

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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To note/discuss

Inner West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.
3. To make nominations for Chair of the Armley Community Forum for (2021/22).

Main issues

4. Members are now asked to make a nomination for Chair to the Armley Community Forum for 2021/22. The 2020/21 representatives are shown below:

Forum	Number of places	Current appointees
Armley	1	Cllr Jim McKenna

Updates by theme:

Children and Young People: Champions Cllr C Gruen & Cllr J Heselwood

5. The Inner West Children and Young People Sub Group will take place on Monday 20th September 2021 via Zoom.
6. The theme for this meeting is play and active lifestyles for children & young people in the Inner West area, an update will be provided at the next Inner West Community Committee meeting.

Inner West Youth Summit

7. The Inner West Youth summit is returning to a physical event this year, to be held in The Banqueting Suite at Leeds Civic Hall, the date is Tuesday 23rd November, invites were sent to all schools of the Inner West as soon as they returned at the start of September. An invite has been sent to all Inner West Elected Members.

Employment & Skills: Champions Cllr Jools Heselwood & Cllr Jim McKenna – update from Keri Evans

Universal Credit

8. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner West Community Committee area that were unemployed in May 2021 is 6,087. This is an increase of 88% since March 2020, a decrease of 119 on the previous month. The increase in claimants is reflective across all wards due to the impact of COVID. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) will cease at the end of September, and there is an expectation that a number of people will be made redundant which could subsequently increase claimants to Universal Credit.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2021		May 2021	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Leeds	23,618	4.6%	47,061	9.1%	46,061	8.9%
Inner West	3,244	6.8%	6,206	13.0%	6,087	12.7%
Armley	1,547	9.1%	2,915	17.2%	2,855	16.8%
Bramley & Stanningley	952	6.5%	1,763	12.0%	1,747	11.8%
Kirkstall	745	4.6%	1,528	9.5%	1,485	9.2%

**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*

9. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Inner West Community Committee area.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)
Inner West	988	1,652	314	507	514	737
Armley	416	740	145	206	210	283
Bramley & Stanningley	240	441	94	168	137	213
Kirkstall	332	471	75	133	167	241

Priority Neighbourhood	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)
Holdforths, Clyde Approach (A)	54	85	15	26	26	32

10. COVID has had considerable impact since March 2020, with closures of face-to-face services, the employment and skills delivery models were adapted and continued through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April 2020 – March 2021 10,071 people accessed the Service, 988 of whom were from the Inner West, a reduction of 40% when compared to the same period last year.

11. Across the city the service has supported 3,413 people into work, (April 2020 – March 2021), 314 were residents from the Inner West, a reduction of 38% when compared to the same period last year. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport.

Leeds Employment HUB

12. A single point of contact for ESIF funded programmes and Job shops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A large team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to eligible residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

13. The Service continues to be successful in securing ESIF funding that will now be in place until December 2023, supporting around 3,500 people per year in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The service and its partners will be spending in the region of £2.7m in this financial year on the delivery of employment support programmes.

14. A further ESIF bid to support 15-24 year old Leeds residents has been submitted and the service expects to hear by the end of August 2021 if successful. This will replace two existing programmes that are due to finish at the end of December 2021.

15. ESIF programmes are predominantly focused on residents who are not employed. The service has therefore sought to gain funding for residents that are ineligible for ESIF programmes, supporting underemployed residents in low paid, low skilled jobs as well as those at risk of redundancy. Residents at risk of being redundant will be offered support beyond the limited statutory minimum offered by DWP and National Careers Service and residents seen as underemployed will be able to access services and support that to now have not been offered through ESIF and other mainstream support.
16. All Job shops are now fully open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Hawksworths, Armley and City Centre Community Hubs.
17. Due to COVID the annual Leeds Next Steps event will not take place face to face this summer. The event usually held the day after GCSE results day, where young people can talk to local colleges and providers, get information and advice about post- 16 learning opportunities, individual courses, apprenticeships, and traineeships will be available on-line. Information from a wide range of schools, colleges and other providers will be available via the 'Start in Leeds' website.
18. Between April 2020 – March 2021 3,971 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Job shops, 2,047 customers were supported into work and 292 were supported into training or further education. From the Inner West, 414 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Job shops, 189 customers were supported into work and 40 were supported into training or further education.

Leeds Learning HUB

19. The service delivers and commissions adult learning (post 19) with courses designed to help adults take their first steps or re-engage with learning before progressing to accredited learning within community settings. This provision is targeted to the 20% most deprived SOAs with a focus on Priority Neighbourhoods. Our programme includes Family English, Maths and Language (FEML) provision designed for parents (or other carers of children) with English and Maths needs or is for families where English is not the primary language. Often these courses are linked to schools or Children's Centres.
20. Over the last 12 months, new methods of delivery were developed to ensure learners could continue to access our courses. This included blended learning e.g., digital delivery through mobile phones coupled with home learning options, remote delivery options including outdoor learning, and the return to face-to-face learning when restrictions permitted with reworked COVID secure delivery spaces. The service also developed home learning resource packs to increase pastoral support, with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and those unable to access online programmes.
21. Developing You is a 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 the pilot programme was delivered online during autumn/winter 2020. From Wednesday 22nd September the

free 10-week course will be delivered face to face at Armley Community Hub for residents living in Inner West. For those who can't attend the face-to-face learning there will be further online courses starting in October.

Employer Support

22. Over the last 15 months the Service has engaged with 384 businesses (33 large and 351 SMEs). The highest number of engagements have been within construction, health and social care, IT, and digital and professional services sectors.

Red Kite View

23. The new Child and Adolescence Mental Health Unit started recruiting to Health Support Assistants and Support Assistant roles. Extensive promotion of the posts and engagement took place with residents from New Wortley and the wider wards of Armley, Farnley & Wortley and Bramley and Stanningley. 118 people participated in the Red Kite View Online Jobs Fair. After the event 48 registered their interest for additional employability support through the Leeds Employment Hub, of whom 79% were from the targeted wards. The recruitment day took place on the 12th August, with further interviews taking place, to date 12 people have been successful. The We Care Academy has scheduled additional 'Step into Care' places to support anybody who has been unsuccessful to access other opportunities within the Health & Care sector.

Vaccinating Leeds Programme

24. The Service supported, in partnership with the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions for the Vaccinating Leeds programme. 90 Leeds Employment Hub customers successfully passed the recruitment process, including HR checks and an initial training programme, 24 customers commenced work with the NHS in March 2021, the other customers were invited to join the talent pipeline to be put forward for other opportunities.

Kickstart

25. Part of the Government's Plan for Jobs 2020 launched in September. Employment and Skills is continuing to act as a "Kickstart Gateway", to help provide placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment. The programme provides funding to employers to offer 6-month placements for eligible businesses. Since January 2021, 391 placements have been approved with 140 placements filled.

Retail and Hospitality Sector

26. Developing a programme with employers, Leeds City College and The Engine Room, to provide taster sessions and upskilling support for participants in order to allow them

to access opportunities in the sector. The initial programme is set to be delivered in September 2021, with a one-week programme covering key skills in hospitality.

Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust

27. Working in partnership with LTHT to support the recruitment of a large number of Apprentice Clinical Support Workers and Apprentice Facilities Technicians roles within LTHT. Virtual information sessions to explain the role and application process are being delivered from September. Support arrangements are in place through the Leeds Employment Hub and targeted local promotion is being arranged.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr K Ritchie – update from Scott Lobsiger (LASBT) & Sgt Chris Craven (WYP)

Armley

28. Armley total number of open cases: 38

29. Top categories:

Threats/Actual violence: 10

Noise: 6

Hate crime: 5

Of the 5 hate crime cases currently open with LASBT, 2 are race related, 2 are sexual orientation and 1 is disability related.

Bramley & Stanningley

30. Bramley total cases: 32

31. Top categories:

Threats/Actual violence: 10

Rowdy behaviour: 4

Verbal abuse: 4

Hate crime: There are two active cases relating to race related hate crime.

Kirkstall

32. Kirkstall total Cases: 21

Top Categories:

Threats/Actual Violence: 4

Hate Crime: 4

Rowdy behaviour: 3

Drugs/substance misuse/dealing: 3

Of the 4 hate crime, 2 are Disability related and 2 are hate crime related.

West Yorkshire Police

Armley

33. Intensive partnership work has continued, in conjunction with LASBT a closure order was implemented on Town Street, prohibiting street drinking, a number of arrests have been made for breaches. Partnership work continues with the commercial element of the area. All licensed premises have been visited any breaches were submitted to Licensing enforcement, joint working with Trading standards led to the recovery of £35,000 of illegal cigarettes. Work with the LCC Communities team and community partners has seen youth support work with St Giles trust introduced.
34. Proactive operations have continued, ten days of action saw 11 search warrants executed, cannabis and SPICE dealers were targeted, the largest seizure in excess of £800,000. 15 arrests were also made. Operation support have assisted NPT, the Proactive Intercept Team and Road Policing deployed to target the criminal use of vehicles. Mounted section has also provided extra visibility.

Bramley & Stanningley

35. Community engagement work with BARCA re youths at the Bramley Shopping Centre who have been getting involved in ASB / Postcode wars/ Knife crime. The knife arch has been deployed in recent weeks at the Bramley Shopping Centre.
36. PC Ridding has taken ownership for traffic work in Bramley and has completed traffic operations on several occasions at Broad Lane. The most recent being on 03/07/2021 where 10 TOR's have been issued to speeding vehicles. We are also regularly deploying the SID machine at hotpot location such as Leeds and Bradford Road and Waterloo Lane.

Kirkstall

37. Partnership work has continued around Cardigan Fields complex targeting the night – time economy and the theft of and from motor vehicles. In partnership with the Off-Road Bike Team NPT have targeted motorbike crime around the Burley area with two of the male nominals arrested, hi visibility will be maintained. Drug dealing on Queenswood Drive has also been targeted with the execution of Magistrates Search warrants. Road Policing Operations have been conducted Kirkstall Road and Canal Road targeting travelling criminals.

**Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr L Cunningham
Update from Jon Hindley**

Summer 2021 (Covid Update)

38. As you will be aware infection rates have been high during the summer months within many wards across the city and within our IW wards especially those with a younger demographic. The situation is dynamic and will likely change again as we move towards the winter months. As the Leeds vaccination programme moves a pace and we move down the age groups infections become concentrated in the 18-24 year olds and below. The response of the NHS, Leeds City Council and Third Sector partners has been rapid and ongoing since the start of the pandemic with two vaccination centres offering two different vaccination choices one for forties and above and then at another site for 18 above. Additional mobile testing centres have been set up. On top of this young people on the hospitality industry, night-time economy, food retail, universities, schools, colleges, and further education venues have been targeted via campaigns and social media to take up the vaccination offer.

Covid-19 outreach teams across the wards

39. In conjunction with the above outreach teams have been proactively moving across the wards and door knocking to.

- Encourage vaccination and testing uptake
- Distribute free lateral flow test packs.
- Ask if local residents require and help with shopping, prescription collection, financial inclusion matters for example. These doorstep wellbeing checks have proved to be an essential lifeline for many residents and have been well received.
- Teams have also been posting information leaflets detailing council, clinical and charitable services available.
- Outreach teams comprise of council workers, LCC commissioned services such as Better Together Outreach volunteers, public health officers, third sector community development teams, clinical colleagues who have volunteers and Forum central's volunteer resource pool.

Leeds City Council Contract Tracing Service

40. The outreach component of this service is delivered through our trusted commissioned third sector partners many who have worked in their communities and geographical areas for over 25 years. This service has over a 46% success record. It helps local residents track contacts they may have had if they test positive and offers isolation advice and help. The service is highly flexible and is proving a strong model for work of this nature.

Key Messages

41. As we enter a new phase of living with the virus, with very few restrictions in place, here are some updated key messages that capture the national messages combined with local messaging from our Director of Public Health.

- Thank you to everyone who has done their bit taking up the extra testing and getting the COVID vaccine here in Leeds.
- Covid-19 continues to be a feature of our lives, so this last step on the roadmap is around learning to live with it and manage the risk to ourselves and others.
- Rates of Covid infection are high and continue to rise therefore we should continue to be cautious, help to reduce the risk of spread and protect people at highest risk of serious illness.
- Now, you will no longer have to wear a mask or social distance by law, but the advice is to continue to wear a mask in enclosed and crowded spaces such as public transport. Some organisations, e.g., health and social care, will ask you to wear a mask.
- You no longer need to work from home if you can, but the recommendation is for a gradual return over the summer.
- To keep yourself and others safe, try and limit the contact you have with people you do not usually live with, including keeping the number of people and the time you spend with them low, and not getting too close to them.
- Where possible, meet outdoors and let fresh air into homes and other enclosed spaces.
- Many people will be excited about the return to the way things were before Covid, whilst others, including those more vulnerable, maybe more cautious. Think of others when making your own decisions about when to wear a mask and social distance.
- Please get both doses of the vaccine when called to make sure you have the highest level of protection.
- It is also really important that we all continue to reduce the risk of spread by washing hands, getting tested if you have symptoms, and isolate if advised to do so.

#TogetherLeeds #LivingwithCovid

Uptake of Long Covid-Support Services

42. Work is currently underway to encourage local people within inner west wards to understand and identify if present Long Covid-19 symptoms as appropriate and then seek help through their local GP service. Uptake is low within some of our wards which is nothing to be alarmed about as cases are proportionally low across the city. However, we would like any local residents who feel they may have symptoms to access the service. There is a Leeds City Council Public Health information sheet attached with more detail from the Long-Term Conditions Team. For more information please contact the following Public Health officers. Carl.Mackie@leeds.gov.uk or Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Community Engagement: Social Media

43. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page & Covid-19 ward pages.

Town Centres Update – Update from Pete Mudge

Armley

44. As anticipated, ASB in Armley Town Centre has remained higher than pre Covid-19. Doubtless this committee will be receiving an update from the Police and LASBT on work underway on which we assist whenever possible. There has been a tremendous amount of success and levels have significantly decreased – but still remain above the 2019 levels which were the lowest for several years. The Police have introduced special measures including zero tolerance on all forms of begging, street drinking and drug dealing in Armley town centre. Additionally, they have special powers (believed to be the first in the UK) to arrest repeat offenders and are also seeking a closure order on a grocer found to be growing cannabis. Incidents can now be highlighted, and solutions found by the Police, LASBT, Forward Leeds and local businesses to stop individual incidents recurring. Examples include better lighting and an emergency call system for Gelder Rd shops.
45. The perception of Town Street is the most harmful thing: As the Media have shown over the years, people far prefer hearing of bad things than good. Somehow a way must be found to change people's perceptions of the street so that they return in droves. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator is drafting a publicity package for the street. The positive publicity must come in a variety of ways from celebrity appearances to blimp offers. It must be stressed the draft is in early stages and it will be launched to businesses at their Annual General Meeting on 13th September.
46. Through Central Government's "Welcome Back to High Street's" funding, to draw people back to shopping areas after the lockdown's, LCC has secured £65,000 for temporary staff to be employed on the high street to welcome people back and provide a visible presence.
47. Armley town centre had a toilet block which was demolished several years ago. Since then, the vacant site has been dormant with regular deposits of needles, bottles, rubbish and weeds. The Town Team and Armley Action Group have managed to see input from a variety of partners including relaying of the site by Highways and thorough clearing of debris by Cleaner Neighbourhoods. Funding is progressing for it to become a pocket park and street entertainments area.

Armley Forum

48. The Armley Forum will meet on Tuesday 21st September via Zoom. An update on this meeting will be provided at the next Inner West Community Committee meeting as part of the area update report.

Bramley Forum

49. The Bramley Forum last met on Thursday 12th August 2021 via Zoom. This was the first online meeting.

50. West Yorkshire Police were in attendance to give an update on the work ongoing in the area and to discuss ways to reduce crime and how to report.
51. An officer from Parks & Countryside also came along to the meeting to discuss how the local parks can be looked after and improved by local residents as part of a “friends of” group, forum members were encouraged to get involved and advised of the support they would receive from Leeds City Council and the ward Elected Members.
52. The forum also had a group discussion regarding the benches that have been removed from Bramley Centre and the Place to Sit campaign. Points raised by local residents at this meeting have been forwarded to the company LCP for consideration.

Updates from Key Services

Leeds Youth Service – Update from Steve Harper

Basketball Project

53. The Youth Service has teamed up with LDM Basketball and Leeds Active to deliver a new basketball project at Armley Leisure Centre on a Tuesday. The Youth Service has teamed up with LDM Basketball and Leeds Active to deliver a new basketball project at Armley Leisure Centre on a Tuesday evening. The basketball skills course helps bring young people together from different communities of Armley and offers them a healthy, positive activity where they can develop new skills and interests.

Targeted Summer Programme

54. During the summer the WNW Youth Service Team worked in close partnership with the Inner West Clusters to deliver some targeted summer youth provision. The main objective was to enable new young people to access positive activities. The programme helped tackle some of the highlighted priorities of reducing youth nuisance and improving support where there are additional health needs. Activities included trips to Malham Cove, Bolton Abbey, Lineham Farm, West Leeds Activity Centre, and Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre.
55. The Youth Service received referrals from several agencies including Social Care, Safer Schools Officers, WNW Clusters and local schools. Most of the referred young people who benefited had not previously accessed youth service provision. Feedback from parents was extremely encouraging with most saying that their child had learnt new interests, formed new friendships, and had benefitted from the programme.

Summer Fun Days

56. The WNW Localities Team were pleased to support a number of local community fun days over the summer holidays including New Wortley Food Festival, The Youth Service activities were, as always, very well received with the newly designed coconut shy proving a big hit.

Community Hubs and Libraries Update – Update from Jason Newman

57. The service is beginning to return to normal following the pandemic and we are beginning to provide our normal services. Customers can now access all our hubs Library services in person, and we hope that we will be able to open up the buildings to partners for their services in the next few weeks. We have introduced an appointment system to all our west sites for customer services this worked well in other areas of Leeds pre pandemic and we hope the customers will find it gives them more choice and reduces the times that they need to wait. When a customer approaches a hub needing a detailed customer service enquiry if a member of staff is available the customer will be seen straight away however if they are unavailable on a different appointment we will book the customer into the next available slot, the customer will then have the choice of using the other facilities whilst they wait or coming back at the allotted time, we will also ask the customer if they would prefer a phone call appointment rather than needing to come back to the hub. It also give us the freedom to book customers from our library only sites to access the same service without needing to travel as our staff at those libraries can book the customer a telephone appointment with one of our staff at the hubs.

58. We have had a busy August with offering Healthy Holiday events to around 500 children across Leeds at our hubs including sessions 4 days a week at each of our hubs in inner west, the children, who have been referred by local schools from their eligible cohort of those on free school meals, have been able to join in various cultural offers, drumming bands, trips round the dinosaur trail in the city centre, author visits, Lego events to name a few and have had a warm meal provided on each of the days they have been there.

59. In addition to the above we have also had a very successful summer reading challenge across our libraries including where we have seen one of our busiest years, children taking part, reading books and receiving prizes along the way. This year we have also been involved in a reception reading pilot where we have been working intensively with a limited number of schools to encourage the children who will be joining reception in September to begin their love of reading journey, following the success this has shown we hope to widen this pilot for next year.

60. The JESP program which makes use of the ESIF funding mentioned in the last update supporting people in our communities to find work and supporting them through the initial stages of employment is continuing to embed and we will be using our all our hubs in inner west to provide this service for local customers rather than them needing to travel.

61. We recently introduced our standardised hours to all our libraries. The Inner West Hubs and Libraries are now open

Monday	9 - 5
Tuesday	10 - 5
Wednesday	9 - 5
Thursday	9 - 5
Friday	9 - 5
Saturday	10 - 4

62. We hope to be able to open later until 7pm on a Wednesday at most of our hubs and Monday to Thursday at Armley soon.

Housing Leeds – Update from Paul Densley & Paul Hodges

Inner West HAP update:

63.

Budget for 2021/22	£49,091.97	
Carry Forward from 2020/21	£28,892.49	
TOTAL 2021/22 BUDGET	£77,984,46	

Approved Budget Spend 2021/22	£21,512.64	
Available Budget	£56,471.82	

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	34	11	£21,512.64	27.59%

64. Bids Approved since last update in June 2021

Address/Who	Scheme	Amount Awarded by HAP
B&S	Snowden Vale – Community Notice Board	£2,000
Armley	New Wortley Food Festival	£500

Armley	Wortley Heights and Towers – Litter Picking Tools	£185.58
Armley	Holdforth Gardens – Bin Chains	£234
Armley	Armley Festival	£2,200

Inner West Housing Update

Annual Home Contacts

65. As advised previously we have launched our new Annual Tenancy Check-In programme (formerly Annual Tenancy Contact/Annual Home Visit).
66. Annual Tenancy Check-In Programme was launched from Tuesday 1st June 2021. Following feedback, the programme has recently had a change of name to 'Annual Tenancy Check-In' to reflect the different ways in which this contact might happen. Rather than all Check-Ins being completed in the tenant's home face to face, it will be completed either face to face, over the telephone or online, depending on their circumstances
67. Letters/emails have been sent to a pilot group of 1000 customers who have been chosen to have an online check in. This will give the residents identified the opportunity to complete the Annual Tenancy Check In online and feed back to Housing Management.
68. I can advise that pilot group has concluded, and we are now waiting for the review of the first 1000 customers chosen to see if we need to make any changes to the form and process before we roll this out.

Estate Management and Walkabouts

69. All this year's walkabouts have been arranged and dates confirmed. We have advised the Housing Officers to book them in their diaries and invite the local ward members and tenant representatives to attend in line with our Covid 19 risk assessments.
70. Please be aware that our Covid 19 risk assessment does state that officers are only allowed to undertake the walkabouts with one other person. However, as we move through this phase of living with Covid, and with restrictions lifted, we continue to adapt our service provision and are currently reviewing the various risk assessments we have in place. Hopefully this will allow residents, local ward members and other partners to attend future walkabouts together.
71. As we start to move towards the end of summer into Autumn, Housing Officers have started to increase their estate management work to bring estates up to standard prior to winter.

Block Inspection and High Rise Feedback

72. We carry out weekly block sweeps on all high-rise blocks. These inspections help us to look for things that will improve the block such as ordering repairs, removing items that have been left in communal areas or identifying improvements that could be made.
73. Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a block champion, you can help in coming along and pointing out areas of concern or sharing your ideas on how we can improve your block. If you are interested, please contact us by, calling 0113 378 330 or via email on housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk . Alternatively, you can talk to your local housing officer.
74. Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out now on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety Checks.

Fire Safety

75. We received daily stage 1 fires safety reports from our cleaning contractors. We action the recommendations in the report and log this on our computer system in line with our Fire Safety procedure
76. We also carry out monthly stage 2 fire safety checks and report all the findings and raise the necessary repairs as required.

Anti-Social Behaviour

77. Since the restriction have been lifted, we have seen a reduction in the complaints related to noise nuisance caused by living in proximity with neighbours which is positive, but it remains our most common theme for ASB cases across Inner West.
78. Housing Leeds, LASBT and WYP are working together in this difficult time in many areas across Inner West in order to help tackle the crime related activity and ASB we are experiencing.
79. We still encourage residents to follow the Covid-19 protocol and report all breaches either online or through the telephone.

Good News Stories

Armley

80. With some Excellent and important partnership working in order tackle crime related activity and ASB, LASBT have been already to obtain multiple Closure Orders for both individual properties and areas within Armley. This will really help in preventing and reducing offending making Armley a safer and better place to live.

Bramley

81. The Bramley team undertook an action day on 21 July in the Ferncliffe's area. They made over an area of Ferncliffe Mount, with the labour being provided by volunteers from Bramley Care bears, and Housing Staff. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods team supported by taking away the waste produced. Housing staff and colleagues from

LASBT door knocked to gather intelligence information on ASB in the area. The action day was a success and got some good feedback from residents and partners alike.

Kirkstall

82. On Wednesday 1st September some great partnership working took place on the Old Farms in Kirkstall. Housing Officer Sanna, Team Leader Emma, Cleaning Neighbourhoods, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour team, West Yorkshire police and Cllr Venner all came together, and door knocked on over 200 doors to collate any information on the Anti-Social Behaviour in the area. The Inner West Community Committee also funded 2 skips for the area for all tenants to remove their large items for free. Cleaner Neighbourhoods also did a general amnesty where tenants could leave their bulky items on the roadside where they would be collected for free. This brought the whole neighbourhood together and now the area is looking very clean and tidy. The police and LASBT have collated intelligence of some ASB in the area and will be acting accordingly.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

84. 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 Policies and City Priorities

85. 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

86. 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

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

Risk Management

88. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

91. 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.