crime and should be reported to the Police online or by calling 101. The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text asking you to confirm you want the vaccine.

Priority groups to receive the first vaccine

17. The NHS is planning to vaccinate everyone in the top four priority groups identified by the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation, including older care home residents and staff, everyone over 70, all frontline NHS and care staff and all those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

18. You will only be able to book an appointment when you receive an invitation from your GP practice, please do not contact your GP practice or any other NHS services as you'll need to wait for your invite. When you receive your invite, please act immediately and attend your booked appointments

Key facts on vaccines

19. Below are some of the key facts on Covid-19 vaccines:

- All vaccines are tested and regulated to make sure they meet safety standards
- After clean water, vaccination is the most effective public health intervention in the world for saving lives and promoting good health

- Immunisation currently prevents 2-3 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles
- Vaccines protect other people in your community by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines
- It's safe to give children several vaccines at a time and this reduces the amount of injections they need
- Vaccines teach your immune system how to create antibodies that protect you from disease

Covid-19 Toolkit – Resources and Key messages

20. Leeds City Council has produced a new toolkit to help partners share important key messages about coronavirus in Leeds. The toolkit is hosted on Google Drive and so can be freely accessed by external (as well as internal) partners.

21. It includes a range of posters, graphics, social media posts and other resources created by the council and partners that can be downloaded and shared to help promote the most relevant key messages around prevention, testing, and the range of support available to residents in Leeds.

22. It also includes a selection of Government-produced resources that can be shared to raise awareness of the current national restrictions. A number of resources available in multiple languages. This toolkit will be continued to be added to as more resources become available.

23. A presentation includes an overview of the toolkit contents as well as instructions on how it can be used. The toolkit is updated regularly with new or updated resource. Please email chad.newton@leeds.gov.uk if you would like to be notified of new resources as they are made available in the toolkit.

Local Care partnerships

24. HATCH is a well-established and vibrant partnership which covers the areas of Chapeltown and Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill. The LCP works with a diverse range of partners including general practice, community health services, Public Health, Adult Social Care, elected members and a broad range of Third Sector and community groups.

25. The LCP focus on building relationships to deliver improved services with approaches around conversations, connections and assets and strengths. The

current priorities are ageing well, supporting families who are shielding and children and families.

26. The LCP has been working with the Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill Primary Care Network to support the vaccine rollout and to ensure everyone is vaccinated when called upon.

Public Health Covid-19 grants

27. The Public Health Covid-19 grants have built on and connect to the work that Forum Central started with the Communities of Interest Network. Voluntary Action Leeds offers specialised support around volunteering to the grants. They have offered help, advice and information on how to strengthen volunteering engagement to strengthen the funded groups through building capacity and resilience.
28. The Covid-19 grants are an important part of the Leeds Covid-19 outbreak plan's approach to prevention. Their aim is to ensure that Covid-19 messages and support are targeted at those with increased risk and mortality from Covid-19 infection and where case rates are increasing faster than other groups.
29. The distribution of the Covid-19 grants have been led by Forum Central (in a consortium that includes Voluntary Action Leeds, Health watch, and Leeds Community Foundation) since summer 2020.
30. This is the first time that all the third sector partnership organisations in Leeds have worked together in this way, which has enabled engagement with the broadest set of relationships across the third sector, as well as faith organisations and community groups. This has given real reach into communities, joining up approaches across the sector. Community Champions have been empowered to deliver and develop evidence based messages and keep people connected during the pandemic. They have been able to quickly adapt to trends and communicate key messages through innovative and effective approaches.
31. Space 2 alongside Shantona Women and Family Centre, Zest, People in Action, The Old Fire Station and Healthwatch Leeds have been successful in applying for the Public Health Covid-19 prevention grant. Focusing on Gipton and Harehills the organisations will be developing a range of activities including pop up events and designing a film 'talking heads' to record local people's feelings about what they have learnt living through the pandemic and how they see the next 5 years.

Winter Wellbeing Grants

32. Grants were distributed to various 3rd Sector Organisations to support a range of vulnerable people to keep warm well as well as tackling social isolation during the winter months. The agencies awarded grants covering the Inner East were as follows:

Zest

33. Zest's health and wellbeing project will support participants to get involved with a range of activities to help improve their overall wellbeing such as arts and crafts, games, gardening and general socialising. Participants will learn exercises to keep warm in their home and improve strength, balance and co-ordination, given the skills, knowledge and weekly ingredients to confidently make nutritious soups and stews for themselves and their family. During the sessions participants will receive help on using their technology, for example those with smartphones or tablets will be provided the skills and confidence needed to stay connected via video calls/social media, complete online shopping tasks, order prescriptions along with staying safe online.

The Old Fire station

34. The Craft Club will reach lonely and isolated local people who would like to make friends, learn a new skill - particularly after the pressures of the last few months' isolation. The original group who formed last year say that coming to Craft Club has helped them leave the house, make friends and have something constructive to do. One of the original group is agoraphobic and coming to the club weekly has helped her - she says she feels safe at The Old Fire Station and knows she has friends there. In order to support those that are still feeling anxious about being out, the craft club leaders will create packs which will be distributed via local networks to reach those who might prefer not to attend in person. It is hoped that receiving these packs will help people feel less isolated and may encourage them to build up the confidence to attend.

Richmond Hill Elderly Action

35. RHEA's befriending project is for volunteers and staff to regularly visit and befriend older vulnerable people on a regular basis over the winter months to ensure they are safe, secure warm and all wellbeing needs are being met. If there is a second wave staff and volunteers will keep up contact via telephone calls and where possible videos calls and socially distanced house calls.

DIAL

36. DIAL received funding to support disabled people who are clinically extremely vulnerable and either live alone or with household members who are also vulnerable including older people, children, carers and those with long-term conditions. The support will be personalised, intensive and flexible so that it can meet the unique needs of each individual as they identify them based on their own priorities. This support will primarily be given over the phone, by text and social media direct messaging (or by email, through Zoom meetings or other personal preferences for contact).
37. It will also include the provision of safely delivered face to face contact through doorstep/garden visits and outdoor meet ups in community locations such as the local park as and when necessary for ensuring a person's wellbeing. During each contact we will monitor health/wellbeing and act on any concerns with appropriate support and interventions including urgent or emergency assistance to ensure people have sufficient food, medications, heating and other essentials over the winter.

Hamara

38. The befriending project received funding for volunteers and staff to regularly visit and befriend older vulnerable people on a regular basis over the winter months to ensure they are safe, secure warm and all wellbeing needs are being met. If there is a second wave staff and volunteers will keep up contact via telephone calls and where possible videos calls and socially distanced house calls. Befriending service and activities (e.g. exercise classes) via Zoom, food delivery and winter warmer packs the project support included people from the Inner East of Leeds.

Environment and Community Safety: Councillor Denise Ragan

Environment and Community Safety Sub Group

39. The Inner East Environment and Community Safety sub-group met on February 25th via Skype and was chaired by Cllr Ragan with members and council officers in attendance. Updates were given on local issues around waste, housing, parks and countryside and LASBT.

Selective Licencing

40. Selective Licensing officers continue to process licence applications received for privately rented properties in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Gipton and

Harehills wards. Draft licences started to be issued in January together with a number of final licences in February.

41. The Covid-19 pandemic has restricted the activity the service has been able to undertake in the last 12 months. Unfortunately the team have not been able to go out and undertake proactive visits as planned, crossing the threshold and ensuring standards of people's homes meet the minimum standards and address those in need. Hopefully with the roadmap announced by the Government this will be possible from the summer onwards.
42. Despite the challenges posed by Covid-19, over the last 12 months the service has continued to address housing conditions in line with the Government's own guidance. As a result the following has been achieved in relation to selective licensing:
- So far 3380 licence applications have been received for properties in Harehills. 95% of initial licence fees have been received in relation to these applications. Action is being taken to chase all outstanding payments
 - Recruitment has now taken place and 10 posts in the Harehills Selective Licensing team have now been filled as of October 2020 and they have been assessing applications and issuing draft/full licences. Given the restricted access to the office this has been more limited than planned due to a smaller number of officers being able to attend and process applications in a safe manner given the safety protocols in place
 - 29 properties are currently being investigated for operating without a licence – 20 of these are subject to the service of/will be subject to the service of civil penalties for breaches of the legislation. These will be subject to potential appeals by landlords
 - In the last 12 months 61 properties have still be visited in the area resulting in the service of 57 legal notices
 - 161 properties have also been improved in the last 12 months with most of this being a result of pre Covid activity.

LASBT

43. LASBT continues to work tirelessly to combat and reduce anti-social behaviour across the Inner East of Leeds, despite still operating under Covid restrictions which effectively means staff having to case manage work from home, with only strictly risk assessed visits being allowed in exceptional circumstances. That makes it very challenging for the service to deal with perpetrators by post or phone.

44. Workloads have stabilised at 246 active cases across East, following the relentless week on week increase of last year. 122 of those cases are in the Inner East.

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

45. Have 36 active cases spread evenly across all the neighbourhoods in the ward. There are no specific trends or themes although the most resource intensive and complex cases in the area all involve residents with mental health issues that have an impact on neighbours and the wider community.

Killingbeck & Seacroft

46. Have 53 active cases with again an even spread across the neighbourhoods in the ward. Specific work is being looked at to tackle hate related issues in South Seacroft, Imogen Wilson from Communities looking at a package to be used in schools to educate. Cases have reduced and several youths dealt with and banned from these streets. One case remains on the Hate Crime MARAC. A lack of evidence as always remains problematic. Local hotspot areas are Tesco's and Boggart Hill Drive with youth nuisance again emerging as a problem. The issues at the Britannia Hotel are on the radar as well although the majority of the issues are the other side of the A6120.

Gipton & Harehills

47. Have 33 active cases again spread evenly between the two neighbourhoods. In Gipton, neighbour issues centred around noise are the main issue, much of it exacerbated by the lockdown situation. In Harehills, neighbours and noise are again a factor along with street drinking and youth nuisance. Work is ongoing to look at further injunctions to tackle the worst offenders amongst the street drinkers. LASBT have successfully obtained 4 thus far, whilst the PSPO will continue to be enforced widely across the area with particulate attention to key locations. Work with Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust continues on enforcement work to protect patients, staff and visitors from the anti-social behaviour from a cohort of disruptive street users who frequent the estate on a regular basis.

Neighbourhood Policing Update

Ascot Terrace and surrounding streets

48. Multi-agency approach adopted given this area has been a persistent location for youth anti-social behaviour over several years. Several days of action

conducted in conjunction with LASBT. Residents were spoken to and leaflet drops encouraging members of the public to contact relevant agencies were carried out so that the problems could be fully understood. Visible policing patrols have been focused on the area at relevant times. Key suspected offenders were identified, visited and referred to support agencies. Early indications are that reported ASB fell by 67% in the month of January and the approach will be continued.

Covid-19

49. As with all agencies the pandemic has continued to pose challenges relating to working practices and at times staff absences. In addition, early analysis indicates officers provided formal warnings or issued penalty notices at 145 separate incidents across the three ward areas between 14th January 2021 (the date of the last Committee report) and 22nd February 2021. The overwhelming majority of these incidents related to individuals gathering together illegally and the majority of those were within residential premises.

Street Drinking

50. The multi-agency approach to reducing the public consumption of alcohol in and around the junction of Harehills Lane and Compton Road appears to have successfully reduced this issue as demonstrated by incidents reported directly to the police, observations by local officers and more anecdotal reports from the public. There are some indications of limited displacement which is being addressed. There is also a clear plan in place should reports increase when coronavirus restrictions ease.

Britannia Hotel

51. This location on the ring road at Whinmoor is actually within Outer East Leeds but has caused significant concern amongst residents in the Seacroft ward, particularly following a serious assault in a nearby underpass leading between the ward areas. There is a local hostility towards the hotel which is being used to house homeless individuals, partly due to misconceptions that it primarily houses “asylum seekers” or prison leavers. Residents have also reported an increase in begging, littering and theft offences across both ward areas and around the nearby Seacroft Shopping Centre. Neighbourhood Policing have temporarily deployed a permanent policing presence between the ward areas, have assisted in arranging weekly and bi-weekly meetings between partners regarding the hotel, and assisted LCC with communications and site security amongst other issues.

Woodland Creation Update

52. Leeds City Council has made a commitment to address the immediate climate emergency and have an ambitious target for the city to be carbon neutral by 2030.

This is for the benefit of the health of our communities as well as the future of the city and our planet.

Parks and Countryside have a woodland creation program, planting 50 hectares of land each year for the next 25 years, planting 5.8 million trees over this time. The woodlands are for public use, to increase the biodiversity for wildlife, insects and birds as well as to capture carbon and reduce air pollution.

53. Design and planting of the woodlands is carefully considered, with only native species, species specific and suitable for each site, planted in block planting and planting is to Forestry Commission standards. There has been consideration of future public use ensuring openings to access for walking and enjoyment.

54. Decisions about tree planting along the green corridors, and the city as a whole, have been sympathetic to the need to strike a balance between the urgency of the climate emergency and the importance of the physical and mental health benefits of recreation and exercise.

55. We are trialling an online engagement method in Gipton and Harehills for residents to suggest areas for tree planting [here](#). If this is a successful tool we will roll this out across the city. You can find more information on the Arium website <https://www.theariumleeds.co.uk/woodland-creation>.

Planting in Inner East in 2020/2021

56. We have planted 35,452 whip trees in the ward over 6 sites in the Inner east. One site was altered to include planting standard trees instead of whips due to the proximity to housing. This has resulted in planting 9 standard trees, 1 oak 4 birch and 4 cherry trees. This will enhance the site and improve biodiversity and increase canopy cover.

The following are the named sites:

Site name	Ward	Area in ha	Total amount of whips
East End Park	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2.0124	8,943
Rookwood Crescent	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	0.2195	9stds
Foundry Lane POS	Gipton & Harehills	0.7065	3,140
Barncroft Drive	Killingbeck & Seacroft	0.8123	3,610
Foundry Lane POS	Killingbeck & Seacroft	1.0418	4,630
Inglewood Gardens/York Road/South Parkway	Killingbeck & Seacroft	1.4935	6,750

Ramshead Drive (nr Ramshead Approach)	Killingbeck & Seacroft	0.7249	3,221
Wetherby Road/Monkswood Rise	Killingbeck & Seacroft	1.1606	5,158

Housing Update

57. Funding awarded by the Inner East Community Committee has been used on two recent environmental projects. Tree planting has taken place at the Denbighs flats along with communal door planters and a second project at Lincoln Green has seen planters planted up with Spring bedding. Further to these projects tree orchard sites are planned for at the Denbighs, Braisdale Court and at the Shakespeare flats where the car park has been returned to grass.

58. In Seacroft a new “Green Guardians” scheme has been established which is a vulnerable garden scheme to assist tenants with vulnerabilities by getting gardens to an easy manageable level. It also gives the opportunity for the community to volunteer and help with gardens, restrictions permitting.

Children and Young People: Councillor Salma Arif

Youth Service

59. Youth Service are working directly with young people at risk of being drawn into crime and violence. They have been working closely with the neighbourhood policing teams across the Inner East throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, responding to intelligence reports on where the police have seen young people not adhering to social distancing &/or engaging in anti-social behaviour.

60. Youth Services are continuing to deliver delivering sessions on a range of issues facing young people including anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, weapons awareness, gang culture and hate crime and diversity.

CATCH

61. CATCH and Leeds City Council are working in partnership to deliver specific engagement and interventions to young people who may be at risk of engaging in crime, anti-social behaviour and youth violence.

62. CATCH recruited a part-time temporary staff member to take on the role as Youth Engagement Leader until March 2021. The overall aim was to divert young people away from offending/re-offending, negative peer groups/behaviour and provide positive activities for them to engage in. The Youth Engagement Leader has been hugely successful, working with over 100 young people living in Harehills over the course of just 6 months. This included work with young people who engaged in the 2019 Bonfire Night disorder. The funding for the post is now coming to an end and further funding is being sought to extend the post.
63. Funding has been secured for a new “CATCH on Wheels” project to run in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward with the aim of supporting young people from a host of backgrounds, providing them with safety, stability and purpose.
64. CATCH have secured funding to work with up to 10 - 15 young people from the Nowells area. These will specifically, be recruited for the purposes of up-skilling them to become volunteers. The intention is to carry out one to ones with the young people and group work. The focus is to build their skills, confidence and knowledge about volunteering following the CATCH “Youth Community Builders” programme.
65. The LCC Communities Team will work with them to plan the use of the new Nowells space, plan the activities that will be running within the centre and how best to engage the local young people in these activities. By allowing young people from the Nowells to be part of the initial planning will create ownership and pride in the space.

Youth Engagement Project

66. The Youth Engagement Project is run by a consortium of local organisations; Leeds Street Team, Give a Gift and Leeds Muslim Youth Forum and is another local project to highlight. Funded by Youth Endowment Fund, the project aims to engage young people, with a specific focus on 10 to 14 years, from socially excluded backgrounds who are at risk of being drawn into anti-social behaviour, crime and violence. The geographical focus is primarily Harehills. The project has been supported by the Senior Localities Officer from inception.
67. Through detached youth work and workshops, the project educates and empowers young people to improve their understanding of personal responsibility and equip them to make more independent, and informed positive life-choices.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Ron Grahame

Universal Credit

68. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner East Community Committee area that were unemployed in November 2020 is 9,710. This is an increase of 72% since March 2020 and an increase of 234 on the previous month.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2020		November 2020	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Inner East	5,658	10.5%	9,476	17.6%	9,710	18.0%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,068	11.5%	3,243	17.6%	3,319	18.0%
Gipton & Harehills	2,210	11.2%	4,086	20.2%	4,228	20.9%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,380	9.2%	2,147	14.1%	2,163	14.2%

**Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit that are not in employment*

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

Employment and Skills Services

69. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Inner East Community Committee area:

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)
Inner East	1,786	3,246	497	1,105	981	1,646
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	597	1,132	169	438	325	606
Gipton & Harehills	848	1,478	234	472	476	712
Killingbeck & Seacroft	341	636	94	195	180	328

70. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID and the temporary closure of face to face services since March 2020, the employment and skills delivery models have been adapted and are continuing through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April to December 2020 8,755 people have accessed the Service, 1,786 of whom were from Inner East, a reduction of 45% when compared to the same period last year.

71. Across the city the service has supported 2,701 people into work, this reporting year (April 2020– December 2020). 497 residents from the Inner East have been supported into work, a reduction of 55% when compared to the same period last year. They were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport. Over 258 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff and to provide support for staff facing redundancy. Recruitment continues in the health and care sector as it deals with winter pressures, and in digital roles across all sectors.

Leeds Employment Hub

72. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for European Structural Investment funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support for eligible residents. The Service has been successful in securing an additional £4m ESIF funding to support around 4,000 people in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The funding is agreed from January 2021 to December 2023. This project will offer tailored preventative and remedial support to residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. Delivery will be through the Community Hubs with Employment and Skills managing the contract with DWP.

Vaccine Programme

73. The Service has been facilitating the recruitment of the Vaccinating Leeds programme on behalf of Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, including the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions. The first in-take of interviews have been scheduled with roles currently ring-fenced for candidates from the Employment Hub. Interviews have been arranged for over 100 applicants, 72 of whom have passed the interview stage and are awaiting either references and or DBS/right to work checks before undergoing training with NHS.

Adult Learning

74. Between April and December 2020 the service has supported 4,703 people across the city to improve their skills. From the Inner East, 981 residents have completed a skills, a reduction of 40% when compared to the same period last year. Delivery of the 2020/21 programme commenced in September 2020 with 16 commissioned providers delivering online courses with an increased focus on digital skills and work focused courses. Since the start of the new academic

year, September 2020, 490 courses have been advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning website.

75. New methods of Adult Learning delivery were supported to include blended learning. This has involved digital delivery through mobile phones, coupled with home learning options, remote delivery, including outdoor learning and the return to face to face learning when restrictions were lifted and delivery spaces will be reworked to ensure they are COVID secure. In addition home learning resource packs have been developed to enable a flexible approach, increasing pastoral support with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and learners who are unable to access online learning.

Leeds Apprenticeship Festival

76. Leeds Apprenticeship Festival will take place during National Apprenticeship Week, 8th - 12th February 2021 and will be held virtually for the first time. A dedicated webpage, created by an external organisation ODI, will host the festival. Visitors will be able to watch exhibitor Apprenticeship presentations and videos, contact employers directly, book meet and greet Q&A sessions with exhibitors and receive IAG support. 77 exhibitors have confirmed their attendance. A promotional campaign to advertise and raise awareness of the event commenced 4th January 2021.

Levy Match

77. The Levy Match Leeds was launched on 5th October 2020 to boost Apprenticeship numbers. Supported by a web based platform, the service enables large levy payers to transfer up to 25% of uncommitted funds to small and medium enterprises wishing to support an Apprenticeship. The online brokerage service aims to make this as simple as possible to ensure maximum levy investment is retained and invested locally to create more Apprenticeship opportunities. To date 19 SMEs and 5 Levy Payers have accessed the website and over £100,000 has been committed so far to support Apprenticeships.

Kickstart Scheme

78. The Kickstart Scheme, part of the Government's Plan for Jobs 2020, launched in September. The Employment and Skills service is now a registered Kickstart Gateway supporting businesses to offer 6 month paid placements for young people aged 16-24 currently on UC and at risk of long-term unemployment. Since the Kickstart Gateway started at the beginning of October 2020, 247 placement opportunities have been submitted to DWP, offered by 62 employers.

Subscription Service

79. A new subscription service “The List” was launched in November 2020 through the Leeds City Council Website. Subscribers to The List receive the service’s weekly job vacancies, Apprenticeships and course information. Since December 2020 those registered to receive our emails have increased by 114% to 4,685 and 17,000 emails were delivered. For further information please visit: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLEEDS/subscriber/>

Developing You

80. “Developing You” is a partnership approach to providing a locally driven pre-employment support programme incorporating wellbeing and employability modules and targets unemployed priority neighbourhood residents with mild to moderate mental health challenges. Due to COVID phase 1 of the pilot programme was moved online during autumn/winter 2020 and 49 local residents were engaged from the Local Care Partnership areas of Armley, Harehills and York Road. One further remotely delivered course is being offered spring 21 before phase 2 explores face-to-face delivery once restrictions allow.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

81. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner East Community Committee Facebook page.

The Communities Team

Priority Neighbourhoods

Boggart Hill

Chapel FM Arts Centre

82. The Chapel FM Arts Centre / East Leeds FM Radio has been keeping dozens of young people from East Leeds and the wider community connected using radio and digital activities during lockdown. The weekly Next Generation Youth Arts & Broadcasting courses have continued to meet on a regular basis all through lockdown and every other Friday produce a live radio show and podcast called Red Kite featuring stories of how people from across communities are staying engaged and creative in many ways. All 30+ episodes of the Red Kite show can be heard here: <https://www.chapelfm.co.uk/elfm-player/shows/list/red-kite-youth-radio>

83. In addition, Chapel FM has been an active part of the Seacroft & Killingbeck Care Hub, working with LS14 Trust and other third sector partners to coordinate food and other wellbeing deliveries. They have started up a digital access project to refit donated computers and other digital devices to give out to the community, used the new kitchen to prepare meals for older residents in coordination with Seacroft Friends and Neighbours and are producing a weekly radio broadcast called Stay Close featuring stories of people working to keep our communities connected during the pandemic www.chapelfm.co.uk/elfm-player/shows/list/stay-close-seacroft-weekly-covid-19-pandemic-broadcasts Chapel FM are also preparing to reopen their recently expanded and renovated venue when lockdown regulations permit and hope to organise some outdoor activities for young people and adults later in the spring and summer.

Kentmere Community Centre

84. The latest lockdown has meant the centre has had to review and make changes to who could do what at the centre. They currently have no weekly groups meeting there at present but all tenants are still working and supporting the community and the food parcels have moved back up to the centre and the food parcels are being prepared by LS14 Trust from the kitchen. During the last couple of months they have coped with the difficult snow conditions and kept the centre safe and open to enable everyone to keep on delivering and working from there.

85. The hall was used again to prepare activity boxes for the February half term as it had been for Christmas with volunteers working with staff from LS14 Trust and Fall into Place to ensure over 160 boxes went out to families in the ward.

86. Rachel Dodson at the centre has been meeting and discussing food pantries with Health for All and has had a very positive meeting with LS14 Trust about this with a further update planned hopefully for the next committee meeting. On a practical note, the pool table is finally working again and the cinema room has been totally transformed ready for groups returning to the centre.

Cliftons and Nowells

Nowell Mount Park

87. Over the past 2 years incremental improvements have been made to Nowell Mount Park. This highly valued local green space was essentially a playing field with a multi-use games area. Engagement work with the local community identified a desire to make the space more interesting and appealing to

residents in the area. Funding was secured for new play equipment which was installed last year, a further 16 trees and 100 saplings have just been planted on the site in February.

88. There are other ideas and opportunities for the site including the renovation of the MUGA and possibly some cycling infrastructure, seating areas and more diverse planting. Parks and Countryside are now at the stage where they recognise the site requires a “master plan”. Essentially a plan of the site which can be drawn up in conjunction with local residents to map out where future improvements could go as and when funding opportunities become available. Active Leeds are currently pursuing funding opportunities from The Football Foundation and British Cycling for further investment on the site.

Detached Youth Work

89. The Youth Association have been working on a programme of detached youth work in the Cliftons and Nowells which engages young people in recreational and developmental activity at street level. Youth workers engage young people (on street corners, parks and other congregation spots), to deliver interactive street-based workshops, promoting positive attitudes and boosting knowledge on the most prevalent issues, such as positive masculinity and knife-crime awareness.

Target Wards

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Digital Inclusion

90. A working group has been established to bring partners together to better coordinate work within the ward on the digital inclusion agenda. At the latest Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership the issue of digital exclusion loomed large as a common barrier to residents accessing various services. 100% Digital Leeds and Communities Team staff identified key partners to meet and discuss this subject.

91. The group met for the first time in February and have begun to develop an action plan around the key themes below:

92. Greater awareness and engagement in the community:

- Improving organisations’ awareness of the barriers to and benefits of getting online via receiving Digital Champions training and knowing how to better

understand and help digitally excluded people, particularly those with accessibility barriers e.g. language, disability, literacy

- More organisations signed up to the 100% Digital Leeds mailing list where opportunities to strengthen infrastructure via training and are regularly promoted
- Sharing knowledge about community initiatives which could help to increase digital inclusion among residents

93. Greater community capacity by bringing in resource to the area:

- More community organisations and stakeholders able to offer free internet access and/or computer/device use in the area to help digitally excluded people, whether through community spaces or loan schemes

94. More local representation at an individual level and greater accessibility:

- More representation of local people with lived experience of digital exclusion when designing solutions that work for those in the community, in a similar fashion to the approaches of Healthwatch Leeds and Leeds Poverty Truth Commission
- Co-production of alternative options and resources for people with specific additional barriers that may stop them engaging with digital inclusion activities (e.g. those with limited English comprehension skills, disability, mental health issues, cultural barriers)

Community Care Volunteering Hub

Food Clubs

95. Family Action are currently working with LCC Children's Services and the local CCV hub led by Leeds Mencap to see if there is a demand and suitable venues for a number of Food Clubs in BRH ward. A Food club differs to a Food bank in that there is a cost to people who want to "shop" at the food club, albeit this is heavily subsidised, approximately £3:50 for £15 worth of food. Unlike a food bank people can access food from the food club every week and have an increased choice about the type of food they receive. To date two venues have been secured, Richmond Hill Primary School and Nowell Mount Children's Centre, partners are currently exploring a number of options for a third venue in the ward.

96. Partners involved with the Community Care Volunteer hub will be asked to consider how they wish to work together beyond the 30th June (when the current government funding comes to an end). Voluntary Action Leeds are supporting hubs across the city to think about the most appropriate local structures to put in place to sustain and/or develop the support which has been put in place to help people through the pandemic.

Neighbourhood Plan

97. The Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts Neighbourhood Plan held their first ever meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum. The Forum is the group of local residents and stakeholders that will ultimately prepare the plan which will positively influence the type of new development that will take place within the Neighbourhood. East Street Arts have been leading on the community engagement work for the plan during the past year and despite the obvious challenges that the pandemic has presented, they still managed to get 9 residents and 14 stakeholders attending this inaugural meeting. People who are interested in finding out more about the Neighbourhood Plan or who would like to join the forum can find out more here:
<https://www.eaststreetarts.org.uk/project/neighbourhood-plan/>

Active Travel

98. Funding has been secured to pilot an approach to increase Active Travel in Richmond Hill by activating specific destinations, encouraging a mode shift from vehicle usage to walk, cycle or scoot short distances. The focus being to identify key destinations within the Richmond Hill area and design bespoke solutions with the local community using coproduction and local assets to support behaviour change.

Gipton and Harehills

Covid Business Engagement

99. Following feedback from Environmental Health officers and Covid marshals after visiting businesses on the Harehills high streets, a multi-agency meeting chaired by Chief Officer Communities Shaid Mahmood was organised for 1st February 2021 where local data and intelligence was discussed. A number of key actions came out of this meeting, including the production of a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) pack for small local businesses.

100. Funded by the Gipton and Harehills Ward Members' emergency Covid-19 funding pot, the packs comprised of face masks, hand sanitiser, posters and information to support the businesses at this time including how to order PPE through Leeds City Council at cost price. The distribution of these bags started on 22nd February to businesses on these popular high streets by Leeds City Council's Covid marshals as part of their regular visits to shopping areas in the city. Other areas of the city are now looking to replicate these packs, in an effort to show support to small businesses. The packs have been extremely well received by businesses to date.

Enhanced Testing in Harehills Area

101. On Wednesday 17th February, the government announced that there would be enhanced testing in place in parts of Harehills and small parts of surrounding areas, including Burmantofts and Roundhay. Following a multi-agency meeting on Thursday 18th February, a testing centre was set up with the Infinity Centre in Harehills and communications shared with local residents and partners.
102. To support community engagement, door knocking was supported by many different departments across the Council as well as the Red Cross. Migrant Community Networkers from the Migrant Access Project also took part, in order to use their valuable community language skills to accurately share messages with residents. People living and working in the community were given advice on how they can get tested, either through home testing or at the Infinity Centre, Conway Road, near the Bilal Mosque site.
103. An additional Mobile Testing Unit was also in place from Friday 26th February to Tuesday 2nd March at the Shine Business Centre on Conway Road to further assist the additional testing offer.
104. The testing will help the council and government understand the level of new variants in the city, so they are better informed and can plan their future responses.

Vaccination Engagement Work

105. As we move into the next phase of coronavirus, we look to encourage local uptake of the vaccine. Work is underway with between Public Health officers, the Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group and the Senior Localities Officer on behalf of the Communities Team to develop a resource that shares key, accurate information about the vaccines and responds, with evidence, to potential concerns. The Senior Localities Officer for Gipton and Harehills will work with Public Health to continue sharing concerns and to link in influencers this work to encourage uptake locally. Gipton and Harehills Ward Councillor have supported the local work planned with funding from their emergency Covid-19 budget.

Greener Gipton and Harehills Campaign

106. The second meeting for the Greener Gipton and Harehills Campaign took place on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 with a wide range of partners and

residents in attendance. Plans are starting to take shape with some exciting residents and partner-led initiatives forming, including the Gipton Approach Greening Project, the Harehills Road Green Scheme and walking, gardening and growing projects in the area. In order to keep residents up to date on the campaign and provide an accessible platform for engagement, a webpage has been set up on the Your Voice Leeds website specifically for the green campaign. Residents can sign up and subscribe to receive regular updates and to engagement in activities as part of the campaign. The website link is provided here: <https://yourvoice.leeds.gov.uk/greener-g-h-campaign>

107. A major focus of the scheme, as requested by local residents, will be on tree planting across the ward. As part of the Woodland Creation Scheme, from Monday 1st March, residents were invited to share their ideas for potential tree planting sites within the ward on Council land. The most popular sites will then have the associated checks necessary and the suitable sites will be brought to the April campaign meeting for further consultation on the next steps, including selecting the tree species.

108. The Gipton and the Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships are currently paused whilst focussed Covid response work takes priority. Partnership meetings have taken place around the enhanced testing and mask compliance. It is hoped that the Neighbourhood Improvement meetings will recommence in due course.

Killingbeck and Seacroft

Denis Healey Centre

109. Improvement work in the Denis Healey Community Centre in South Seacroft continues. The most recent work has been a partnership between Seacroft Community on Top and the communities team, who have worked together to inform some community inspired art work. Additional decorating work in the centre continues. New kitchen appliances have been purchased in preparation for the community café.

110. The community's team were successful in an application to the Get Set Leeds Local fund from the Council's Active Leeds team, and £10,000 has been awarded. This will support the opening of the gym and will cover the remaining bits of equipment needed. Work on the community gym will recommence when the current lockdown restrictions are lifted. The gym will be a doorstep offer for the local community and will be run by the local community. Two local volunteers are currently completing a level 3 Gym Instructor course funded by

Yorkshire Sport Foundation. Further training opportunities have been secured for local people.

Seacroft Gardens Playground

111. Following community consultation conducted in partnership with Seacroft Community on Top, the procurement process for Seacroft Gardens playground has now commenced. Tender evaluation is set for March. The hope is that a contract will be awarded and work on site will follow. Funding for securing the entrances to the surrounding green area has also been secured, and this work will commence alongside the playground.

Healthy Holidays

112. Healthy Holidays projects have continued in Seacroft and the strong partnership approach remains. Recently for the February half term Fall into Place, LS14 Trust and Seacroft Community on Top worked in collaboration to provide over 150 families with food and activity boxes. The boxes were inspired by the journey and experience of a local family who have moved to Seacroft from Syria. The boxes included recipes to make Syrian inspired food and various craft activities. The boxes were well received and the families enjoyed them.

Digital Inclusion

113. Various partners in the ward are working on a digital inclusion project. The project is based on a donation model and involves people making donations of technology they no longer need. The hub for donations is Kentmere Community Centre. Partners from Chapel FM are wiping any donated devices and then Fall into Place and the Cluster are working together to identify people who need the devices. The project only recently started but some donations have already been received.

Seacroft Friends and Neighbours

114. Seacroft Friends and Neighbours are currently supporting over 500 older people per month in Seacroft with regular telephone contact, shopping, prescription pick up, technology loan and support. Staff also support with more complex case work offering older people support with issues such as personal health, finance, scams and crime prevention.

115. The group are currently supporting the Covid-19 vaccination effort locally with assisted door to door transport. They continue to follow Public Health England

transport guidance to offer safe transport for those needing help to any health related appointments. This has been welcomed by many the eldest a 96 year old lady on a snowy day with her walking frame was full of praise for the driver assisting her for her first vaccine.

116. The Seacroft Friends and Neighbours Wellbeing offer is expanding with two staff setting up a bereavement group offering peer support and the hope of the friendship that shared experiences may bring. Staff direct them to health professionals and are not aiming to replace trained bereavement counselling but instead to complement these other services.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

Community Hub Buildings

117. The Community Hub sites have been adapted and are fully Covid safe, this has enabled them to continue to provide a key service to our communities. The Hubs staff are working with a combination of face to face work and home working to support the service.

Customer Services

118. Face to face services are currently limited to the following emergency enquiries:

- Booking telephone appointments
- Booking PC slots using Netloan and using Self Service PC's
- Collecting LWSS vouchers
- Providing proofs for LWSS
- Requesting Trussell Trust e-vouchers
- Posting out of Council Tax bills
- Temporary Parking Permits
- Raising repairs
- To Drop Off documents
- To Purchase Radar Keys
- Tenancy Termination Notices

Library/PC Usage

119. The Community Hubs offer a combination of a browsing and non-browsing model dependant on the current government restrictions in the city.

120. Currently due to lockdown restrictions the Hubs are using our non-browsing model. Customers can reserve books via the “Order and Collect” service or book a 45 minute PC session which can be extended if needed.

121. A new ‘Selection Bags’ service is also available for customers to order. These have a selection of six books for adults or children ranging from crime, romance, key stages and picture books.

Jobshops

122. The Jobshops are currently working remotely with customers via email and telephone, offering the full range of services including assisting with job searching, creating or updating a CV, completing job applications and preparing for interviews.

Community Hubs Case study

123. “A member of the Community Hubs staff was tracking their customers and called a regular service user to see how he was getting on. He disclosed he was struggling and asked us for help. He lives alone in a high rise flat and was socially isolated from friends, family and local services due to Covid-19. We organised the loan of an iPad for the customer and through virtual ongoing support, he is now using his new digital skills to apply for jobs, bid for a house, socially connect with family and friends, he has also joined the library and is due to commence an online literacy course in the near future.”

Support for Migrant Communities

124. POMOC virtual drop in sessions are run weekly in partnership with the Migrant Access Programme team and the Department of Work and Pensions. There are three sessions per week each lasting two hours for local Romanian/Roma and Czech/Slovak communities.

125. The Hubs take a multi-agency approach aims to support the residents with help to access Universal Credit and benefits and aim to increase support and engagement opportunities between EU nationals and services during the Covid-19 crisis. Staff also work to build confidence and trust in local institutions and empower the migrant community to navigate local services and particular customer access support. This support will also expand shortly to include our Spanish communities.

Health and Wellbeing

126. Virtual weekly yoga sessions have been set up with funding from the Inner East Community Committee for Harehills & Gipton residents for fifteen weeks initially. Feedback from attendees has been very positive around physical and mental wellbeing, alongside combatting social isolation.

127. The Compton Centre and Burmantofts Community Hub continue to work in close partnership with Burmantofts Richmond Hill Hub MECAP to act as a

distribution pick up point of receiving, storing and handing out food bags and food vouchers for their designated customers.

Safer Sleeping Scheme

128. The Compton Centre community Hub continue to work in partnership with the Children Centres and Public Health in issuing Moses baskets bundles to vulnerable families. Moses baskets. Moses basket have been purchase with the recent funding we received from the Inner East Community Committee to help buy an additional thirty four Moses baskets bundles. The most recent referral was for a family who had triplets.

Santa Dash

129. Over the Christmas period The Compton Centre Hub delivered a Santa Dash with Santa and Elves in the most deprived areas in the Inner East. During the Covid-19 pandemic, children and families have been in lockdown, not in school and the aim of the Santa dash was for the children to see Santa and Elves deliver a small gift which lighted up their faces at the festive time of year.

Home working and other voluntary duties

130. Since March 2020 the team have also assisted in various other service areas including; delivering food parcels, packing food in the warehouse, Library Befriending Service, Q Matic telephone appointments, Test and Trace, Local welfare Support Scheme line, Council Tax and Benefits telephone line.

Census Support Centre

131. From 21 March 2021 The Compton Centre is one of 4 Hubs across Leeds that will be acting as a Census Support Centre. The Census is now digital so has to be completed online. There may be some residents who are not digitally savvy, so the team have nominated staff at the Hubs who will assist in completing the Census application for these residents.

Housing Leeds

Update from the Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Inner East

132. In 2020-21 the Inner East HAP in 2020-21 have supported 3 community and 3 environmental related projects since the last report in January 2021. Funded projects include:

- 1, Time Capsule at St Hilda's Church £500
- 2, Beech Walk 2 waste bins £461.00
- 3, Torre Mount play area £5,000
- 4, Tree Orchards across the ward £2500 from HAP £1,000 from Area Manager
- 5, Fencing at Shakespeare Avenue £2,000 from HAP £1,500 from Area Manager
- 6, Listening Skill project Neurkas Soup Kitchen £1,000

133. Please see the budget committed for 2020-21. The Inner East HAP are on track to 100% of the full budget.

Budget by HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed	Other funding contributions
Environment & Housing	23	12	£ 20,843.12	41.74%	£ 40,489.73
Health & Well-being	30	16	£ 15,163.45	30.36%	£ 29,285.00
Community Safety	2	2	£ 3,940.00	7.89%	£ 4,000.00
Employment & Skills	5	3	£ 3,236.33	6.48%	£ 9,622.66
Inner East Total	60	33	£ 43,182.90	86.47%	£ 83,397.39

Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed	Other funding contributions
GiptonandHarehills	21	13	£ 14,032.90	28.10%	£ 33,372.66
BurmantoftsandRichmondH	35	18	£ 26,850.00	53.77%	£ 42,324.73
MultipleIE	1	1	£ 300.00	0.60%	£ 6,700.00
AIIIE	3	1	£ 2,000.00	4.00%	£ 1,000.00
Inner East Total	60	33	£ 43,182.90	86.47%	£ 83,397.39

Outer East

HAP funded Activity

- **Brooklands Towers Car park:** The car park was repainted to establish clear bays for Ambulances and disabled tenant of the block.
- **Green Guardians Scheme:** Funding for a Vulnerable Garden Scheme to assist tenants with vulnerability's by getting gardens to an easy manageable level. It also gives the opportunity for the community to volunteer and help with gardens, restrictions permitting.
- **Brooklands Lane/Avenue:** Chicanes installed in the ginnel to prevent the cars/quads driving through and causing injury to pedestrians.
- **Seacroft Gardens:** Funding awarded to install chicanes to the perimeter to prevent the ongoing issue of quads for when the new park is installed.
- **Seacroft Parks:** Funding to provide picnic tables for Seacroft Gardens new park once installed.
- **Queensview:** Funding awarded go install three socially distanced table to allow tenants to sit safely outside when restriction's allow.

Projects

- **Your Voice Leeds:** Hosted a consultation on the new builds at Barncrofts for ideas/questions of local residents.

- **Street Naming for new builds Tarnside/Mardales:** The Outer East Tennant Engagement Officer is running a street naming competition with schools and residents of the local area for suggestions for 2 new street names.
- **Seacroft Wombles:** A new group has formed in Seacroft for litter picking which is proving to be a huge success. They are being provided with 2 dog waste bag dispensers as a trial to assist in the area.
- **Consultations Tarnside/Mardale:** A full door to door consultation has been done to all surrounding residents regarding removal of fencing and any questions. Happy to report we had nobody against the scheme and they gave full support to the new builds.
- **Pre-existing Fencing to the new build site Tarnside/Mardale:** Wates have agreed to store the fencing rather than it go waste. We will be submitting a HAP Application in April to cover costs of reinstalling into another site in Seacroft that is in desperate need of fencing.

A suggested reduction in the Inner and Outer HAP budget for 2021-22 of 10% will be presented at the next budget meeting.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

135. 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

136. 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

137. 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

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

Risk Management

139. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

142. 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.