

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee
Adel and Wharfedale, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley
and Yeadon

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Outer North West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

3. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer North West Community Committee Sub Groups for 2021/22. The 2021/22 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Community Safety & Environment	4	Cllr B Anderson Cllr Campbell Vacant Cllr Wadsworth	Cllr B Anderson
Children and Families	4	Cllr Shemilt Cllr Flynn Cllr Lay Cllr Alderson	Cllr Flynn
Transport	4	Cllr Wadsworth Cllr B Anderson Cllr Downes Vacant	Cllr Wadsworth
Health	4	Vacant Cllr C Anderson Cllr Lay Cllr Shemilt	Vacant

4. Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Outer North West Community Committee Sub Groups.

5. Housing Leeds Update

Priority areas for Housing Leeds continue to be rent collection and void reduction and officers are looking improve performance on each as the year progresses. Improving collection and letting empty properties is essential to improve the financial position of the department and allow more work to be done on improving properties and the environment.

The cycle of walkabouts has been reduced, after consultation, to two per year after a review of the process:

The intention is to develop them as a more meaningful tenant engagement activity and to help improve their value as an estate management tool. The aim is to improve the effectiveness of the walkabout programme to focus on reporting the outcomes and also the efficiency to enable a streamlined process in exploring a more digitalised communication approach.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1. advertise public walkabouts **twice a year**, to take place during April/May and September /October. This would be the minimum commitment of service by Housing Leeds, but the

amended service standard should have flexibility to be increased by local teams if they choose.

The Tenant Scrutiny Boards view was that it is important that we do not have a 'one size fits all' approach. Across the city, we have a wide range of differing issues on estates with some areas presenting higher risk environmentally. As part of an amended procedure, Housing Managers should have the provision to risk assess their area with a need led approach to increase the frequency of walkabouts beyond two. It is acknowledged that some areas may need more targeted intervention work and estate inspections and environmental work will be focussed outside of the walkabout procedure. For example, initiatives in Priority Neighbourhoods.

- b. To ensure the estate walkabout programme is a positive tenant engagement activity as well as the ward member attendance and priorities that they have within the environment, Housing Managers will consult with elected members to affirm frequency of walkabouts in the ward.
- c. Rather than assessing footpaths yearly, these would be incorporated into the mapped walkabout route and checked twice yearly.
 - d) To remove estate scoring from the walkabout procedure. This would remove the subjective and inconsistent nature of scoring
 - a. As part of walkabout route mapping, communal grass areas should be included and inspected during the walkabout. The new proposed form would have a section to incorporate comments.
 - b. To support continuity on walkabouts, at the start of the financial year, local teams should map out (or reaffirm) a route for their patch. This would support officers to cover in the event of annual leave, absence, staff changes and new recruits.
 - c. To improve the 'virtual' walkabout projects within Your Voice Leeds, to use the learning from this to develop a rotational approach across the City with a quarterly approach within an Area Team. The TEO will lead the project and with the support from the local Area Team & local HAP agree the virtual walkabout area each quarter.

This will enable will both enable residents for invite, inform and provide opportunity for feedback from residents.

Adel and Wharfedale

Improvement work continues on the Holtdale estate with a number of flats benefitting from a scheme of external wall insulation (they are none standard build – Wimpey no fines concrete walls – that have very a poor thermal rating) new heating systems, solar panels and new windows. There is also a roofing programme on the estate.

The waste management of the estate has changed for the properties in the scheme as their bin shed had to be decommissioned. The flats now have small round bins, but they should be using them in the same way as they used their bin shed. Housing and Waste management visited the estate on 14 June and 4 blocks of flats are to be given wheelie bins as a result – which should improve the containment of waste in those areas.

The Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) have 9 open cases in the Adel and Wharfedale ward with one not involving LCC tenants. The Holtdale estate has 7 of the cases.

Guiselley and Rawdon

Housing are still waiting for the flooring on the Greenlea flats to commence.
 There is one case open with LASBT in the area.
 Housing have removed a couple of old asbestos garages from a plot on Coppice Wood Close, which makes the area look less run down.

Horsforth

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods team on instruction from the Housing Officer have cleared a number of areas around St James estate and the work was commended. They also cleared a significant area of fly-tipping behind a block of flats on St James Walk.
 LASBT have no open cases in the Horsforth area.

Otley and Yeadon

The scheme to renew the entrance doors and the control systems to the Faifax Flats in Otley is now completed.
 LASBT are working on two cases in Yeadon and five cases in Otley.

Lettings so far this year

Adel and Wharfedale

Property type	Count of Prop Type
1BF	4
3BH	1
4BH	1

Guiseley and Rawdon

Property type	Count of Prop Type
1BF	3
1BB	2
2BF	1
2BFU	1
3BH	2
Grand Total	9

Horsforth

Type	Count of Prop Type
1BB	1
1BF	4
2BF	4
2Bf U	1
2BH	1
2BUF	1
3BF	1
Grand Total	13

Otley and Yeadon

Type	Count of Prop Type
1BB	4
1BF	12
1BF G	1
1BF U	1
2BB	1
2BF	1
2BF G	1
2Bf U	1
2BH	1
Grand Total	23

6. Public Health Update

FREE THERAPY SESSIONS FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS.

There are six free therapy sessions on offer with the possibility of another six free sessions after consultation with the client and therapist if you are experiencing feeling difficult to cope with after caring for others during the Covid-19 epidemic. There is also an opportunity to have an initial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a counsellor if you are ensuring.

Here is a link to our at-a-glance page which contains links to all of our offers

<https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/get-support>

The main Hub page is here <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/> - this also hosts a little animation which explains the Hub.

The key messages are these:

- If you work in a health and care organisation, or care for others, have volunteered during the Covid-19 pandemic or work for a third sector organisation active and again looking after others during the coronavirus epidemic. in West Yorkshire and are experiencing feelings that are difficult to cope with, our mental health workers are here to support you now and find the extra help that is right for you.
- The service is completely free and confidential, wherever you work, and offers advice and support that can help with a range of issues. The Hub is for everyone – including volunteers.
- The staff support line operates every day, 8am-8pm and is staffed by trained listeners. Call free on 0808 196 3833.
- You can self-refer for one-to-one therapy. Referrals are actioned within one working day and a first appointment will be offered for within a week. This is our self-referral page <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>

Everybody Can Weight Management Update

- For the time being, we are putting Everybody Can campaign on hold, as we are planning to evolve our brand to become a central point for all things to help residents of Leeds live a healthy life.
- Going forward, we will be working with organisations across the city to ensure that 'Everybody Can' becomes your one stop information point for healthy living, including eating well, losing weight, moving more, and quitting smoking.
- In the meantime, if you would like any information on healthier eating, lose weight, being active or quitting smoking please visit – Better Health – NHS (www.nhs.uk) or for local services to support you live a healthier life, go to One You Leeds | One You
- Thank you all for your fantastic support and for encouraging each other in making positive steps to maintaining a healthy weight.

Free Personalised End of Life Care training

The West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's Personalised Care Programme are delivering, in partnership with St Gemma's Hospice: Personalised End of Life Care Training: This training consists of 4 virtual interactive education sessions will focus on 4 key areas of end of life:

- Supporting personalised and advance care planning discussions at the end of life
- Difficult conversations at the end of life
- Supporting carers to care for patients in last weeks and days of life
- Bereavement and loss (including self-care)

The training is open to participants within the West Yorkshire and Harrogate region only and places are limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-gemmas-hospice-academic-unit-of-palliative-care-20041908130>

Annual Leeds Public Health and Wellbeing Conference 2022

Elland Road, Leeds, 20 June, 9.30-4.00pm

The Power of Connections

This is your opportunity to hear about the latest public health evidence and what works, to network with colleagues and celebrate all the great work that is taking place in Leeds.

The conference is relevant for anyone who is working to improve health and wellbeing in Leeds.

Uptake of Long Covid-Support Services

Work is currently underway to encourage local people across all Leeds city 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

Covid-19 Support

The pandemic continues to impact significantly on local wards with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Leeds City Council, Third Sector Organisations, Volunteers and Elected Members encouraging those who have not done so to take up the offer of a free Covid-19 vaccination.

Advice on where to get a Covid-19 vaccination in Leeds can be found here.

- <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics/>
- How to stay safe in Leeds and advice on any support required can be found here. <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Air Pollution and Our Communities.

Poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, as long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, as well as lung cancer, leading to reduced life expectancy.

To help mark Clean Air Day in June, this session will address the issue of air pollution, raising awareness of the types of pollutants, their harmful effects and how we can support communities to improve their health by modifying behaviours and minimising their exposures to air pollutants.

The session will specifically address:

- what air pollution is and the types of pollutants
- the health effects of air pollution
- the data gathered nationally and locally and what this means
- air pollution and its relationship with vulnerability and inequalities
- what we can do about air pollution and how you can help yourself

The session will be aimed at all colleagues in the public health wider workforce including frontline workers and third sector staff.

It will be presented by Public Health Specialists (Leeds City Council), Environmental Health, and Office of Health and Disparities (formally Public Health England).

National Carers Week: 6 - 12th June

National Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. This year's theme is to make caring visible and valued. A programme of Carers Week events in Leeds can be found on the Carers Leeds website Upcoming Events – Carers Leeds

Child safety week

It's Child Safety Week from 6th-12th June, offering a reminder that conversations with families about safety can be a powerful way of preventing accidents and injuries.

On average, 55 children under five die every year in England due to preventable accidents in the home, while more than 370,000 are seen in Accident and Emergency departments.

But according to a Public Health England report, there's strong evidence that risks can be reduced through measures including home assessments and conversations about home safety.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) launches a range of resources this week, including fact sheets for parents, with versions in five community languages, session plans for safety workshops, and activity sheets for children.

The Public Health Resource Centre also offers a selection of posters and leaflets, including safety tips for toddlers, road safety resources and a room-by-room guide to creating a safe home.

Men's Health Week w/c 13th June

Vaccinating everyone who is eligible can help to reduce the risk of becoming ill and needing to have time off work, school, or college. It will also reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to potentially vulnerable friends, colleagues, or family members who may become seriously unwell.

- Although it feels like life is returning to normal, COVID-19 is still with us.
 - The virus spreads easily when people are together in enclosed spaces such as on public transport or even indoors at home.
 - Getting up to date with your vaccinations is the best defence against infection, to keep yourself and your family healthy.
 - The medical professionals at the vaccination clinic will be happy to answer any questions you have about the vaccines. You can also read more on the NHS website.
- Visit Walk-in vaccination clinics for a full list of your options across Leeds.

Clean Air Day – 16th June 2022

Air pollution is the biggest environmental threat to our health, no matter who you are or where you live.

The UK's largest campaign on air pollution has launched this year's resources ahead of Clean Air Day on 16th June.

These resources enable individuals, schools, businesses, health organisations, community groups and local authorities to demonstrate support for action on air pollution. These include "how to" guides for organising Clean Air Day events or play streets, posters and leaflets.

For more information about air pollution, including how you can protect yourself and others, visit Clean Air Leeds.

Sign up for pollution alerts

You can sign up to receive email alerts from Leeds City Council when the Met Office forecasts that air pollution outdoors in Leeds will be 'High' or 'Very high'.

The alert will also include a reminder of the official health advice to follow.

The official Met Office pollution forecast is based on a combination of air quality monitoring data and computer modelling and can be viewed online.

Diabetes Week

This Diabetes Week (13–19 June), we're celebrating each and every one of you. Your blood sugar won't always be in range. Figuring out food labels and menus might have you tearing your hair out. And you might have treated that 3am hypo with a few too many jelly babies. (And biscuits. Oh, and that sandwich...) But you're doing it, every single day. Living with diabetes, juggling the ups and downs. And that's worth celebrating. So, this Diabetes Week, let's celebrate you, the millions of people going through the same things, and everyone who's there to support you along the way.

Visit www.diabetes.org.uk/diabetes-week to see the exciting plans for the week and see how you can get involved in Diabetes Week 2022.

COVID-19 vaccination for children and young people – 5 to 17 years old

Vaccinating everyone who is eligible, including children and young people can help to reduce the risk of becoming ill and needing to have time off work, school, or college. It will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to potentially vulnerable friends, colleagues, or family members who may become seriously unwell.

How to get a COVID-19 vaccine:

- book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment online at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
Book your Covid-19 vaccine online
- check if there is a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site near you to get vaccinated without needing an appointment Find a walk-in vaccination site
- Find a local walk-in vaccination clinic here: Walk-in vaccination clinics - NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (leedscg.nhs.uk)

SUMMER HEATWAVE PLAN FROM THE UK HEALTH SECURITY PLAN HEALTH PROTECTION FOR THE SUMMER.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has released the heatwave plan for Summer 2022. The heatwave plan includes advice and resources for professionals such as the Beat the Heat checklist and social media assets which partners can use throughout summer and during heatwaves. The plan also includes action tables that highlight roles and responsibilities for partners and stakeholders, depending on the level of alert. The plan offers advice for the NHS, local authorities, social care and other public agencies, professionals working with people at risk, local communities and voluntary groups. LCC Public Health's Weather and Health Impact Group (WHIG) are adapting the heatwave plan to support local preparedness during the summer. The UKHSA plan and additional resources can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

Community Engagement: Social Media

7. **Appendix 2 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer North West Community Committee Facebook page, along with the three ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the area.
8. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

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

Risk Management

14. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

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

17. None.

confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.