

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Appointments

Inner North East Community Committee - 2023/24 Appointments

Inner North East Community Committee Chair - Cllr Mohammed Shahzad
Inner North East Community Committee Deputy Chair - Cllr Jane Dowson

Community Committee Champions

Champion Role	2023/234 Member Appointment	Sub Groups Involvement
Community Safety and Environment	Cllr Mohammed Rafique (CS)	INE Community Safety & Environmental Sub Group
	Cllr Jordan Bowden (E)	INE Community Safety & Environmental Sub Group

Children & Young People	Cllr Zara Hussain	N/A
Employment, Skills & Welfare	Cllr Mahalia France-Mir	N/A
Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care	Cllr Eileen Taylor	N/A

Outside Bodies

Outside Body	2023/24 Member Appointment
MAECare (Moor Allerton Elderly Care)	Cllr Mohammed Shahzad
CARE (Community Action for Roundhay Elderly)	Cllr Zara Hussain
Chapelton Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr Jane Dowson

Housing Advisory Panel

2023/24 Member Appointment		
Chapel Allerton Ward	Moortown Ward	Roundhay Ward
Cllr Jane Dowson	Cllr Sharon Hamilton	Cllr Lisa Martin

INE Community Safety & Environmental Sub Group

2023/24 Member Appointment		
Chapel Allerton Ward	Moortown Ward	Roundhay Ward
Cllr Mohammed Rafique	Cllr Mohammed Shahzad	Cllr Jordan Bowden

INE Finance Sub Group *

2023/24 Member Appointment		
Chapel Allerton Ward	Moortown Ward	Roundhay Ward
Cllr Jane Dowson	Cllr Sharon Hamilton	Cllr Lisa Martin

Cluster Partnerships

Cluster	2023/24 Member Appointment
2gether Cluster	Cllr Jane Dowson, Cllr Eileen Taylor and Cllr Mohammed Rafique (Shared Role)
Alwoodley, Roundhay, Moortown (ARM) Cluster	Cllr Zara Hussain (Roundhay)
	Cllr Mahalia France-Mir (Moortown)

Corporate Parenting Board

2023/24 Member Appointment – Cllr Mahalia France-Mir

Local Care Partnership

2023/24 Member Appointment	
Chapeltown	Meanwood/Moortown
Cllr Eileen Taylor	Cllr Mohammed Shahzad

*The INE Community Committee Chair is invited to attend the Finance Sub Group meetings.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Children & Young People: Councillor Zara Hussain

3. Please see appendix 1 update report from LCC Youth Service.

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

ROMA women's group BAME Centre

4. The group funded by Public Health aims to bring local ROMA women together to deliver awareness sessions on topics of employment and skills, sexual health, cancer as well as ZUMBA sessions and craft workshops. The group took their first trip to Yorkshire Dales and over 40 women and children experienced the countryside.

Better Together

5. The Better Together contract commissioned by Public Health focuses on East North East Leeds is delivered by a consortium of five voluntary sector organisations (split into 2 lots) Lot 3 comprises of Feel Good Factor (lead), Shantona and Touchstone, Lot 4 is delivered by Space 2 and Zest. The provision includes group activities, engagement activities and outreach work. The aims of the service are to build social capital, increase resilience, reduce health inequalities and promote and support healthier lifestyles and health protection. The contract has gone from strength to strength. A range of events and activities are organised by the organisations including physical activity, arts and crafts, food and mental health and wellbeing groups.

MAP – Migrant Access Project

6. The MAP helps to bridge the gap between communities and services they are currently looking for more volunteers.

Windrush Events

7. Windrush Day has become a key symbolic moment in the story of the Black British contribution to this country and the broader post-war migration from across the Commonwealth and beyond that helped create the modern Britain that we share today. The 22nd of June marks the 75th anniversary.

Leeds Stop Smoking services update

8. From 1 April, the Leeds Stop Smoking Service is available to support smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good. Smokers wishing to access the service will be given a choice of treatment based on need and preference, including nicotine replacement therapy and e-cigarettes. They will work with a trained smoking cessation coach to develop a personalised plan with a pre-agreed quit date. Support extends to a year after each person's quit date to make sure people are given the best possible chance to stop smoking permanently. You can directly refer by emailing leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net
Individuals can self-refer by calling 0800 169 4219.

Maternal whooping cough vaccine

9. Data for 2022 shows the average vaccine uptake of the whooping cough vaccine by pregnant women across England has dropped to 61.5%, its lowest level since 2016. The vaccine is given to pregnant women to help protect their babies against whooping cough from birth during their first weeks of life. The advice for pregnant women is to speak to their GP or midwife if they aren't sure whether they have had the vaccine.

Covid spring booster campaign

10. Spring Covid boosters started at the beginning of April and are being offered to:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed

11. The spring booster programme runs until 30 June. Eligible people will receive a national invite, but in some areas of Leeds the GP practices will not be offering spring booster clinics. Instead, pharmacies and other healthcare providers will be running clinics, but will not have the ability to send invitations directly to eligible people. The areas are:

- Burmantofts, Richmond Hill and Harehills
- York Road

- Beeston
- Middleton and Hunslet (note: a few practices in this area are sending out invites)
- Woodsley
- Holt Park

12. Support for the uptake of the spring booster is requested by - talking to people about the eligibility criteria, supporting people to book the vaccine, and promoting awareness amongst staff.

Key messages are as follows:

- Whilst we are learning to live with Covid, the virus still presents a serious threat for many people and is continuing to cause severe illness and hospitalisation for thousands of people every week.
- The Covid vaccines have saved countless lives and help prevent people becoming seriously ill or needing hospital care. Protection from the vaccines - or having had Covid - decreases over time, particularly in older people or those with weakened immune systems.
- Vaccinations are available for everyone aged 75 and over, people who live in care homes for older adults and people aged 5 and over who have a weakened immune system due to a particular health condition or treatment.
- Eligible people will be invited to book an appointment or can use the National Booking Service.
- Anyone aged 5 and over who has not yet had their first or second Covid vaccination will also be able to get one during this time. After 30 June first and second vaccinations will only be offered to those at higher risk of severe Covid and only available during the seasonal campaigns.

Changes to Covid testing

13. Changes to Covid testing came into effect on 1 April 2023. These aim to ensure testing focuses on those at highest risk and supports the management of outbreaks in high-risk settings including health and social care.

Closure of Covid app

14. The NHS Covid app, which alerts close contacts of a positive case and provides the latest health advice about the virus, closed on 27 April. Current users were notified of this through the app.

15. Over the past year, the success of the vaccination programme, increased access to treatments and high immunity in the population have enabled the government to target its Covid services, meaning the app is no longer needed.

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

LASBT EAST

		% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	255	6%
Cases Open in last Month	38	90%
Closed Cases in last Month	32	-18%
% of active citywide caseload	37%	

Current Cases in Inner North East = 16

Cases Opened in the last 3 months by ward

Chapel Allerton = 4 of which 1 x Noise, 2 x ASB, 1 x Hate

Moortown = 4 of which 1 x Noise, 2 x ASB, 1 x Hate

Key Issues:

16. ASB Review (formerly Community Trigger) to be held on the 24th May to look into reports concerning Roundhay Park (West Avenue etc.) involving ASB use of vehicles, misuse of the park (BBQ;s) and alleged drug misuse.
17. Case Officer has done recent walkabouts with both Cllr Shahzad and partners and Cllr Hamilton and partners.
18. Successful Noise prosecution case in Zermatt St which resulted in a Fine + Costs of £668. LASBAT requested a Forfeiture Order as well but the court declined.

Leeds HAP Panel

Engagement / Involvement

19. The on-line walkabout (Your Place Brackenwood) closed at the end of January and the numbers of residents – both tenants and residents were very high compared to a face to face walkabouts. There were 328 interactions (people opening the page and 62 people going further into it. 39 comments / issues / suggestions were ‘pinned’ to the map. These included reporting of issues, suggestions for areas to look at being upgraded / secured and happily areas that were felt to benefit the surrounding community. From these the Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel has funded two projects, two proposals referred to Community Payback, other issues have been referred to police, Environmental Enforcement or discusses directly with group / organisations.

Housing Advisory Panels

20. INE HAP started the year in April 2022 with a budget of £30,761.85 (including a carry-over from last year of £1,026.89). Spend at year end was £29,741.66 (an underspend of £1,018.19 which can be carried over). The budget for 2023/4 has been reduced by 10% so even more work will take place to encourage bidders to look for part funding from other sources.
21. Still have vacancies for Housing Leeds residents on Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel and they are actively trying to recruit.

Community Payback / Skill Mill / Green Guardians

22. Community Payback – Now commenced completing projects and are now accepting new referrals.
23. Skill Mill – Looking to create new contract for 2023/24 following completion of project in March.
24. Green Guardians – Possibility for a new contract to run until October 2023 though there is a large increase in cost from £7,000 to £8200. Area managers have been asked if they are willing to pay part of cost. This will be presented to HAP at May meeting.

Working In Partnership

25. Continued work with community organisations – e.g. InterAct, BCA, Childrens Centre etc. Continue to assist groups identifying funding opportunities through Funding Leeds.
26. Potential for a garden competition in one ward or whole area but will need early confirmation to allow planning. These have been held in other areas to some success.
27. New potential work with both Meanwood Valley Urban Farm and Friends of Meanwood Park Playground.

Neighbourhood Centres Update

28. The launch of the Chapel Allerton Sunday market on the new space was featured in last week's edition of the Update circulated to businesses across the city. Additionally, the article highlighted news carried on the Chapel Allerton Virtual High Street. Businesses in the three wards, along with the other 30 wards around the city, receive the weekly update of news to help local businesses and develop local neighbourhood centres. Recent copies are included. Across the UK footfall and sales are suffering through the rising prices but with its positive array of shops and promotions, Chapel Allerton is retaining footfall better than many district centres. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator visited all the shops in Chapel Allerton and

Chapelton before Christmas and aims to visit those in Moortown within the next quarter.

Climate, Energy and Greenspaces

29. The Chief Officer Parks and Countryside retired at the end of March and the service is now part of Climate, Energy and Green Spaces.
30. With regard to Streetscene grounds maintenance, grass cutting commenced 27 February with a soft start and focus on premium amenity grass around sheltered housing and other sites where there is a reduced risk of damage.
31. Hedge cut 1 was completed ahead of the bird nesting season.
32. The relaxed mowing schedule mainly on high speeds arterial routes is as per last year with no significant changes to scope planned with signage rolled out to support this.
33. Weed spraying is underway and should be completed early June with a further 6 weeks for weeds to fully die back.

Community Heroes – Thank You Event

Community Heroes' from across the Inner North East area of Leeds have received a Civic thank you.

34. The thank you event was hosted at the Egan Suite in Sheepscar, Leeds on Wednesday 15th March in the evening to thank local community heroes for their volunteering efforts. The event was also attended by guest speakers which included the Lord Mayor Cllr Bob Gettings MBE, Cllr Mary Harland (Executive Member for Communities) and Dr Mohammed Sattar from the Primary Care Network. The guests were entertained by performances from RJC Dance and Kathak Dance (South Asian Contemporary Dance). About 150 people attended in the evening and were awarded certificates for their effort and dedication in volunteering. They thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and food on what was a very important and joyful occasion.
35. Ward Councillors from the Inner North East area were present and one local councillor commented that volunteers dedicate so much of their time to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and to those in need, it is therefore a pleasure that the council honours them and expresses its thanks and admiration.



Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

37. 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

38. 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:

Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
Best City Plan
Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
Children and Young People's Plan
Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

39. 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

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

Risk Management

41. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants can deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

44. None.

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