

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

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

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For Information

Outer East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

3. Children and Families: Champion – Cllr H Hayden

In preparation for the planning for this municipal year's Youth Summits, the Communities Team recently met with the Voice & Influence Team. At this meeting, the Voice and Influence Team offered their support to reflect on previous year's events and learning to inform future ways of working. However, they expressed their concerns around staff reductions and service pressures, which would impede their ability to support the Youth Summits going forward. They also shared concerns around bringing young people together from different schools/groups for a physical event, as there continues to be concerns over COVID-19 infection rates, particularly in schools. We are seeking the latest advice on this matter.

Therefore there will be a push back the Youth Summits into the new year, to enable the Communities Team to hold further discussions with members of the Children & Families Sub Groups and Children's Champions, in light of this information, to explore options to inform future Youth Summit arrangements, alongside the latest guidance regarding the safety measures that schools are putting in place over the following months.

4. Environment & Community Safety: Champion - Cllr P Grahame

The Outer Environmental Sub- Group met via Zoom on the on 19th October 2021.

A discussion took place on various issues as we were leading up to Bonfire Night, a conversation also took place on the strategy that Housing Leeds would be implementing to tackle issues with anti-social behaviour on housing land, including removal of combustible materials over this period.

Waste Management provided an update on their brand-new depot which is being built at the back of the RERF facility. This three-story building will be ready for spring of 2022 and has been purpose built and designed. Work is also due to start in the near future on a piece of work called the 'route review', meaning that the whole of the city will have their bin routes looked at.

5. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

The hot spot area for LASBT South within the Outer East is the Swarcliffe area. Since the last meeting report, the team have successfully implemented the deployment of Team Leodis for work within this area specifically dealing with youth nuisance. Team Leodis are made up of 3 Police Officers working intensively within an area to resolve matters of crime and ASB. The service is continuing to work with partners to manage the incidents that are being reported and looking at diversionary and educational tools to tackle those involved in ASB.

Garforth & Swillington

There are no specific trends with the cases that are active, no youth nuisance is reported to LASBT in this area and a reduction in cases in this area.

Kippax & Methley

There is a reduction in the caseload for this ward, the trends are still around domestic noise nuisance that are still being investigated.

Temple Newsam

There are currently 33 cases within the Temple Newsam area, the prevailing issue is currently youth nuisance with the emerging seasonal issue of firework misuse compounding problems.

5 injunctions granted against a group of young people aimed at disrupting their joint enterprise and combatting anti-social behaviour across the ward.

Breaches have been recorded and a further consultation held with Youth Offending Service to discuss a return to court.

Police & LASBT assistance provided to help support the continuation of the Leeds United Foundation Junior Football Programme which has seen some disruption due to youth nuisance during the sessions.

6. Cleaner Neighbourhoods

The teams have been heavily involved in preparation for Bonfire night. This includes removing bonfires any fly-tipping that could be burned and the removal of missiles that could've been used on mischievous night.

As with every other year some residents are wise to the fact the team are removing the above items and build bonfires on the Bonfire night itself.

Temple Newsam, Cross Gates & Whinmoor have now been split which involved splitting the staff between the 2 wards. The team are currently short staffed and have 3 vacancies and 1 long team sick which is having an effect on the areas. The teams are going above and beyond however are having to prioritise what they can do. The focus is on street cleansing this means cutbacks etc are taking a back seat.

There is an ongoing recruitment process across all 3 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Teams. Once fully staffed team members will have a specific area to look after which will instil a sense of pride and accountability.

Leaf clearance is being passed onto the mechanical fleet and drivers to clear up the high leaf fall areas. There is 1 path sweeper that is covering de-leafing in wards Monday – Friday.

In addition to the above staff are also involved in the clearance from the Christmas Lights Switch on events.

The enforcement team are continuing to deal with waste in gardens, fly tipping, overgrown vegetation and noxious waste in gardens as well as nuisance and vermin complaints and smoke nuisance complaints.

Bulky refuse collections remain an option for householders and are charged at £30 per collection of 5 items. Residents can access this service please do so by visiting- www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/get-rid-of-unwanted-items or by telephoning the contact centre on 0113 2224406.

The Recycle On The Go' - 5 yellow bins have been installed on Garforth Main Street which are located at various points these are for cans and plastic bottles as well as a separate orange bin for coffee cups these bins are being emptied once per week and the amounts of waste and the types of waste are being monitored to see the viability for such a role or if there is a need for more education or even a better placement for these bins.

The workforce continue to work exceptionally hard in difficult circumstances to deliver essential street cleansing services in the area and should any elected Member or partner agency wish to contact the team then they can email Sseaction@leeds.gov.uk.

7. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion – Cllr J Lennox

An update was given from the Employment and Skills team at the September Community Committee therefore the next update will be provided at the Community Committee in March 2022.

8. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion – Cllr P Grahame

Covid-19

Public health is continuing to focus on reducing or eliminating the barriers some communities face in accessing Covid 19 vaccination, alongside work to support 'Living with Covid'. An analysis of vaccine uptake revealed several areas with lower uptake. Measures to assist with access barriers include locating pop-up vaccination sites in community places situated near the residential areas of concern and pop-up women's only vaccine sites, in partnership with Asha.

Focused work on exploring the needs of the community to support living with Covid has commenced and will feed into discussions how to maintain covid safety.

Winter Planning

Public Health takes a life course approach and aims to increase the effectiveness of interventions throughout a person's life. It focuses on a healthy start and targets people at critical periods when they are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather e.g. pregnancy and older age. Cold weather presents risks to certain groups listed below. Living with Covid-19 can add and pose additional risk to those who are clinically and socially vulnerable, including:

- pregnant women
- people living with frailty
- people with long term conditions
- those who are extremely clinically vulnerable
- children under the age of 5

Becoming a Workforce Winter Friend: Anybody working or volunteering in Leeds is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the nine evidence based, high impact interventions to support their colleagues, service users, friends and families stay safe. The short 15 minute animation is [available to watch here](#), and is being refreshed for 2021, due to be launched mid-November. It includes information and signposting for influenza vaccines (being updated to include COVID-19 too), checking medications, keeping your home warm, physical activity, hot food and drink, and social connectedness.

Winter Wellbeing Checklists: to support winter friends and the wider workforce to have proactive conversations about winter, [Winter Wellbeing Checklists](#) are available for adults and for children and families. They are a useful tool to help those 'at risk' of illness due to cold weather access available key support and services.

Vitamin D: Around one in five people in the UK have low levels of vitamin D, especially older adults, pregnant and breastfeeding people, infants, and people with darker skin. Vitamin D is essential for good health. It affects people's bones, teeth, and muscles as well as mental health and immune systems. When the clocks go back on Sunday 28th October, we'll have shorter hours of daylight and the sunlight won't contain enough UVB radiation for our skin to make vitamin D. We have developed a short animation to promote these key messages as part of the Public Health winter plan.

The resources we have are as follows:

- The short animation: <https://youtu.be/xWHAGS-26aE>
- Updated information on the PHRC website, including the video and links to other resources (under *Eating Well*): [Public Health Resource Centre](#)
- Printed copies of the [public-facing BDA Fact Sheet](#) available at the PHRC, with easy-read versions in development.

Housing

9. Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Voids Levels (empty properties)

Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. Whilst Swarcliffe has always been high demand, previous issues in Halton Moor have been overcome, with all properties now being re-let in a timely manner. This is due to demand increasing due to the incorrect perception of the risk of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour reducing, due to partnership working between Housing and other services, including LASBT, Police, Cleaner Neighbourhood Team

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/fly tipping is now removed rapidly to ensure properties enjoy an appealing kerb-side appeal.

Income Collection

Rent collection has fallen, analysis is underway on this performance to determine the reason for the move from increased to decreased performance in the 2 months since the new system CX was introduced.

In order to improve performance, the teams are currently undertaking additional rent collection activities in the run up to Christmas. These are a series of targeted interventions, based upon levels of rent arrears and current status. This is combined with a push to ensure tenants pay their rent at Christmas. The team ensure tenants are signposted to support if needs are identified as part of the conversations.

The service is working closely with tenants to maximise their income and any support they need and have achieved this by referring through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

Referrals continue to be made to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts.

Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)

The new Annual Tenancy Check In programme was launched on the 7th June which differs significantly from the previous annual home visit programme. Contact with tenants is being undertaken in line with four separate priorities, which were determined by support needs or similar factors of the tenants. Priority visits have begun, which are for the tenants with the highest need. Visits are scheduled for tenants with less support, with these due to begin in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Housing Leeds switched to a new computer system CX in July. Unfortunately, because of this, the reporting tools no longer function. The team has been recording some visits locally.

Environmental Actions Swarcliffe Team

The Environmental Walkabouts for quarter 2 have been completed and the feedback has mainly been positive, with estates being in a generally good condition. Local Members are welcome to join in scheduled walkabouts with the Housing Officer. Traditionally environmental service requests reduce at this time of the year as the dark early evenings and cold winter weather mean fewer people are out on the estates or in their gardens.

Housing Officers attended Red Hall Approach following a referral of potholes. Property Management surveyors have assessed this area and determined whilst there is no immediate risk to the Health & Safety of the public via potholes, further repair/replacement works are required.

The Sherburn Court drop-in session recommenced following Covid-19. This session was well attended, allowing the tenants the ability to discuss ongoing and future concerns with Housing Management, PFI Team and Yorkshire Housing.

Environmental Actions Halton Moor Team

Environmental Estate walkabouts have been undertaken for quarter 2, with some issues noted especially in the Halton Moor area. Officers are proactively patrolling the estates to locate and take action on messy gardens. Officers are referring fly tipping in voids for rapid clearance to prevent large amounts being fly tipped which are detrimental to the area and present a fire risk to the properties. The team are also referring this fly-tipping to Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team so that they can be investigated to determine the perpetrators and take action against this criminal behaviour.

An intelligence led project has just been completed in the run up to Bonfire Night. Historically Halloween and Bonfire Night results in increased instances of anti-social behaviour. The risk was seen as greater this year due to lack of lockdown and lack of formal fireworks displays, which had implications for community safety on the estate and the potential for corresponding increased public concern.

10. Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

Estate Management

Quarter 3 walkabouts are now completed in the Garforth, Swillington, Kippax & Methley. Main issues identified untidy gardens, boundary issues and fly tipping.

At this time of year leaves are falling and creating a risk to residents, partnership approach with colleagues in Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to ensure any hot spot areas are clear of any hazards created by this. Quarter 4 walkabouts to commence in the new year, to ensure invites are sent to members and also tenants and residents in the area wishing to attend.

Community Payback

Risk assessments in place and remobilisation plan under review.

All previous referrals being reviewed to see works required due to time that has elapsed due to Covid-19.

Challenges remain around locations as must be break room/toilet nearby which can also allow social distancing to be undertaken, especially as inclement weather becomes more likely. Further barriers are around transport as individuals must make own way there as opposed to central transport, so non-attendance is an issue.

Annual Tenancy Contacts (ATC)

ATC process was agreed earlier this year, migration to new computer system has affected reporting of contacts completed so relying on data held locally for each Housing Office. Most of these contacts will be undertaken by an online self-service portal.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for Anti-Social Behaviour to risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the

correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Also have police officers working within the team to share information.

Partnership approach with LASBT is continuing with monthly meetings to discuss casework.

Attendance is continuing at tasking meetings and working closely with Neighbourhood Policing Teams with a problem-solving approach to local issues.

Income Collection

Challenges continue in terms of collecting rent and arrears following the effects of the pandemic and the removal of the £20 Universal Credit uplift and ending of Furlough. Throughout this the council has adopted a supportive approach to tenants in arrears to secure grants, maximising benefit entitlement and referring on for debt advice. However, with the lifting of restrictions and the Coronavirus act coming to an end we have now reverted to our pre-pandemic collection process whilst remaining supportive to those who engage. Despite the challenges the amount of rent collected to this point last year remains largely the same.

Lettings / Voids

There are currently 8 properties ready to let which have been offered. Viewings pending on 1 property and final check been completed on the other 2 to assess suitability prior to making a formal offer.

11. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Tenant Engagement Overview

Your Voice Leeds - Tenant Engagement Team are currently using a new online engagement tool see link here [Your Voice Leeds](#) Its currently piloting a number of schemes to engage with customers and obtain their views but is anticipated it will develop and grow and we can showcase further areas of work. Please do feel free to take a look at the site and register. If you have an idea or project that you may feel suitable for Your Voice feel free to contact the Tenant Engagement Team, or if you would like a demonstration of the site.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Whinmoor TARA – New Tenants Group now officially launched, a Halloween competition and have a number of ideas for the community including notice boards and benches.

Brayton Green – HAP bid approved to carry out Environmental Improvements around complex cost £6473.10

LUFC Foundation – New bid received to jointly fund KICKS football sessions at Halton Moor & Swarcliffe

Garforth & Swillington

Halliday Court – Work now completed on installation of fencing to front of the complex to deter Anti-Social Behaviour.

Oak Grove – Agreement received from Housing Leeds for incredible Edible to house a storage container on site to increase use of the wildlife area

The Crescent/Oval – Work ongoing re numbering of these properties, further consultation carried out to residents who hadn't responded.

Kippax & Methley

Kippax Dementia Garden – Work continuing to complete the dementia garden

Hollins Grove – HAP bid approved for environmental improvements to complex cost £3141.71

Cross Hills Court – Successful Tenants meeting held with Housing Staff and Ward Members
Allerton Bywater – Parish Council to explore creating a community allotment rear of Housing Leeds bungalows on Leeds Road. Asset Management & Regeneration looking into potentially exploring transfer of asset. Consultation will need to take place before any decision made
Micklefield Green Group – Consultation will be carried out with residents on piece of land close to railway station maybe have planters/benches/veg patches etc.

Temple Newsam

Green Guardian Scheme – Evaluation meeting will take place end of November with Groundwork.
Lakeland Court – They are looking into resuming the weekly coffee afternoon/bingo sessions with residents
Field End – HAP application received to install fencing and replace path to flats at top of Field End.
LUFC KICKS Programme – LUFC have now submitted a joint HAP bid to deliver sessions in Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

The current funding available in the Housing Advisory Panel Budget is: £24,144.71

12. Youth Services

Outer East Priorities

Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

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Kippax & Methley Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Temple Newsam Ward – Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

A summer diversionary programme was offered across most of the South, South East areas, engaging young people in interesting, educational & fun activities. The programme of diversionary activities included full & half day trips, activity days, picnics in parks, zoom sessions & local sessions. Areas that had the holiday programme will refer to parts of the programme delivered. In total nine activity days were delivered across the SSE area engaging over 2700 young people!.

Youth Work sessions resumed in some buildings where access was permitted, and attendance levels reviewed on a regular basis, Covid secure measures have seen numbers fluctuate and recently most youth work sessions have seen an increase in attendance.

Nightly detached & mobile sessions have been delivered in SSE area to encourage young people to participate in positive sessions. Sessions have enabled young people to access support around mental & physical health, C card service and focus on anti-social behaviour within the local community. The young people have been able to utilise the sessions to meet their friends, engaging in educational activities whilst having fun.

Outdoor activity sessions have been delivered across wards where building access has been limited or no buildings being available. The Outdoor sessions were initially received well, however as the weather has changed and darker nights move in there are concerns regards the future of these sessions.

Weapons Awareness First Aid – Several sessions have been organised and delivered across the SSE area, the sessions focussed on prevention and dealing with wounds aligned to carrying and use of knife

use. The sessions were received well with most young people exploring why young people carry knives and made a commitment to NOT carry a weapon.

Environmental Work – Young people have been engaging in sessions focussed on environmental work, sessions have included litter picks, painting shelters, bird box building, respecting wildlife, taking litter home and bat spotting. Work has also included sharing information on social media regards use of plastics and access to open water. To thank the young people for their engagement trips have been undertaken to Yorkshire Wildlife Park to further develop awareness of the impact on wildlife.

Water Safety work during periods of hot weather, Youth Workers joined up with Police to focus on locations. Education and safety advice provided to young people. Youth Service also engaged with Fire Service to identify locations of new safety devices located on rivers. In July a partnership with the Police seen several locations visited and safety awareness work undertaken.

Youth Matters group sessions have resumed and encouraged young people to become active in having a voice & influence in their local areas. Some of the young people have been engaged in interviews for the two management positions within the Youth Service and involved in local consultations to ensure the voice of young people is heard.

Youth Service SSE have been engaging in Police Tasking & community safety meetings to assist with issues related to young people and focus on what solutions are available. The meetings enable Youth Service to link in with ASB teams, Police & Fire Service and target areas of concern.

Youth Service SSE social media accounts have been utilised to promote the work of the SSE team, young people & parents have been accessing Facebook, Instagram & Twitter to identify opportunities in local areas and holiday programmes. The Social media also enables young people to be made aware of on-line service available to support mental Health issues.

Below are some of the examples of the work undertaken in each of the wards across the SSE area during July to September 2021:

Youth Workers offered various trips out during the school summer holidays. These were funded by the YAF via ward Councillors from the Outer East Community Committee. The Outer East Youth engagement groups (YpmyG based at Micklefield & Swarcliffe Youth Matters) discussed and decided on what trips to offer relevant to age group and areas interests. This enabled young people to utilise their budgeting skills. The trips chosen were Alton Towers, Flamingo Land, Lazerzone, Go Ape, York Maze and Carlton Lodge Activity Centre in Thirsk. All the trips were full with a waiting list for the theme park trips. Social media played a huge part in the promotion of these trips; with many young people in attendance who weren't aware of the Youth Service. These young people were also signposted to our weekly evening mobile sessions.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Recently the Swarcliffe area has experienced an increase in anti-social behaviour some of which has been linked to knife crime, Youth Workers addressed the situation through a mixture of street-based work, group work sessions and issued based work during open youth groups. The detached Youth Workers focussed on young people congregating at Swarcliffe parade, exploring reasons why they were there, their behaviour while on site, the impact on the community and weapons awareness. The open youth group engaged young people in a weapons awareness programme, exploring consequences of carrying a knife, the danger posed, and group members created posters around not carrying knives. During one of the group sessions "Lessons4Life" were invited in to facilitate emergency first aid training to young people. The organisation worked with a group of young people to look at how to prioritise if an ambulance is needed by using interactive tools and mapping. Learnt how to apply tourniquets, dress wounds, giving the young people skills on how to effectively prioritise and treat wounds in an emergency. Young people's feedback is that they felt more confident should a situation arise where they had to put their learning into actions. Young people enjoyed the interactive session and would recommend to other young people.

Swarcliffe Activity Day was delivered during summer, the events in the grounds of Swarcliffe Community Centre engaged over 500 young people in a fun filled day. Local groups also engaged in the event and utilised it for fundraising for their groups, the feedback from both young people and parents was positive.

Garforth & Swillington Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

During mobile sessions, Youth Workers discussed the use of illegal drugs, mental health, LGBTQ+ awareness, sexual health, underage drinking, bullying and friendships. The Youth Workers discussed the negative impacts that youth anti-social behaviour was having on health and well-being, the impact their behaviour was having on others; namely friends, family and the community around them.

Youth Workers concentrated on "hotspot" areas in the ward, these included Barleyhill Park, Garforth Main Street / Beech Grove Terrace, Halliday Court, Swillington playground, Swillington old brick works and St Aidan's nature park. All these areas had been flagged up via ward Councillors or via the Police. Young people were signposted to Youth Service mobile sessions as a positive alternative and the Summer Holiday programme / trips funded by the Youth Activity Fund.

Kippax & Methley Ward - Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Youth Workers have continued to respond to reports of young people related anti-social behaviour using the mobile provision to cover the ward. These weekly sessions have utilised Police intelligence going to "hotspots" of anti-social behaviour in the villages. The locations have included Kippax Apple Tree estate / co-op area, Allerton Bywater Lines, Methley Savile Park and St Aidan's nature park.

Youth Workers engaged with young people at these locations to discuss illegal drug usage, under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour. Youth Workers discussed that ASB was having a negative impact on the area/s they live in and were upsetting residents. Young people were made aware of the consequences of their behaviour and that Police were aware of the locations. Young people were signposted to Youth Service building based and mobile sessions and the Youth Service SSE summer school holiday trips out as a positive alternative.

Kippax Kicks reopened inside the leisure centre in September. The young people were happy to be able to use the excellent facilities again. During the outdoor session's attendance had dropped off however, Youth Workers are confident the attendance will increase, and young people can learn new football skills from our partner The Leeds United Foundation.

Micklefield and Methley youth clubs are back open and young people are enjoying being back in indoors again with access to all the great facilities. The numbers have increased weekly and new members are joining.

Temple Newsam Ward – Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours: - Reduce crime & anti-social behaviour.

Youth Service SSE organised and delivered an Activity Day in Halton Moor on August 2nd which was funded through Community Committee and Temple Newsam Councillors. This year's event had many partners included Army, Navy, Police, Fire Brigade, Local Boxing Club, Leeds Utd Foundation Kicks and The Youth Association. The event included several displays and stalls including arts & crafts, donkeys and ice-cream man who all promoted their services to residents and young people.

Due to COVID health & safety regulations, the event numbers had to be capped to 500 people, using the Eventbrite booking system people were able to pre book enabling the event numbers to be monitored. On the day of the event people were able to walk in, however priority was for pre-booked people. The day was very successful with lots of engagement by the local community engaging in the inflatable activities, arts / crafts and various stalls. The feedback from residents, young people and stall holders was very positive.

In partnership with Leeds United Community Foundation a new targeted group session has been developed, the Thursday evening session engages hard to reach young people in a small group session focussing on Anti-Social Behaviour. The group members have been identified by partners and are linked into the session delivered at South Leeds Youth HUB, the session is focussed on addressing behaviours, consequences of action and impact on community. These sessions are challenging to say

the least, but with the key individuals engaged Youth Workers and Leeds United staff are making progress.

Youth Work Challenges:

Covid 19 – Has continued to create operational challenges, limit on numbers, social distancing measures and limited access including changing testing requirements has led to some sessions being difficult to operate.

Explaining and enforcing the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions to young people, in terms of mask wearing in buildings/mobiles and limited group sizes.

Staffing vacancies & levels has been difficult, Staff having to self-Isolate, Staff sickness, staff supporting other areas of work and working from home has made this period difficult to offer a full programme.

Building access being prevented has resulted in several outdoor sessions, when weather is good the young people have been turning up. However, during poor weather conditions

Youth Workers were unable to find young people want to engage.

Large amount of youth Anti-Social Behaviour requests for service to respond to, with a limited staff team.

Volunteers not wanting to return after being stood down due to COVID-19.

Lack of toilet facilities for staff while out on detached.

13. Community Engagement: Forums

The following forums below took place face to face in the Community.

Whinmoor Forum – 22nd November 21.

Manston & Swarcliffe Forum – 2nd December 21

14. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 1 Social Media Report provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page, along with the four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the areas.

The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

The report covers from the 2nd September – 16th November.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

- 16.** 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

17. 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

18. . 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

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

Risk Management

20. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

23. 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.