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Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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For Decision

Outer South Community Committee – Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.
3. To make nominations to each of the Outer South Community Committee Sub Groups for (2023/24).

Main issues

Sub Group Nominations

4. 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 South Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24. The 2022/23 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Children & Families	4	Cllr Wyn Kidger (Chair) Cllr Karen Renshaw Cllr Robert Finnigan Cllr Conrad Hart-Brooke	Cllr Wyn Kidger
Community Centres	4	Cllr Diane Chapman (Chair) Cllr Karen Renshaw Cllr Robert Finnigan Cllr Wyn Kidger	Cllr Diane Chapman
Environmental	4	Cllr Andy Hutchison (Chair) Cllr Wyn Kidger Cllr Diane Chapman Cllr Karen Renshaw	Cllr Andy Hutchison
Older Person's	4	Cllr Stewart Golton (Chair) Cllr Karen Renshaw Cllr Robert Finnigan Cllr Wyn Kidger	Cllr Stewart Golton

- Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Outer South Community Committee Sub Groups.

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

- Following the appointment of sub group members the Communities Team will set up the sub group meetings for the rest of 2023/24 of the Children and Families offer for 2023/24.

Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South - January - March 2023

Introduction

- Appendix 1** - This report will focus on the work of the Outer South Youth Service Localities Team.

Environment: Cllr Andrew Hutchison

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report

8. Statistics for Outer South Leeds

	Enforcement Fly tipping	Streets Fly tipping	Litter	Waste in Gardens	Overgrown vegetation	Road Sweeping	Path Sweeping
Ardsley Robin Hood	10	13	4	6	17	6	2
Morley N	14	13	3	10	6	2	4
Morley S	20	20	5	5	13	5	3
Rothwell	9	10	1	8	9	2	4

Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update June 2023

9. ASBT officers are working a mixture of remote, community work and office based. Georgia Lee has returned from Maternity leave is back in her role as Team Supervisor for LASBT South. . Young people causing anti-social behaviour is a trend across all 4 ward areas, there is a total of 4 Youth Injunctions in discussion with our partners across the areas as well as ASBI Warnings and ABCs being used to tackle this behaviour.

10. Current Open Cases:

- Ardsley & Robin Hood = 10 (stayed the same)
- Morley North = 4 (a reduction of 2)
- Morley South = 12 (an increase of 6)
- Rothwell = 9 (a reduction of 7)

11. Breakdown in Case Type:

Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Assault	0	0	1	0
Noise	1	2	5	0
Hate	1	1	2	1
Threats	2	0	3	3
Litter	0	0	0	0
Youth Nuisance	4	0	0	1
Criminality	0	0	0	1
Rowdy	0	0	1	1
Verbal	2	0	0	0
Nuisance	0	0	0	0
Drug/Substance	0	1	0	2
Domestic	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	0	0	0	0

Ardsley & Robin Hood

12. LASBT are currently preparing court applications for 3 of these cases, which includes 2 youth injunctions and possible Possession proceedings.

Morley North:

13. There has been a reduction in the number of cases in the Morley North area, there are no trends to report as the cases are unrelated.

Morley South:

14. Although the case load has doubled in the Morley South area since the last meeting, there are no specific trends. 5 of the 12 cases are domestic noise. LASBT has issued a Section 80 Noise Abatement Notice. LASBT currently have a file with their legal team for a Breach of an Injunction Order and have submitted a file to gain possession of a property.

Rothwell

15. No specific trends in this ward area, there has been a reduction in cases since the last report. Two of our case officers carried out proactive monitoring by going to areas where nuisance had been reported and trying to identify young people involved.

Police Update

16. The New Inspector Mark Gamlyn would like to start this report with a quick introduction as he is yet to meet many of the Outer South Community Committee Members.

17. As you are aware, Mark is the new NPT Inspector for Leeds South and has been in post for a few weeks. Neighbourhood Policing is a new area to him, but he has worked closely with NPT colleagues throughout his service in various capacities and is confident that he has a strong, capable team who are and will continue to provide the best possible service to our communities.

18. Inspector Gamlyn has been in West Yorkshire for 7 years now, having originally joined Nottinghamshire Police in 2011. In West Yorkshire, he has worked in various roles as an Inspector, including Response (at Elland Road, Morley and Pudsey), at HQ on projects and as a Temporary Chief Inspector. The last 2 years he has been a Hub Commander – a role which involves assessing the threat and risk of live incidents as they come into the district and determining the appropriate response, predominantly for violent crime, sexual offences and missing person reports. Inspector Gamlyn is also a Public Order Bronze Commander and has worked on a

range of events from Premiership football matches to protests and on mutual aid at events across the country.

19. Being new to the role comes with its challenges – namely managing the volume of emails and his diary, trying to meet everyone and putting plans in place to support colleagues and partners to respond to our shared ongoing challenges.

20. With that in mind, here is his first Police update:

SAC Crime

21. You will see from the data below that there has been a spike in burglaries across the Outer South. This is a priority for us and as you may be aware, crime trends like burglaries are often linked to the same offenders across an area, particularly if one or more have recently been released from prison. NPT have worked with our proactive teams to target this. The team have also increased patrols in hot spot areas and have tasked colleagues from specialist support teams to provide both visible and unmarked deployments. This has resulted in several arrests in the past few weeks which appears to have had an impact.

Day of Action

22. NPT recently conducted a day of action in both Inner and Outer South to target a number of key issues – drug supply, counterfeit goods, ASB and vehicle crime. Whilst the team work targeting these issues on a daily basis, adding days of action allows us to call on resources from roads policing, off road bikes, intercept teams and partners from HMIC etc which they did in this case. There were a significant number of vehicles stops resulting in FPNs, fines and vehicle seizures across the area - 2 arrests for burglary, 4 vehicle seizures, 2 FPNs, £1000 in cash was seized. There were also increased patrols in Rothwell, Morley and the White Rose Centre targeting ASB and knife crime.

Serious acquisitive crime (SAC crime):

23. Ardsley and Robin Hood

ARDSLEY	March	April	May
Burglary Residential	3	22	19
Burglary Commercial	0	2	6
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft from MV	3	5	3
Theft of MV	3	2	3
Hate Crime	5	4	3
Hate incident	2	1	0

24. Morley North

MORLEY NORTH	March	April	May
Burglary Residential	4	8	11
Burglary Commercial	5	2	5
Robbery	4	2	1
Theft of MV	4	5	3
Theft from MV	3	5	4
Hate Crime	3	1	3
Hate incident	2	1	0

25. Morley South

MORLEY SOUTH	March	April	May
Burglary Residential	10	8	12
Burglary Commercial	8	6	4
Robbery	1	2	1
Theft of MV	5	5	10
Theft from MV	6	5	4
Hate Crime	4	1	5
Hate incident	1	1	1

26. Rothwell

ROTHWELL	March	April	May
Burglary Residential	1	14	9
Burglary Commercial	0	1	4
Robbery	1	1	0
Theft of MV	2	3	3
Theft from MV	2	5	1
Hate Crime	1	1	2
Hate incident	0	0	0

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw

27. The Employment and Skills team send an update twice a year and as they updated at the last meeting, the update will come to the next meeting.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Stewart Golton

28. Following the appointment of sub group members the Communities Team will set up the sub group meetings for the rest of 2023/24 of the Health and Wellbeing offer for 2023/24.

Public Health Update

Health and Wellbeing update May 2023

Lunch Club Grants

29. Leeds City Council Public Health provide an annual lunch club grant that funds approximately 90 clubs with an anticipated total of 3,000 beneficiaries combined. This supports the authority's Best Council Plan (2020 – 2025); to be age friendly by promoting opportunities for older people to be healthy, active, included, and respected; and to be the best city for health and wellbeing by weighting grant allocations based on deprivation to reduce health inequalities supporting the improvement of the health of the poorest the fastest.

30. Additional Public Health funding was provided in 2022/23 to enable clubs to do more to support their community over winter. This included offering more hot meals, home delivery of hot meals, registering as a 'Warm Space', and providing information and advice about keeping safe and warm during winter.

31. To find out what local lunch clubs are funded in your area, please visit:
<https://www.leedscf.org.uk/>

Active Leeds: Strength Campaign

32. Strength training is for everyone no matter your ability or disability. It's a crucial ingredient for leading an active, independent life. As you get stronger, you should find yourself able to do other things to increase your overall activity levels, whether at home or in the community.

33. Have a go at home using pieces of furniture, outside in parks, or at the gym if that's where you're comfortable! Why not try using a park bench to practice some 'sit-to-stands' to build your leg strength or clear a space at home to do some floor-based exercises.

34. Visit the Active Leeds webpage for a range of examples of how to start your strength journey: <https://active.leeds.gov.uk/HealthProgrammes/Pages/Active-Strength.aspx>



Leeds Stop Smoking services update

35. From 1 April, the Leeds Stop Smoking Service is available to support smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good.
36. 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.
37. New posters and promotional materials will be available shortly to replace any previous One You Leeds Assets.
38. Referrals are now being accepted onto the new service.
39. You can directly refer by emailing leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net or online here: <https://leedsstopsmoking.co.uk/refer/>
40. Individuals can self-refer and access support materials here: <https://leedsstopsmoking.co.uk/> or by calling 0800 169 4219.

Maternal whooping cough vaccine

41. 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.
42. The vaccine is given to pregnant women to help protect their babies against whooping cough from birth during their first weeks of life.
43. The advice for pregnant women is to speak to their GP or midwife if they aren't sure whether they have had the vaccine.
44. You can read more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-year-low-in-maternal-whooping-cough-vaccine-uptake-puts-newborns-at-serious-risk-of-hospitalisation>

Covid spring booster campaign

45. 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

46. This spring booster programme runs until 30 June.

47. 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

48. 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.

49. Key messages are as follows:

- Whilst everyone is 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.

50. You can read more about spring vaccinations and the vaccination programme here:

<https://www.westyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/nhs-covid-19-vaccination-programme>

51. Vaccinations can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/>

Changes to Covid testing

52. Changes to Covid testing came into effect on 1 April. 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.

53. You can read more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-testing-approach-from-april-2023>

54. Information and advice for health and care professionals is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-health-and-care-professionals>

55. Guidance for adult social care professionals is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care>

Closure of Covid app

56. 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.

57. 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 Centres Sub Group: Councillor Diane Chapman

58. Following the appointment of sub group members the Communities Team will set up the sub group meetings for the rest of 2023/24 of the Community Centres offer for 2023/24.

59. The day nursery at West Ardsley Community Centre (Hill Top) has terminated the lease for this building and options are being considered for the future of this centre. A programme of building condition reports, including energy efficiency ratings, is taking place across all community centres including those in the Outer South area. This will inform the community centre review which is now forming part of the much wider LCC estates review looking at buildings across all departments.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

60. **Appendix 2**, The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter will be produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media

61. **Appendix 3**, 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

Ardley & Tingley Library

62. Activities and events (January to May 23)

- Super Heroes Save the day! - 17th February 11 till 12 – Family friendly event for 5+ children to turn themselves into a Stupendous Superhero with the help of their imaginations and our magic masks!
- Next Steps with Digital sessions – 20th February 26th February & 6th March - 11 till 12.30. These sessions are a 3-week course for people with basic digital skills who would like to learn more about email, social media, online public services, managing money and other online tasks.

63. Upcoming Events:

- Lego Club with Pirate Bonnie – 12th April 2 till 3.
- First Steps to Digital sessions – 7th June 14th June & 21st June 2 till 3.30

64. Regular activities:

- Coffee afternoon - Every Monday - 2 to 4 – free warm drink and biscuits for all ages – to have a chat and engage in company
- Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30

Gildersome Library

65. Officially reopened on the 20th February with a very well attended opening ceremony with the Lord Mayor of Leeds in attendance.

66. Opening hours of the Library are as follows:

- Monday 2 till 5,
- Wednesday 2 till 5,
- Friday 2 till 5 and
- Saturday 10 till 1

67. Activities and upcoming events:

- 'Let's Set Sail', 3rd April 2 till 3, Family friendly Library led event for ages 5+. Adventure with Lego building with 'Pirate Bonnie'.
- Celebrate with Seeds, 6th May, 10.30 till 11.30, Open age Library event to make 'seed bombs' to add colour your home environment.
- 'Queenie & The Pooka' 17th June 2 till 3, 5+ Family friendly Theatre event to celebrate Gypsy Roma Traveller History month.
- Regular 'Lego Club' to be set up to run on Mondays, details TBC

Morley Community Hub & Library

68. Activities and events January to May 23:

- Mini Vixen, 15th February 1.30 till 2.30 - Family free event - Based on the music and story of Janáček's opera The Cunning Little Vixen and led by a cast of professional opera singers and musicians, this was an interactive and relaxed concert where singing and moving around was encouraged
- Leeds Volunteering Programme Pop up. 1st March 11 till 2, pop up to recruit volunteers for the Leeds 2023 City of culture campaign, signing up volunteers to work on events in art and culture throughout the year.
- Sing and Sign, Leeds Baby session, 3rd March – Session to help babies communicate before speech.
- TruWest Recruitment Pop up, 5th April – event to promote vacancies available on the Trans Pennine rail.
- Animation workshop and Animation station sessions that ran consecutively on the 4th and 5th April. Library led sessions for 7 year olds and above around animation, stop motion and film. Session involved watching the first moving motion film, filmed in Leeds.

69. Upcoming Events

- Lego Spike, 2nd June, 1pm - Free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 5+. Event for children to utilise our brand-new Lego Spike kits and use their building, and coding skills to build fantastical, carnival creations
- Leeds Fostering services Pop up - 6th June 1 till 3pm

Regular activities ongoing

- Lego Club – Runs on the third Thursday of every month 3.30 till 4.30
- Digi drop ins - First and third Tuesday of every month, 11 till 12 to access support to learn new digital skills and get help to connect to your personal devices
- Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Tuesday 10.30 to 11.30
- Morley 'Pop' up Jobshop – Thursdays and Fridays 9 till 5
- Money Buddies drop in has now been reinstated from the 27th April and runs every Thursday morning 9 till 12. Money Buddies provide free and impartial advice to help customers save money on their bills, maximise their income, develop budgets, complete financial statements for creditors, negotiate with people they owe money to, help switch utility suppliers and apply for grants.

- Morley Book Club – Every third Thursday of the month from 2
- Chatty Café – Every Tuesday 12.30 to 1.30. Members of the public can pop in, meet other customers and sit for a drink at our chat and natter table
- PCSO Contact point - Every Tue 10.00 to 11.30 - speak to your local PCSO's regarding any issues in your community or to ask for any advice. No appointment is required.
- Councillor Surgery – Every Saturday 10.30 to 12.

Rothwell Community Hub & Library

70. Healthy Activities and Events January to May 23:

- Cost of Living Event – 17th January 2 till 3pm - support linking to the cost of living from: Housing Officer (Income), Leeds Credit Union, Green Doctors, Money Buddies and Better Leeds.
- Neurographic Art Session – 9th March 10.30 till 12.30 - Creative Mind- a Leeds Libraries programme of activities to promote positive health and well-being through Art and Creativity
- Lego Club Pirate Bonnie session – 11th April 3.30 till 4.30 - a Lego adventure, Library led family inclusive event for 5+, taking inspiration from Fidget Theatre's tour of Pirate Bonnie and remembering famous pirates throughout history. designing main sails and testing if a blast of wind will send them on their journey
- Pirate Bonnie, Fidel Theatre Production – 13th April 3 till 4 – A family friendly Library led event for 3 to 7 year olds. Swashbuckling adventure with songs & storytelling
- Leeds Poetry Workshop – 18th May 23 6.30 till 8.30pm - To celebrate Local and Community History Month in May, poet and editor Ian Harker is hosted a series of one-off workshops to help writers create poetry about the city of Leeds and its diverse communities using images from Leodis.net – a photographic archive containing over 62,000 photographic images of Leeds

71. Upcoming Events

- Leeds Fostering Services Pop up – 27th June 1 till 3

72. Regular Activities ongoing

- Lego Club – has been set up and run through our Community Librarian. This runs the second Tuesday of each month 3.30pm to 4.30pm, which is a free family event for children aged 5+
- Digi Drop in sessions continue to run on the second Tuesday of each month as well as now the fourth Tuesday of each month 11 to 12, alongside this our Community Librarian will be running a free 'First Steps to Digital' sessions on the 2nd, 9th and 16th February 11 to 12.30 for people who want to learn digital skills but have little experience of doing anything digitally.
- Leeds South & East Foodbank has resumed its service from Rothwell Fire station offering food parcels to individuals and families in need and the team are now able to refer into this service from the Community Hub and Library.

- Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue and are still taking place every Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30 and from 22nd of June the team will be starting a new 'Bounce & Rhyme' sessions 10.30 to 11.30 aimed at babies up to 18 months old. The sessions use song and instruments to interact with the babies to help aid their development with movement, communication and understanding.
- Spanish Classes – Every Wednesday evening 7 till 8pm

73. *To note on the 6th May to celebrate the Kings Coronation, all sites streamed the event live on a big screen or via Public PC's, free for the public to watch. All sites were decorated to celebrate this momentous event and plenty of free cake was eaten on the day!

Housing Leeds

Ardsley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Housing Management Area Update

Income Collection

74. Rothwell finished the year ranked 2nd citywide, the short-term trend continues to improve with an increase in rent collection and reduction in arrears. A lot of effort has gone into supporting tenants with accessing additional funds and support payments, but the team are seeing an increase in residents refusing to pay or engage which has seen an increase in applications made to court.

Payback Lettings & Void Performance

75. Void properties are coming back at a much quicker rate due to additional contractor re-resources which is showing an improvement in the number of void properties in repair. Our biggest challenge is the number of adapted properties been returned which then means an occupational therapist needs to attend the viewing which is causing some delays for us to find a suitable applicant.

76. Currently 3 properties ready to let in Rothwell.

ASB

77. 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.

78. 4 ASB cases across the Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood areas which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. The main complaints are around noise nuisance.

79. The Rothwell housing team also have 6 weekly partnership working meetings the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Environmental Work

80. Most quarter 1 walkabouts have now been completed and those that haven't are booked in to be completed by the end of June. Regular estate inspections are carried out by staff when out on patch. Any members or tenants are welcome to join, just get in touch with your Housing Officer. All members and tenants' representatives should have received feedback of the officer's findings.

Morley Housing Management Area Update

Estate Management

Walkabouts

81. Walkabouts are well underway across the area which are now being held twice a year instead of four times. This is only the formal walkabout though; staff are on the estates every week dealing with issues as and when they arise. If anyone would like an accompanied ad-hoc walkabout with their Housing Officer, then feel free to get in touch with the relevant office or manager.

Community Payback

82. Community Payback and Skill Mill are now both available for offices to utilise and the team have been doing exactly that. Projects include ginnel clearances on Middleton Grove & Middleton Close as well as work on Birch court clearing footpath encroachment. Recently dealt with a site on Margetson Road were large overgrowth of vegetation.

Income Collection

83. Positive reduction in arrears in Morley which has resulted in a 6th place finish at year end. Focus remains on supporting our tenants through the cost of living crisis.

84. Staff using support funding from British Gas Trust where they can apply for 3 vouchers of £49 for tenants in hardship who are on pre-payment meters. Citywide budget of £160k is now spent up.

85. Housing staff across the Council have taken part in a cost-of-living information session. This provided the area with vital knowledge to support residents during this difficult time, but also how they can access the support from themselves as well as their colleagues.

86. Staff have also been accessing a £300k government funded hardship fund to support our tenants who are struggling but also engaging with us. Morley were allocated £9k of this which has been paid on to accounts. Identified most financially vulnerable tenants through income and expenditure assessments and prioritised funds towards those tenants.

Lettings & Void Performance

87. 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. Biggest challenge is the number of adapted properties been returned which then means an occupational therapist needs to attend the viewing which is causing some delays.

88. Morley currently have 4 ready to let properties which the team are working hard to get through. The housing team has revised their staffing structures to deal with the pace of returned properties and have trained up some of existing staff on the allocations process.
89. The Morley Housing team are pre-allocating properties in repair again, which wouldn't have been possible 6 months ago due to the backlog, so it's been a great effort so far.

Summary of Annual Tenancy Contacts

90. Morley completed their target of 44% for the year and finished on just under 46%. The team are already at 8% this year and are keen to get the majority of visits done before Christmas.
91. The Morley housing team will continue to feedback progress made on visits throughout the year to the committee.

ASB

92. 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.
93. Morley North & South have a total of 11 cases. 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 and neighbour disputes
94. 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 and Lauren Steward (team Leader) is on the panel for the citywide Hate Crime MARAC and Housings community safety group.

AOB

95. The team is currently fully staffed and working hard to make some positive impacts on our estates. The team are really pulling together in a difficult time, and their commitment to supporting our residents through this cost-of-living crisis is steadfast and consistent. The strong reduction of voids in the area is also having an impact on both our income collection and waiting list for properties.

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

Housing Leeds

Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee: June 2023

Tenants, Residents and Community Groups

96. Rothwell TARA continues with monthly public meetings and is recruiting volunteers. Winthorpe RA organises regular community events. Tingley TARA is recruiting volunteers. Thorpe CIO organises weekly community activities. Morley Digital holds three digital sessions per week - one F2F and 2 virtual. Carlton Community Events Group continue to organise events for all age groups and the In Bloom group continues its good work. The TEO keeps in contact with groups via phone calls, email, Facebook and text messages. Funding updates are provided along with reminders of how groups can access HAP / other funding in line with our Communities on Top service offer.

Outer South HAP meeting 28th March.

97. The bids discussed at the meeting were:

- OS_40_2324: Youth Service Rothwell Residential bid for £4,000 with £2,250 joint funding agreed. This bid was approved.
- OS_41_2324: OS Community Noticeboard bid for £5,637.50 with no other funding. This bid was approved.

98. Ray Laing was re-elected the Chair and Frances Ashford re-elected Vice Chair.

99. The HAP agreed to fund two bids outside the meeting cycle in April:

- OS_01_2324: Gildersome Kings Coronation Event (Morley North) for £150.00 with £150.00 MICE money agreed.
- OS_11_2324: Newland Estate Garden Incentive project (Morley South) for £330.00 with no other funding.

100. The HAP budget at the start of the 2023/24 financial year was £30,973.29 (10% less than 2022/23).

OS HAP meeting 30th May 2023

101. The HAP approved OS_10_2324: Garden Furniture for The Grove Retirement Life flats in Gildersome (Morley North) for £1,671.00.

102. The HAP budget remaining is £26,410.61.

103. The next HAP meeting is on Tuesday 25th July 2023 via Teams from 1:30pm to 2:45pm.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

105. 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

106. 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

107. 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

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

Risk Management

109. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

112. 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.