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**Report to:** Outer South Community Committee  
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For Decision

## **Outer South Community Committee – Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.
3. To make nominations to each of the Outer South Community Committee Sub Groups for (2022/23).

### **Main issues**

Updates by theme:

#### **Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger**

4. The Children and Families Sub Group is planned for **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at 5pm. This meeting will include young people. The date will be set and planning for the 22/23 Youth Summit will take place. The group will also listen to updates from the Clusters, Youth services and Breeze.

5. The Communities team attend all the Youth Services Summer Activity days and the Breeze in the Park Events in the Outer South to consult with young people on the Youth Activity Consultation.

## **Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South - East April – June 2022**

### **Introduction**

6. This report will focus on the work of the South / South, East Youth Service Localities Team during the April - June 2022 period.

### **Outer South Priorities:**

7. Rothwell ward - Improve social, emotional and mental health & well-being.
8. Ardsley & Robin Hood - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.
9. Morley South Ward – Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.
10. Morley North Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.

### **Action Taken All Areas:**

11. Easter Holiday Programme - Young people across the SSE area had an opportunity to engage in a programme of diversionary activities during the Easter Holidays, the programme funded & supported by local Councillors and YAF funding was received well. The Activities included a mixture of full & half days local activities and trips to places of interest, Venues included Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Flamingo Land, Cinema (Sonic the Hedgehog), Xscape (Bowling & Laser).
12. Queens Jubilee – Young people were engaged in designing displays to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in May, the young people decorated the Youth Centres and worked with Youth Workers to look at the Queens time and the achievements made.
13. Water Safety Work – Continues across the SSE area, working in partnership with Yorkshire Water, St Aiden's Nature Reserve, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue service, young people are reminded regards swimming in open water.
14. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour – Youth Workers in the SSE area continue to support Community Safety meetings and respond to areas of concerns identified through the meetings. Youth Workers undertake detached youth work to engage with young people at hot spot locations, challenge behaviour, language and actions and advise of potential consequences of their actions.

15. Environmental Work – Young people across the SSE area have been working to keep their environment good, young people from Swarcliffe & Tingley have been creating new skills and growing their own vegetables, Outer South Youth Matters have been engaging in litter picks and graffiti removal at local parks. Groups in Rothwell have been creating posters encouraging dog owners to be responsible and take their dogs mess with them and East Ardsley Youth Group have been maintaining the garden area.
16. Bullying Awareness – Young people were included in a variety of sessions to raise awareness of Bullying during the last quarter, young people focussed on how they can prevent bullying and what they should do if they experience bullying. Bullying is an ongoing issue addressed in Youth Groups.
17. LGBTQ Sessions – The two weekly sessions are developing well, young people's numbers are increasing, and the group members have been involved in the naming of the Outer East group. Group members have been invited to a celebration in August and have raised issues with Youth Workers that they feel discriminated with. Youth Workers continue to advocate on behalf of the group members during meetings.
18. Summer Holiday Programme – Youth Workers have been working with the local participation groups to focus on the upcoming Summer Holidays, groups have been focussing on funding applications, consulting their peers and deciding on what activities should be available for the Summer. The young people's groups have ensured the programme is exciting and what young people want.
19. Social Media - Young people from across the SSE area are encouraged to like and follow the Youth Service Facebook/Instagram/Twitter pages, these pages share information on programmes and upcoming activities at present Facebook has over 2923 followers, Instagram has over 969 followers and Twitter has over 391 followers. The page shares a variety of inhouse activities, partners activities and support networks and opportunities for young people.

### **Rothwell Ward - Improve social, emotional and mental health & well-being.**

20. During the weekly building based sessions, the Youth Workers have offered a varied 12 week programme. This included issue based work around Ramadan and EID, stress, exam revision techniques, Pride, ASB, sexual health and mental health. The Youth Workers utilised the sports hall by playing team games such as basketball, football, dodge ball, skateboarding, scootering and roller skating on the portable ramps. The sessions also offered fun themed art & craft sessions with a focus on Father's Day, World Earth Day and awareness posters to be displayed at Lemonroyd and Woodlesford Locks.
21. The young people asked to make snacks and drinks; these included "mocktails", wraps, fruit kebabs and ice cream sundaes. The young people planned what food they wanted and then went to the local supermarket with the money to buy the ingredients. The group then researched recipes, planned it out and made it. The

young people shared the results with the entire group. The mocktails went well and was a great opportunity to discuss the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol addiction. With mocktails being a legal, tasty alternative.

22. Youth Workers have entered the senior youth club into the Child Friendly Leeds Awards. The category is "youth group of the year". The nomination is based on the resilience of the group to work in Springhead Park in all weathers, to support one another during lockdowns when mental health was a worry and for fighting to keep open the Windmill Youth Centre not only for them but for the community. Youth Services will wait to see if the group is shortlisted.
23. During Pride month the groups helped to display a progress Pride flag in Windmill. The young people discussed what 'Pride' meant to them and learned some history of the Pride movement as well as the development of some of the flags. Young people were interested in the different flags to represent different identities and the ways some of them were developed. The group also discussed countries where non-heterosexuality is illegal or widely persecuted. Young people were signposted to the newly formed LGBTQ+ youth group to attend for further support.
24. C Card Drop In - A newly formed session at Windmill Youth Centre is the weekly sexual health drop in. The session is every Monday afternoon and is completely confidential. The drop in offers the "3 in 1" service which is free condoms, free pregnancy testing and chlamydia testing. The drop in also offers support around relationships, forms of contraception and where to obtain further support and advice. The session is for young people aged 13+.

### **Ardasley & Robin Hood - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning**

25. Smith Lane Park – Youth Matters Group members were made aware that Smithy Lane Park has been vandalised with some graffiti including absence pictures. Group members attended the park and spent a night removing the names, comments & pictures. During the evening feedback was received from members of the public and positive comments passed to the young people.
26. Tingley Youth Centre - Continues to be a big success Youth Workers have seen a steady flow of young people accessing the provisions and having 60+ young people on a night and increasing every week. The Youth Service have 4 groups operating from the centre, Monday Youth Matters (fortnightly) Tuesday afternoon YR6 Transition Group, Tuesday night the Senior youth group and Thursday the LGBTQ Pick 'N' Mix group.
27. Transition Group - YR6 group was set up in consultation with young people, the local community and partners. Young people in year 6 at Blackgates primary school have been identified to have lost skills such as social skills due to the lack of engagement during the lockdown. Information from partners have indicated concerns regards some group members being immature for their age and lacking some key life skills, young people are able to engage with Youth Workers & Volunteers to enhance their

social skills with a key focus on transitioning work preparing the young people for their move to secondary school. Since the group opened in October, Youth Services have seen around 30+ young people attending. This session is supported by two volunteers from the Tingley area.

28. This group has focused on projects such as Plant it Eat it which is ongoing, young people have planted vegetables and fruit, have learned how to look after them and have cooked with the product. Young people have learnt skills such as First aid, CPR, Water safety, General Hygiene and oral hygiene
29. Early Help Support - Youth Work staff have been working closely with the local schools in the Tingley area, the Youth Workers have been attending early help meetings, child in need meetings and taking on one to one referral from the schools. Working with young people around gender identity, behaviour issues, family breakdowns, Mental health and substance misuse as well as sexual health focusing on porn use.
30. Senior Youth Group - Tuesday night at Tingley Youth Centre is a busy night with the youth club engaging an average of 50 young people in the weekly sessions. Young people have been involved in projects such as sun safety for skin cancer awareness, national smile week, drowning prevention week and World Music Day. When young people took part in world music day, they created their own instruments out of recyclable rubbish These sessions are supported by four volunteers two from Tingley & two from the Morley area.
31. Water Safety Work - Group members engaged in activities which focused on water safety and the dangers of playing in reservoirs and canals and Youth Workers have also been attending the reservoir on warm days talking to local young people around water safety and what the reservoir is used for. This year so far with the warm weather there has been a massive decline in young people attending the reservoir.
32. St Gabriel's Youth Club - Is developing nicely following the Pandemic Closure, average attendance of 20 young people per week is now being recorded. Young people have been engaging in environmental work cleaning, tidying, weeding, planting and maintaining the garden area. Young people were rewarded for their hard work with a barbecue in the nice weather young people have also been working on projects such as International Day against homophobia.

### **Morley South Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning.**

33. The Lewisham Park Centre – Is developing nicely since the building was reopened for the Youth Service, the weekly sessions have enabled young people to access their local provision. Two sessions are currently being delivered at Lewisham Park, a Transition group and the Senior Youth Group. At present attendance is growing with around 20 young people attending the Year 6 Transition group and 15 young attending the Senior Youth Group. Young people at the senior session have been

focusing on work around anti-social behaviour, cleaning up the building and ways to make the centre better. These sessions are supported by two volunteers from the Morley area.

34. Outer South Youth Matters – Is now utilising the Lewisham Park Youth Centre as a base once per month, the Voice & Influence group enables young people to be involved in decision making, planning of events and in environmental work. During the last quarter litter picks and dog fouling posters were included in work at Hembrigg & Dartmouth Parks. Group members created the artwork, laminated the poster and displayed them within the parks. Group members also spent an evening litter picking to ensure the grounds are clean, tidy and safe for young people.

### **Morley North Ward - Increase the number of children participating & engaging in learning**

35. Friday Night Project delivered at Morley Leisure Centre continues to offer young people aged 11+ a sports and fitness sessions on a Friday evening, the sessions have been a big success and much needed. At present an average of 20 young people a week are attending and engaging in a range of activities.

36. Additional funding has been secured from Asda foundation to buy new sports equipment and water bottles, to be able to give each young person that attends the session their own reusable water bottle. Young people have been taking part in general fitness sessions as well as dodgeball, basketball, football, rounders, tag and other fun sports.

### **Youth work challenges:**

37. Staffing Levels – Continue to be a challenge in the SSE area, whilst recruitment is being undertaken the level of applicants and preferred candidates is extremely low.

38. Referral Requests – The number of requests having to be declined is concerning and is created by the shortage of staffing.

39. Property / Building repairs – Is becoming a time consuming exercise, Youth Workers are having to report faults / repairs and sometimes are requested to be on site for repairs to be undertaken.

40. Mobile Provisions – The age of the Mobile Units means they are needing more attention by mechanics, and this is impacting on the ability to deliver regular sessions. The vehicle replacement programme is moving forward, and three new vehicles are earmarked across the city however delivery of the new vehicles will not be for another eighteen months.

## **Case Study Outer South:**

41. A Young person who initially engaged at Lewisham Park Youth Club back in 2011 has continued to engage with Youth Work staff throughout and when Lewisham Park was closed the young person continued their engagement with the youth service and engaged in Friday Night Project and Tingley Youth Club.
42. As the young person has got older, they joined the youth matters and have been an inspiration to younger young people though their help in local communities. The young person became a Senior Member helping at weekly sessions such as YR6 Transition group, youth clubs' consultation events and Activity Days.
43. When the young person turned 18, they decided to become an official Volunteer Youth worker and continues to support the delivery of sessions / activities. The Volunteer is now thinking about going to university to study Youth work and is wanting a career in this field.
44. In the volunteers' words.  
"I would like to become a youth worker so that I can help and support young people, as the youth service has helped and supported me. The youth service is like my second family."

## **Outer South Compliments**

45. "Thank you for giving my son the chance to be himself" – parent regarding the LGBTQ youth group.
46. 'It's like coming home' and 'I feel safe at last' – young people about the Windmill re-opening.
47. "Thanks for taking my daughter, she's had a great time – parent about the Easter holiday trips.
48. "It is so great that you are reopened – my kids love coming" – parent of siblings attending Windmill.
49. "Thanks for taking them, they've really enjoyed it – parent about the Easter trips.
50. "This youth is great! We get to do loads of things" – Intermediate youth club.
51. "Aww that's lovely we have been nominated, thanks for sending it in" – young person regarding the Child Friendly Leeds award nomination.

## Environment: Cllr Andrew Hutchison

### Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report

#### Statistics for Outer South Leeds from 01/06/2022 – 19/08/2022

Job Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell	Total
Fly tipping	24	24	25	29	102
E-Fly tipping	1	5	1	5	12
Litter	2	0	7	0	9
E-Litter	1	2	4	0	7
Bulky Item Collection	160	171	194	179	704
Waste in Garden	7	6	9	2	24
Housing communal area maintenance	1	3	4	4	12
Overgrown Vegetation	31	38	26	20	115
Bin left out	0	3	1	2	6
Litter Bag Collection	0	0	1	0	1
Footpath sweep	2	2	2	1	7
Road sweep	7	8	8	2	25
Dog Fouling	0	1	1	0	2
E-Dog Fouling	7	1	0	0	8
Abandoned Vehicle	5	2	4	4	15
Graffiti	6	2	3	2	13
Domestic Waste	1	1	3	0	5
Commercial Waste	0	1	2	0	3
Dead Animal Removal	2	2	2	10	16
Rodents	0	5	1	1	7
Housing Defect	4	2	3	1	10
Drainage - DRAIN		4	5	0	9
Smoke from Bonfire or Chimney		9	7	4	26
Obstruction		0	2	0	4
A Board or Placard		1	0	0	1
Illegal Advertising		1	0	0	1
Nuisance Accumulation/Deposit		0	0	0	2
Nuisance Light		0	1	0	2
Illegal Vehicle Crossing		0	0	0	1
Damage to Highway		0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>294</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1151</b>

52. As you can see from the figures above there is an equal spread of job totals across all 4 areas.

53. There are still a high number of fly tips being reported but not in huge numbers as may have been reported previously.



54. There is a high number of requests for Bulky items to be collected direct from houses, this is a free service which allows for 5 large items to be collected up to 4 times per year per household, which hopefully will help to reduce fly tipping numbers.
55. The next big request for the service is for overgrown vegetation, CNT have noticed this has increased in all areas of the South CNT due to the time of year and the wrong belief that all vegetation cannot be cut at this time of year due to nesting birds.
56. CNT have also noticed a reduction in the number of requests for path and road sweeping requests throughout the south which I believe is due to the new way of working as CNT are able to make sure every ward gets a mechanical sweeper once per day every week so efforts can be directed to the areas which require or attention the most.
57. If there is anything within this report or if there are any questions which any member need answering, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update**

58. LASBT are all working and in the community, the case officers are spending their time between being office base with the team and locality based as well as some days home working.
59. In my last report it was reported that LASBT are currently looking at a city-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPSO) that will tackle the anti-social use of vehicles especially motorbikes. This is a city-wide issue and there are a number of ongoing operations relating to tackling this behaviour. Since the last update the details of the PSPSO has been through public consultation, it was heard at the chairs brief week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September and is going to the Safer Leeds executive board for approval on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
60. LASBT South currently have 141 cases, there are 43 cases within the ward these are broken down below:
61. Current Open Cases:
- Ardsley & Robin Hood = 12
  - Morley North = 9
  - Morley South = 11
  - Rothwell = 11

### **Ardsley & Robin Hood**

62. There are no real trends, and the ward hasn't raised any significant concerns. LASBT officers continue to work with partners and be proactive in their approach to anything

that is highlighted as a concern. There is one case that has been long running and LASBT officers are working with a number of agencies to resolve the matter.

### **Morley North**

63. Morley North has raised issues around youth nuisance in a local supermarket, this is something that has been raised at the area tasking meeting and the case officers are working with partners to investigate and tackle this behaviour. Meetings have been conducted with the supermarket and other interested parties and there is on-going partnership involvement which will see intervention with those identified in taking part in the nuisance as well as support and advice to the supermarket's security company. The case officers in this area are working closely with the local schools and will look at undertaking some intervention sessions, the team also were in the town centre giving advice to the public around ASB during ASB awareness week.

### **Morley South**

64. Morley South has seen an increase in Youth ASB, the case officer has worked closely with our partners to identify those responsible and a list of 20 young people was shared. Following this work there have been a number of visits made to those responsible and many have been issued with warnings and have signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) and ASBI warnings have been issued to the top 10 offenders however a number of these could escalate to legal action as officers are aware of continued offending. LASBT are working closely with the local NPT and our link officers to tackle the behaviours and work with other partners such as youth services looking at intervention and diversionary activities.

### **Rothwell**

65. There are a number of reports relating to the anti-social use of motorbikes city wide however there are specific reports within this ward. The case officer has visited a number of addresses in relation to the same and has proceeded with tenancy action (Pre-Closure Warning) and ASBI Warnings issued to individuals concerned. Further action is likely to be taken, with a possible premises Closure of an address and the Case Officer is working closely with the Police in this regard.

### **Police Update**

66. The off-road bike team has funding for its full-time supervisory structure, as well as an uplift in staffing and equipment. ASB through motorcycles and quad bikes remains the number one source of ASB for the district. There are force discussions around tactical options for dealing with pursuits of these vehicles. Offenders are often without a helmet, and it is a reasonable assumption that they are juvenile and therefore lacking in driving/riding skill/experience. This makes pursuits extremely dangerous, with a high probability of serious injury, not just to the rider/passenger, but to the public and the police. This is not an easy problem to solve, but there remains an appetite to

improve the current position. A recent team operation located 19 stolen high-powered motorcycles, with a total value in excess of £150,000.

67. Morley open day: The open day was a huge success, with hundreds (if not more) of local people in attendance. On show were Police vehicles, mini uniforms, a crime scene for children, mascots, crime prevention advice, wildlife crime advice, the dog section, the police welfare dog, the off road motorcycle team and the West Yorkshire Police Band. The Fire Service put on an equally impressive show. The positive community impact of this event was significant in my view.
68. Travellers: New legislation is in use and has been used since its inception. What appears to be a winning formula is the sharing of reports of ASB/crime from MPs, Police and Elected members. This has really helped me to make some quick decisions around use of Section 61 powers. Officers regularly attend and use body worn video to capture the condition of the sites, which the Inspector can then use to support removal. A shared communication strategy throughout helps to maintain trust and confidence in our collective approach.
69. Day of action: This was a really effective day of action with the use of force and district resources. Multiple arrests were made, numerous weapons recovered, and significant visible presence was achieved throughout the NPT area. The numerous positive results were shared via the force social media accounts and included a professional video from our media imaging team. The reach of these posts was over 150,000 local people and sent a message around the action my teams are taking to reduce the most harmful crime types.

**Serious acquisitive crime (SAC crime):**

**70. Ardsley and Robin Hood**

	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	3	3
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	5	2
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	3	1
<b>Hate crime</b>	2	2
<b>Hate incident</b>	2	1

**71. Morley North**

	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	7	6
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	8	7
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	10	10
<b>Hate crime</b>	6	3
<b>Hate incident</b>	4	0

## 72. Morley South

	June	July
<b>Burglary</b>	7	5
<b>Robbery</b>	3	3
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	7	5
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	6	3
<b>Hate crime</b>	3	6
<b>Hate incident</b>	2	1

## 73. Rothwell

	June	July
<b>Burglary</b>	4	2
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	4	8
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	6	1
<b>Hate crime</b>	3	5
<b>Hate incident</b>	2	2

## ASB

### 74. Ardsley and Robin Hood

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
<b>ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	<b>3</b>
HOLLY CR	1
OAKLEY ST	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>6</b>
EASTLEIGH CT	1
MOOR GATE	1
TATTON LN	1
THIRLMERE DR	1
WATERWOOD CL	1
WESTERTON RD	1
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>1</b>
LONG THORPE LN	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>7</b>
A650	1
BRADFORD RD	1
CASTLEFIELDS	1
GOLDSMITH DR	1
LANDSEER AVE	1
OLD HALL RD	1
THORPE LN	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>7</b>

## 75. Morley North

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
<b>ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	<b>1</b>
ROOMS LN	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>3</b>
BACK GRE	1
INGLE CR	1
KINGSWAY	1
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>4</b>
A62	1
BANK AVE	1
LINKS WAY	1
SPRING VW	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>5</b>
ASQUITH AVE	1
BRUNTCLIFFE LN	1
DEANSWAY	1
HEPWORTH AVE	1
MOORLAND RD	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>11</b>
ASQUITH AVE	1
ASQUITH DR	1
KAY CL	1
MOOR TOP	1
NEPSHAW LN NORTH	1
NEW BANK ST	1
QUEEN ST	1
SPRINGFIELD AVE	1
THE CROFT	1
TOWN ST	1
WHITE ROSE SHOPPING CENTRE DEW RD	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>

## 76. Morley South

<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Incident Ref</b>
<b>ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	<b>3</b>
QUEEN ST	1
WIDE LN	2
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>2</b>
MIDDLETON CL	1
STATION RD	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>3</b>
A650	1
MIDDLETON CL	1
QUEENS PROM	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>7</b>
BRUNTCLIFFE WAY	1
CHALNER AVE	2
FOSTER CR	1
GLENSDALE EST	1
QUEEN ST	1
TOPCLIFFE LN	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>19</b>
ALBERT DR	10
CLOUGH ST	1
FLEXBURY AVE	1
HIGH ST	1
RYDAL CR	4
WIDE LN	1
WINDSOR COURT	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>

## 77. Rothwell

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>3</b>
APPLEGARTH	2
MIDDLETON LN	1
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>1</b>
FIRST AVE	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>17</b>
BULLOUGH LN	1
FARRER LN	1
FIRST AVE	3
FLEET LN	4
FOURTH AVE	1
ORCHARD WAY	2
SHELLEY CR	1
THE LOCKS	2
WOOD LN	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>9</b>
FIRST AVE	1
JAIL YARD PDE	1
LEEDS RD	1
OULTON LN	1
PARK LN	3
POTTERY LN	1
WOOD LN	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## Priorities

### Ardsley and Robin Hood

78. NPT Priorities

79. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

80. NPT are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and nuisance motorbike usage around the Northfields estate in Carlton This also overlaps into Rothwell with bikes crossing into the manor estate using the Rothwell Greenway. This problem has become a priority for us in recent months with it generating a number of calls with concern from the public.

81. NPT have had some concerns raised by local residents and Cllrs in the Tingley and East Ardsley area regards off road bikes and road bikes being driven in an anti-social manner in the area and damaging local green spaces.

82. ASB and dangerous behaviours around East Ardsley res

## Updates from July 2022 Priorities

83. NPT have worked with local council / parks departments to review the greenway and who are agreed on some further physical measure to be installed in the coming months to prevent / reduce high speed motorbike usage on the greenway
84. NPT continue to pay regular attention to the area in order to deter anti-social motorbike use and NPT have asked the Leeds district off road bike team to spend more time in the area also. NPT are targeting those they find to be involved, NPT will work with the offroad bike team and Leeds anti-social behaviour team to target this behaviour.
85. NPT are all aware of the tragic incident this month where an adult male sadly lost his life after swimming in the res, their deepest sympathy goes to all his family and friends. NPT are increasing patrols around the res and will work with partners in fire and rescue and other agencies to increase awareness of the danger of entering the water.

## Morley North

86. NPT Priorities
87. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 4053 Matthews
88. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer (s)- PC 3300 Sheldon, PC 4869 McLoughlin and PC 4335 Brown.
89. To target and take appropriate action against speeding vehicles, HGV restricted roads and illegal off road motorbikes and quads in and around the Drighlington, Gildersome and Churwell areas paying particular attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. NPT will conduct regular traffic operations including the use of speed measuring equipment to provide road safety advice and prosecute offenders using Road Traffic legislation and, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.
90. To conduct proactive patrols in the Ward area to tackle ASB issues being raised by local residents.
91. Proactive patrols will be done as and when call demand allows. Officers will stop and check people acting suspiciously who are seen in an area affected by recent crime. Any offences they are found committing will be dealt with positively. So do report any suspicious incidents to the police. The particular areas of focus according to residents are the derelict Arkle public house at Springfield Avenue. Church Avenue, Gildersome, near to Street Lane and Town Street junctions for some recently reported ASB involving some local, adult residents.



## **Updates from July 2022 Priorities**

92. General ASB: NPT have seen a marked reduction of calls for ASB in the Ward 25 area as a whole. NPT are still experiencing some issues with Off -Road motorbikes and the team have worked hard to gather information about bike descriptions and rider clothing. They almost always have face coverings on so officers cannot see their faces. NPT did recently seize a motorised electric scooter from a male who was not only riding it illegally, but without paying the proper attention to the road. He's been reported for relevant offences.

93. Speeding and HGV issues: NPT have deployed officers on patrols where the team can, balanced against conflicting and competing demands in the area. Officers are paying attention on the look-out for HGVs and speeding issues whilst on patrol. Both as routine patrols and they have plotted up for a mini operation to tackle this and speeding. NPT have stopped an HGV wagon in Gildersome village in the last week, and proof of delivery to the village was produced and so they were not in breach of any of the HGV restrictions.

## **Morley South**

94. NPT Priorities

95. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 83 Martin

96. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4335 Brown

97. To engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour within the local parks. NPT will use conduct high visibility patrols and where proportionate use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if necessary. NPT will continue to work in partnership with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the parks.

98. To target and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Morley area paying attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. This will include focused speed enforcement.

99. NPT will continue to act upon community intelligence in relation to the use and supply of drugs.

## **Updates from May 2022 and ongoing priorities from above:**

100. NPT community contact van has a regular booking on Queen Street in Morley Town Centre parked outside Santander. This is every 3rd Sunday and dates are published on Facebook.

101. NPT have continued regular high visibility patrols in the parks (Hembrigg, Scatcherd, Millbeck, Lewisham) engaging with and dispersing youths involved in ASB. NPT have also conducted plain clothes patrols in these areas and will continue to do so.

## **Rothwell**

102. NPT Priorities

103. Lead Area Sergeant: - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

104. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 316 Owens

105. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial Street, Rothwell, the town centre and Springhead Park. NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.

106. ASB on off road and other motor bikes along the Rothwell Greenway, this is raising problem of the last couple of months and links to issues on the Northfields estate on the Ardsley – Rothwell boarder.

107. ASB around Lemonroyd Locks and the canal, NPT have started again to see calls about youths gathering around the locks and weir engaging in asb and also endangering their own health jumping in the canal.

## **Updates from July 2022 Priorities**

108. The NPT community contact van continues to have regular booking in the area were ASB is occurring and will be parked outside Morrisons, NPT visited on few times this month and the team also patrol this area on a daily basis, continuing regular high vis patrols in the area engaging with and dispersing youths involved in ASB.

109. NPT have very much focused attention of this problem some suspects have been dealt with at court for different offences and NPT have seized several bikes. NPT are working with partners in Leeds council ASB team and housing and will seek to target the tenancy of the families responsible several warnings have been issued.

110. NPT have increased visibility around the locks where police officers are attending on pedal cycles so as to get better access to the areas where this behaviour is happening

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw**

### **Universal Credit**

111. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Outer South Community Committee area is 3,018. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (103%), the number of claimants remains high and is decreasing. There is a small increase of 22 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month.

112. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		May 2022		June 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	41,509	8.0%	41,548	8.0%
<b>Outer South</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	403	2.8%	856	5.9%	731	5.0%	745	5.1%
Morley North	409	2.9%	839	6.0%	698	5.0%	688	4.9%
Morley South	500	3.4%	973	6.7%	852	5.9%	871	6.0%
Rothwell	366	3.0%	735	6.1%	715	5.9%	714	5.9%

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

113. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

### Employment and Skills Services

114. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Outer South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)
<b>Outer South</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>104</b>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	103	93	23	29	49	21
Morley North	135	114	32	37	64	22
Morley South	164	215	43	67	74	39
Rothwell	120	117	37	40	55	22

115. The Covid pandemic and restrictions have had an impact on both reporting years (2020/21 and 2021/22) making a comparison year on year very difficult. Even though there is some progress with reengagement and access to programmes and activities it is still significantly less than pre Covid.

116. During April 2021 – March 2022

- 11,818 people accessed the Service, 539 of whom were from the Outer South.
- Supported 3,473 people into work, 173 were residents from the Outer South. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport.
- Supported 2,485 people to improve their skills, 104 of whom were from the Outer South.

117. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Job shops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.
118. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 10 Jobcentres Plus across the City. All Job shops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Dewsbury Road, Hunslet, the City Centre Community Hubs and St Georges Centre. There is also a pop up Jobshop Wednesdays at Morley Community Hub, 9am to 5pm.
119. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships and courses. Please link to their accounts:  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>  
Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>  
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>
120. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships and courses. To subscribe please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
121. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
122. Future Talent Leeds is launching on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It is a website which brings businesses, education and skills providers and organisations together to strive for a city where everybody can thrive in a rapidly changing labour market. The website contains the Future Talent Plan, which sets out ambitions for Leeds around supporting people and businesses as well as aligning the city's education and training infrastructure. It displays the range of partners which have signed up to the plan, showing what organisations are doing to improve talent and skills in Leeds over the next few years. Organisations are encouraged to use the website to sign up to the plan and pledge their own actions which will be published alongside each other. Also available on the website is live news, case studies and resources for organisations to make use of. The website will be live from 8<sup>th</sup> September:  
<https://inclusivegrowthleeds.com/future-talent-plan>
123. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online face to face and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
124. Between September 2021 – July 2022, in the Outer South, 40 courses were delivered, and 141 residents have completed a course. In addition, there were 149 courses delivered on-line, city wide. From September 2022, there will be a range of

online and face to face courses available at community venues, to find a course please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk/>

125. Developing You Learning Disabilities, a pre-employability programme between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response includes work readiness and health and wellbeing. The course is delivered face to face at Thackray Medical Museum.
  
126. Between April 2021 – March 2022, 256 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
  - a) Health and Care Sector  
The Healthier Working Futures project that was funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund that focused on unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) to raise awareness of the health and care pathway through engagement programmes and taster days delivered by 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. This was a 6-month project that concluded at the end of June and engaged with 625 young people.
  
  - b) Construction Sector  
A new programme, Construction Ready aimed at getting people into opportunities in construction. The 10-day programme took place 4 - 15 July 2022 at Leeds City College Printworks campus. Planning is taking place for further programmes to be delivered.
  
  - c) Hospitality Sector  
The Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aims to upskill individuals to successfully enter the hospitality sector through providing practical experience within Leeds City College's café and restaurant facilities. The programme provides an opportunity for participants to be signposted to work trials and interviews with employers. Planning is taking place for a sixth cohort to be delivered 12 – 16 September 2022.
  
  - d) Economies for Healthier Lives  
The council was successful for applying for funding from the Health Foundation as part of their Economies for Healthier Lives programme, which has funded four places in the UK to undertake projects that can demonstrate how economic interventions can help to address health inequalities in disadvantaged communities. The Leeds project, Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Futures, aims to strengthen connections between the Leeds Inclusive Anchors Network of large civic institutions (including the council, NHS Trusts, universities and colleges, and utilities) and the city's most disadvantaged communities through economic measures such as quality jobs, skills development or the creation of new businesses.

## Events

127. **SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Next Choices** event took place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. This was the first time a city-wide event aimed at supporting young people who have special educational needs and disabilities has taken place. A total of 66 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and wider support and 1,800 young people attended.
128. **Jobs fair** took place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the City Centre Community Hub. A range of vacancies and opportunities were promoted with Leeds City Council, the Army, PlusNet, Aspire Healthcare, and First Direct. Jobshop staff were in attendance to support people with CVs and job applications. Information was also available from training providers, such as Prince's Trust, Scope, Get Technology Together, and Jobcentre Plus for those wanting to improve their skills.
129. **Leeds Digital Careers Festival** a week-long festival and recruitment event will be held between 12 –16 September 2022 and will be aimed at those new to the digital sector, eager to find a job or training opportunities in the wide range of digital technology organisations which the city has to offer. Roadshows with a range of workshops and sessions hosted by local employers and providers will be taking place in several locations across the city including Compton and Seacroft Community Hubs. An event will also be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to book please visit: <https://leeds.digitalcareersfestival.org.uk/>
130. **Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** will take place 14-18 November 2022 which will showcase opportunities within the creative and culture sector, with the main event at the First Direct Arena on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The LCSF is aimed at young people aged 16-24 to encourage take up from school leavers and graduates to retain talent in the city. There will be a range of activities and events from educational engagement activities, visits and site tours, work experience opportunities to support to the sector on how to recruit a diverse workforce and Apprentices, information about self-employment and freelancing and Q&A panel session(s). A booking link will be published and promoted nearer the time.

## Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Stewart Golton

### Public Health Update

#### Health and Wellbeing update August 2022

#### Air Quality and Health survey

131. Leeds City Councils Public Health Team are currently undertaking a health needs assessment to understand the level of need across Leeds in relation to air pollution.

132. As part of this, it is important to gather views of local residents as well as those working to support the health and wellbeing of Leeds residents in relation to how they feel about air pollution in the city. The feedback will be used to evaluate local knowledge around air pollution and how this can impact on health.
133. The survey can be accessed on the link below. By completing this and encouraging any users of your service to do the same you will be supporting us in making recommendations on improving health outcomes for the people of Leeds. <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/airqualityandhealth/>

### **Air Quality Alert System**

134. Air quality is the largest environmental health risk in the UK, shortening lives and contributing to chronic illness. Whilst it can be harmful to everyone, some individuals are at greater risk either because they are exposed to greater quantities of polluted air in their daily lives or because they are more vulnerable to its side effects due to medical conditions such as respiratory and cardiovascular disease.
135. To support with raising awareness and public health messaging around Air Quality, we have launched an Air Quality Alert System for Leeds. Those who subscribe to the alert system will receive an email when the air pollution in Leeds is forecast to be high or very high, providing them with public health advice on what to do to reduce their exposure and contribution throughout the air pollution episode.
136. Please subscribe to this service and to encourage users of your service you are working with to do the same, especially if this group are vulnerable to the effects of air pollution because they have a respiratory or cardiovascular illness. You can sign up by visiting the Air Quality sign up section on the Leeds Clean Air Website here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/clean-air/Protect-yourself-from-air-pollution>

### **Health Protection Board Report**

137. The purpose of the Health Protection Board report (link below) is to provide an overview of the Health Protection Board Covid-19 response, as well as the status of the wider priorities focusing on protecting the people of Leeds including infectious diseases, environmental hazards and other areas of health. This report highlights the current position of health protection in Leeds, key achievements and targets for the period of 2022-2023, setting out recommended actions for the next 12 months.
138. See copy of report here: <https://observatory.leeds.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/ph-documents/>

### **Stay Well this Winter Grants now open**

139. Leeds Community Foundation has launched the 2022 Stay Well this Winter Grants, with funding from LCC Public Health. The grants will support a range of community-

based projects in Leeds. Applicants should target support to vulnerable people who are most at risk of becoming unwell over winter due to cold and severe weather.

140. Grants can be from £500 to £2,500 for local and city-wide projects. For exceptional, innovative city-wide proposals the panel will consider applications of up to £5,000.

141. The deadline for applications is 18 August at 12 noon. Funding will be awarded in early October and all projects should be completed by 31 March 2023.

142. Further information, including a link to the online application form, is available here: <https://www.leedscf.org.uk/what-weve-funded-stay-well-this-winter-grants-2021/>

## **COVID-19 update**

143. A reminder of the key messages around Covid:

- Although it feels like life is returning to normal, Covid 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: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

144. Although UKHSA no longer post daily Covid updates, announcements are available here: [https://www.gov.uk/search/all?level\\_one\\_taxon=5b7b9532-a775-4bd2-a3aa-6ce380184b6c&content\\_purpose\\_supergroup%5B%5D=news\\_and\\_communications&order=updated-newest](https://www.gov.uk/search/all?level_one_taxon=5b7b9532-a775-4bd2-a3aa-6ce380184b6c&content_purpose_supergroup%5B%5D=news_and_communications&order=updated-newest) and national surveillance data and reports are available here: [https://www.gov.uk/search/all?level\\_one\\_taxon=5b7b9532-a775-4bd2-a3aa-6ce380184b6c&content\\_purpose\\_supergroup%5B%5D=research\\_and\\_statistics&order=updated-newest](https://www.gov.uk/search/all?level_one_taxon=5b7b9532-a775-4bd2-a3aa-6ce380184b6c&content_purpose_supergroup%5B%5D=research_and_statistics&order=updated-newest).

145. How to get a vaccine:

- book online at a vaccination centre or pharmacy Book your Covid-19 vaccine online
- The Leeds NHS webpage has information about the Covid-19 vaccines and booster programme.
- The list of walk-in vaccination clinics is updated regularly and is available here.

## **Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence for Higher risk populations - Free webinar**

146. Building on the success of the Covid-19 Vaccination Webinar workshops responding to Vaccine Hesitancy, public health has worked in partnership with Health Education England to commission a similar workshop to align with what will be a highly important Autumn/Winter vaccination programme for 2022/3. Public Health particularly wish to target participants who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations, including areas of high deprivation, ethnic minority



groups, parents of 2&3 year olds and school age children, those in at risk categories and care home settings.

### **Concept and Objectives:**

147. The primary objective of the Autumn booster programme this year will be to increase protection against severe COVID-19 disease for those at higher risk. In addition there is an added need to address the inequalities in uptake of flu vaccination.
148. Vaccine hesitancy amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and more often negatively impact some of the poorest communities and/or risk groups. Conversations are powerful, therefore the provision of skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing (MI) is an important skill that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths and whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what is a safe and effective vaccine.
149. The skills training covers:
- How can we work together to build vaccine confidence, what we know and how this links to health inequality
  - Core skills and processes (OARS, Evoke-Provide-Evoke, Decisional Balance, and the 3As)
  - Skills practice – Building confidence in the vaccine
  - Resources that staff can use to respond to questions and concerns
150. The session will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used. The application of this work can be far-reaching. Although this is focused on Flu Vaccinations, these skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities
151. This provision has been funded by Health Education England Y&H in partnership with the NHS Public Health Programmes Team Y&H. Each workshop can cater for 30 people and lasts for 1.5 hours, dates available from the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
152. Booking link below: <https://www.yhphnetwork.co.uk/links-and-resources/priority-programmes/yh-webinar-building-vaccine-and-screening-confidence-training-programme/>

### **Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Diane Chapman**

153. The community centre review is ongoing with the data collection stage nearing its conclusion. Centres in the Outer South areas are showing levels of usage equivalent or in excess of pre-covid lockdown levels.

## **Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter**

154. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter is produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media

155. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page

## **Updates from Key Services**

### **Community Hubs and Libraries Update**

#### **Ardsley & Tingley Library**

#### **New events/groups**

156. Stay and Play session weekly on a Monday 10.30-12pm - aimed for children up to the age of 1 for new parents and carers to build friendships and a support network.

157. Coffee Afternoon session weekly on a Monday 2-4 – free warm drink and biscuits for all ages – to have a chat and engage in company.

#### **Library**

158. Summer Reading Challenge - This year's challenge is themed around The Gadgeteers- Science and Innovation - 56 young people joined the challenge during the Summer Holidays

159. Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue every Wednesday - 10.30am – 11.30am

### **Rothwell Community Hub & Library**

#### **Events/Pop ups**

160. Leeds City Council Fostering pop up took place (6th September), staff attended from the Fostering team to speak to members of the public who may be interested in taking on this care responsibility.

161. Rothwell Hub is also in the process of working with from MHA Communities South Leeds to start a Rothwell Remembered group – Dates and times to be confirmed once arranged.

#### **Digital Support Work**

162. Digi Drop in in's recommence after the break for the summer holidays - every second Tuesday 11am – 12pm. These sessions are free to attend.

## **Library**

163. Summer Reading Challenge - 182 young people joined the challenge during the Summer Holidays

164. Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue every Wednesday - 10.30am – 11.30am

## **Morley Community Hub & Library**

### **Jobshop**

165. Morley Community Hub will be increasing the days of the 'Pop up' Jobshop at Morley from one to two days moving from a regular Wednesday 'Pop up' to having the Jobshop open 9 till 5 Thursday and Friday. This will be for a trial period and will be reviewed after a few months.

166. Since May this year the Pop up Jobshop has had 19 customers join up and is supporting 47 regular customers to look for work. In this period Jobshop have supported 8 customers into work.

167. Morley also has a DWP Youth Employment Coach assigned to it to support younger Job seekers aged 16 to 24 get additional support with their Job search and to help break down barriers to employment.

### **Digital Support Work**

168. Digi Drop in in's recommence after the break for the summer holidays - every fourth Tuesday 11am – 12pm. These sessions are free to attend.

## **Library**

169. Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue every Tuesday 10.30am – 11.30am

170. Summer Reading Challenge has been a huge success with 220 young people signing up for this over the last few months

## **Events**

171. Beryl Burton Talk (27th July) - led by author Jeremy Wilson and hosted by Stu Hennigan for Q & A's and was supported by librarian Trudi Foster and Beryl's daughter was also in attendance. This was a very well attended event with the Morley Lord Mayor in attendance.

172. Supported the unveiling of the Blue Plaque for local resident of Morley (2nd August) - Alice Cliff Scatcherd who completed local Civic Work with local women and children and was a huge campaigner for women's rights. The plaque is on the Parks House –

Binks Funeral Parlour. The talks carried out for the event were held at Morley Community Hub and Library afterwards.

173. Incredible Edible Network at Morley held a Seed/Plant swap giveaway for a week at the end of May which involved customers been able to bring in seeds/plants and swap them with what was available.

174. Morley Arts Festival will once again take place this October with tickets for events being sold at Morley Community Hub and Library

### **Gildersome Library re-opening update**

175. Work will be starting in November on refurbishing Gildersome Library with it opening up to the public again in December of this year.

### **Housing Leeds Community Committee Update September 2022**

#### **Estate Management**

##### **Walkabouts**

176. Changes have been made to the walkabout schedule for 22/23 with walkabout now happening twice a year rather than each quarter. Although staff are happy to have more regular estate inspections with tenant reps and members on request. Just contact the relevant office directly to arrange.

#### **Community Payback**

177. Community Payback is working on a limited basis 2 days a week but a very new project with the Skill Mill team has begun to take referrals. Housing Officers have been asked to prioritise their CP referrals and these have been shared with the Skill Mill team to action.

#### **Income Collection**

178. Short term arrears performance continues to improve with an increase in rent collection and a reduction in arrears. Between week 18 – 22 Rothwell increased rent collection by 0.35%. Exact arrears figure is inaccurate for this month due to an IT issue, but Rothwell are 2nd overall in the city rent collection table.

179. Morley saw a 0.07% decrease over the same period and have therefore been focusing on escalating high balance cases, including 3 court applications and 2 eviction warrant applications over the past month. These are cases where all support avenues have been exhausted and the team are left with no option to push for enforcement action – but the team often find tenants engage with their attempts to support when they're at the thick end of the procedure.

180. There were also many success stories along the way with funding secured through Discretionary Housing Payments and Tenancy Sustainment funds assisting people in financial hardship and preventing evictions.

## **Lettings & Void Performance**

181. Void properties are coming back at a much quicker rate due to additional contractor resources which is showing an improvement in the number of void properties in repair. All 9 new build properties handed back by contractor and now tenanted.

## **Summary of Annual Telephone Contacts**

182. Pre-pandemic Housing Leeds had an aspiration to carry out an Annual Home Visit to each property on an annual basis. Over the last couple of years due to COVID, many ATCIs were carried out by telephone and online.

183. Findings from the 21/22 ATCI programme and the teams experience since services have remobilised have been:

- Telephone contacts have haven't saved as much time as expected and have tended not to identify tenant vulnerability / property condition issues where the tenant chooses not to share these.
- Visits have been a more effective way of identifying vulnerabilities / safeguarding concerns and poor property condition.
- The pilot of 1k online contacts didn't work well – over half required follow up contact meaning work was often duplicated.
- As the team have increased their contact with customers in their homes it is becoming clear that there are several tenants where vulnerability and property condition concerns have been hidden for long periods.

184. For the coming year all general needs tenants will be visited every 3 years on a 3 yearly rolling programme.

185. Priority tenancies for the first year will in the main be determined based on the date of the last recorded visit, with tenancies prioritised who have not had an annual tenancy contact since 1 May 2019. Consideration will also be given to particular vulnerabilities in determining the prioritisation programme. The programme will be flexible and where Housing staff have a concern about an individual or property then an Annual Tenancy Check In can be used as an opportunity to cross the threshold.

186. Based on this approach it is estimated that 44% of tenants will need to be visited in the first year – priority tenants and 1/3 of other tenants. There will be a total of approximately 21,240 visits in 22/23 citywide.

187. The housing office will continue to feedback progress made on visits throughout the year to the committee

## ASB

188. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will 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.
189. 10 ASB cases across the Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood areas and Morley North & South have a total of 9 cases. This is reduction of 5 since the last HAP meeting, and all cases are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. The main complaints across all wards are around noise nuisance.
190. 6 weekly partnership working meetings booking in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams. Also regular Housing Attendance at Community Safety Meeting, as well as bonfire strategy meeting in preparation for November.

## Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

### Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee

#### TARA activities:

191. The OS Tenant Engagement Officer (TEO) is in contact with TARAs / Community Groups via email and phone calls. The TEO has attended Rothwell TARA's public meetings and their Sept. AGM. She has attended Winthorpe RA committee meetings too. The TEO chats with tenants at Temple Lawn Community Centre coffee mornings on the John o' Gaunts estate in Rothwell from time to time.
192. OS HAP activities: At the start of the July 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 OS HAP meeting the budget was £35,785.86

Budget Summary Sheet 2022/23 Outer South		Totals	2021/22 Budget Expenditure	HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed	Other funding contributio ns
Budget for 2022/23		£34,221.24		Environment & Housing	10	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
Carry Forward from 2021/22	£	4,241.35	<b>6.96%</b>	Health & Well-being	7	6	£ 1,470.50	3.82%	£ -
<b>TOTAL 2022/23 BUDGET</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>38,462.59</b>	<b>% available</b>	Community Safety	4	1	£ 1,206.23	3.14%	£ -
Approved Budget Spend 2022/23	£	2,676.73	<b>93.04%</b>	Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
<b>Available Budget (Balance)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>35,785.86</b>		<b>Outer South Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>£ 2,676.73</b>	<b>6.96%</b>	<b>£ -</b>
Indicative contributions	£	-		<b>Budget by Ward Area</b>	<b>Number of projects submitted</b>	<b>Number of projects approved</b>	<b>Amount Committed by Panel</b>	<b>% committed</b>	<b>Other funding contributio ns</b>
OS_20_2122 Underspend credit		£ 129.39		ArdsleyandRobinHood	3	1	£ 245.18	0.64%	£ -
				Rothwell	10	3	£ 699.24	1.82%	£ -
				MorleyNorth	3	2	£ 526.08	1.37%	£ -
				MorleySouth	3	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
				MultipleOS	1	1	£ 1,206.23	3.14%	£ -
				AllOS	1	0	£ -	0.00%	£ -
				<b>Outer South Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>£ 2,676.73</b>	<b>6.96%</b>	<b>£ -</b>

193. The bids discussed at the 26<sup>th</sup> July HAP meeting were:

- OS\_05\_2223: Holmsley Field Court H&S project (Rothwell) for £1,578.26 with no match / joint funding. Although funded in full by the panel this project was

dependent on LEDA comments and responses to a H&S information letter delivered to tenants and residents. As there were negative responses to the letters another site visit is planned which may affect the project.

- OS\_07\_2223: Ashton Crescent H&S bollards (Rothwell) for £1,512.26 with no match / joint funding. Although funded in full by the panel this project was dependent on LEDA comments and responses to a H&S information letter delivered to tenants and residents. As there were negative responses to this project it has been under review.
- OS\_21\_2223: Leigh View / A650 H&S barrier (Ardsley and Robin Hood) total costs of £13, 812.00. The OS HAP funded 50% of the project (£6,906.00) with match funding of the same amount from CIL in progress. The project is subject to LEDA comments and, as there were no negative comments from the delivered H&S information letters, the project only needs confirmation of the CIL funding is in place to go ahead.

194. Please note that due to issues with supplying resources quotes for HAP environmental projects are only now valid for 30 days and costs can increase after this time. The panel will decide how to make decisions about quote increases.

195. The total funding remaining in the OS HAP budget is: £25,789.34

196. The next OS HAP meeting is on Tuesday 27th September 2022 via Teams from 1:30pm to 2:45pm

### **Community Payback and Skill Mill update:**

197. Despite the ongoing endeavours of the SLT, Community Payback (CP) has a limited capacity to carry out environmental improvements in communal areas.

198. Housing Leeds has entered into a new six month contract with The Skill Mill, in partnership with Mears. The Skill Mill are a social enterprise that give training and employment opportunities to young people; giving them a chance to learn new skills whilst helping to look after the appearance of neighbourhoods. They'll be working four days a week to help clear the backlog of environmental referral work previously submitted by housing teams.

199. The Skill Mill team will consist of 5 people including a supervisor. All equipment will be provided by The Skill Mill, with Housing Leeds supplying materials such as paint or wood stain if required.

200. Outer South wards have 8 days of referable work available from the 26 weeks starting from 10th August

201. Collaborative working with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the OS HAP. This partnership continues to work well, ensuring tenants and residents benefit whilst making best use of available funds. The OS HAP and Community Committee look for best value for money as using money wisely remains

central to benefit all OS communities. The TEO and Localities Officer are in regular contact regarding community activities.

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

203. 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**

204. 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**

205. 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**

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

## **Risk Management**

207. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

210. None.

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