

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner West Community Committee  
[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

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**To note**

## **Inner West 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. 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 Inner West Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24. The 2022/23 representatives are shown below:

Children and Young People: Cllr C Gruen & Cllr H Bithell

Environment: Cllr K Ritchie & Cllr H Bithell

Employment, Skills and Welfare: Cllr J McKenna & Cllr J Illingworth

Community Safety: Cllr K Richie & Cllr H Bithell

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Cllr L Cunningham

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme**

**Children and Young People: Champions Cllr C Gruen and Cllr H Bithell**

4. The Children and Young Person Sub-Group met on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and welcomed updates and items from;

- Inner West Primary Schools (Holly Bush Primary and Hawksworth Wood Primary)
- Domestic Violence Team
- Family Liaison and Cluster Support Staff from Inner West Schools
- Housing and Housing Options Leeds

#### **Environment: Champions Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie**

5. The Environment Sub-Group Met on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and welcomed items from the below

- Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team
- Highways

#### **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update**

6. An update will be provided for the next meeting.

#### **Parks and Countryside Update**

##### **Armley**

7. The Inner West Community Committee has paid for two new bins for Hall Lane Recreation Ground (aka Strawberry Fields)

8. Parks, together with the Localities Team are looking into the possibility of play equipment on Oak Road POS (aka Jailey Fields). This is pending the relevant permissions

9. The landscaping work at Raynville Crescent has been completed, the fencing has been ordered and will be installed later in the year

##### **Bramley and Stanningley**

10. The Rossi ice-cream van play item and the new spinning bowl roundabout have now been installed at Bramley Park.

11. All the jubilee benches have now been installed.

##### **Kirkstall**

12. Councillors granted funding for a more permanent solution to the fencing at Sandford Road POS on Argie Avenue which is palisade fencing. This has been ordered and will be installed later in the year.

13. The play area on Wolesley Road behind the former Rising Sun is due for refurbishment after the summer holidays.

14. Love Leeds Parks blossom circle is now complete at Burley Park.

15. Repairs to Sandford Road POS play area have now been completed.

### **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champions Cllr J McKenna & formerly Cllr J Illingworth**

16. An update will be provided to the Committee every 6 months.

### **Community Safety: Champion Cllr H Bithell & Cllr K Ritchie**

#### **LeedsWatch**

#### **Cameras in the Area**

17. 6 cameras were used to capture the incidents in Inner West area committee within this six-month period.

#### **Information Sharing**

18. The introduction of the GDPR 2018 regulations reviewed the area of information sharing and therefore restricted the detail of what can be provided. As a result, the content of this report may not have the detail of specific incidents previously reported but provides a summary of the types of incidents within the area.

#### **Incidents Captured by CCTV Operators**

19. Incidents are shown in the table below.

Inner West Cameras incidents (23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022 – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023)							
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total incidents per category
Alarm Activation							Alarm Activation
Animals							Animals
ASB					1		ASB 1
Demonstration							Demonstration
Drugs							Drugs
Enforcement		2					Enforcement 2
Fire							Fire
Health & Safety							Health & Safety
Police Operation			1	5	4	1	Police Operation 11
Public Order							Public Order
Road Traffic							Road Traffic
Sexual Offences							Sexual Offences
Suspicious Events							Suspicious Events
Theft							Theft
Travellers						1	Travellers 1
Weather							Weather
Begging							Begging
<b>Total Per Month</b>	0	2	1	5	5	2	<b>Total sum of incidents 15</b>

20. CCTV also contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed “real time”. These incidents are not included in this report but can contribute towards arrests being made in the area.

### **Requests for new Cameras**

21. The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them.

22. Following changes to Data Protection legislation the council needs to ensure that all its CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner’s recommendations to ensure there are no data breaches (this includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.).

23. A dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council.

24. The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

#### **Armley**

25. ASB Stats for Armley are below.

- 12 Active cases
- 4 are related to Threats/Actual Violence
- There are 2 hate crime cases, one relating to Race and another relating to Disability
- Low case levels compared to other areas in West at this time
- No significant issues for LASBT in Armley currently

#### **Bramley and Stanningley**

26. ASB Stats for Bramley and Stanningley are below

- 30 Active cases
- 11 are related to Threats/Actual Violence
- 5 are related to Rowdy Behaviour
- Issues remain regarding youth related ASB & Crime with a number of injunction orders in place
- Despite above, issues have seemingly improved compared to previous months

#### **Kirkstall**

27. ASB stats for Kirkstall are below.

- 26 Active cases
- 7 of the cases are in relation to noise complaints.

- 3 of the cases are in relation to verbal abuse.
- For 5 of the cases (all unrelated to one another) we are awaiting the outcome of criminal investigations before we can decide whether we can or cannot act of our own in relation to the allegations we have received. These cases are either drug related, or violence related.
- 2 cases in relation to hate related complaints. 1 of these cases has led to a counter allegation being opened against the original complainant.
- 4 cases are for a group of youths who are causing a nuisance by throwing &/or kicking things (footballs, stones) at houses & cars so we'll be looking at putting some ABCs in place at this stage to try & nip things in the bud.
- 4 cases are in relation to cuckooing concerns. We already have a closure order in place for one case & we've applied to extend this. We have a closure application submitted to Court & are awaiting a hearing date, for a second case where we believe the property has possibly been cuckooed although the tenant denies this. We have two other cases which have come to us recently with ASB & cuckooing concerns so we're in the early stages of investigating

## **West Yorkshire Police**

### **Armley**

28. Partnership working in New Wortley due to increases in youth disorder, drug dealing and damage. We continue to work with partner agencies and are formulating an action plan to tackle the issue. The police have carried out several drug warrants over the last few weeks and increased visibility in the area.
29. Town Street has remained a focus and tackling street level drug dealing and criminality. Several proactive operations have taken place resulting in arrests for a wide range of offences. We are working with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team for exclusion orders against the key offenders. Team Leodis is seeking to obtain Criminal Behaviour Orders and Injunctions against key offenders.
30. In conjunction with Leeds City Council and the Canal and River Trust, Ward Officers are looking to tackle ASB along the canal tow path and surrounding area.

### **Bramley and Stanningley**

31. Officers have focused on targeting Anti-Social vehicle use and off-road bike/quad use, speeding and inconsiderate parking in and around identified hot spot areas within the Bramley area. Partner agency work is ongoing with tenancy action being taken on addresses where off-road bikes are being stored. Numerous operations with traffic officers and the Off-Road Bike Team have taken place, with several stolen bikes having been recovered. More such operations are planned.
32. Officers continue to work to disrupt and engage with nuisance youths at the Bramley shopping centre, particularly utilising Misuse of Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour legislation. Several individuals have been issued with Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions with conditions to not attend the Shopping Centre, plus non-associations attached to the Injunction. Two individuals are now subject to Criminal Behaviour Orders and any breaches are proactively and swiftly pursued.

33. Partner agency work is ongoing to protect vulnerable victims of cuckooing. Several addresses now subject to Partial Closure Orders with compliance checks conducted on a regular basis. Several days of action around tackling ASB in the Bramley area have been organised with partner agencies.

### **Kirkstall**

34. Over the coming months, Kirkstall ward councillors, members from Leeds City Council Anti-social behaviour team, Housing services and the police will be running some 'days of action' These days will involve partners visiting the local community and discussing any issues or concerns they may have. This is vital work as not everyone is able to come to community meetings.
35. ASB involving off road motorbikes and quad bikes is still a concern for residents in the local area, there are several operations planned with the Leeds Off Road motorbike team to target those committing a nuisance and offending on motorbikes.
36. There has been an increase in Arson offences in the ward whereby offenders have been setting fire to bins. The local NPT team are increasing patrols of the area and working with Fire to look at apprehending those responsible and ways to prevent the reoccurrence.

### **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion formerly Cllr L Cunningham**

#### **Food and Cost of Living Work**

37. The Trinity Healthy Cooking project is continuing successfully. This was described in detail in the last update. The project has three elements to it, in which it helps local people and families to learn about healthy cooking, nutrition and accessible physical activity. We are still seeking some additional funding for the Cook-Grow-Move Project. The Recipe Station project which provides a free bag on ingredients, recipe cards and access to services around household budget management and assistance has increased its scope and details can be found here : West Leeds Recipe Station Aug 10 flyer ([barca-leeds.org](http://barca-leeds.org)) and helpful video 'shorts' and recipe booklet for simple easy to understand can be found here [West Leeds Recipe Station | Facebook](#) and for more information on locations please contact: [Rachel.Shaw@barca-leeds.org](mailto:Rachel.Shaw@barca-leeds.org)
38. For more information on the Trinity Weight Management projects contact: [Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk)

#### **New Leeds Stop Smoking Service**

39. The new Leeds Stop Smoking Service will be supporting smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good. With around 122,000 adult smokers in Leeds, this service aims to help reduce this number.

40. 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. 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. The Leeds Stop Smoking Service will be replacing the previous One You Leeds service which ended on 31 March 2023.
41. To register for the service, visit Leeds Stop Smoking Services.
42. We also have a range of leaflets and posters about smoking and vaping that are available to order and keep for free:
43. Vaping and e-cigarettes: the facts (order code P733)
44. Vaping and e-cigarettes: the facts for parents and carers (order code L318)
45. Quit smoking (order code L305)
46. Vaping is at least 95% less harmful than smoking (order code L319)
47. The service is holding several appointment venues in local wards, so residents do not have to travel. These can be accessed by registering with the service. For more details about venues contact: [charlotte.orton@nhs.net](mailto:charlotte.orton@nhs.net)
48. LEAP PROJECT- Leeds Encouraging Activity in People
49. The LEAP project is now live, and details can be found on **appendix 2**. This project is currently operating in Armley and Bramley and Stanningley wards and can be accessed through your local GP. If you live in a different ward, you can self-refer.

## **Priority Neighbourhoods**

### **Armley Priority Ward Partnership Plan Workshop**

50. Communities Team officers are leading work to develop a Partnership Plan for each of the six target wards in Leeds that contain the 12 Priority Neighbourhoods. In Armley, a workshop was held at New Wortley Community Centre on 7th March 2023 to bring key services, organisations, and stakeholders together to discuss the data, challenges, and opportunities, to enable priorities to be agreed and a Armley Ward Partnership Plan developed that will underpin locality and partnership working in the area.
51. The workshop was a positive event and well attended by a wide range of relevant partners and stakeholders including New Wortley Community Association, Armley Helping Hands, Barca, Armley Action Team, New Wortley Residents Association, Interplay, Active Leeds, Housing Leeds, Cleaner Neighbourhoods, LASBT, Police,

Elected Members, Parks & Countryside, Armley Community Hub, LCC Regeneration, Local Care Partnerships, Youth Services, Employment & Skills, Adults & Health, and more. Attendees commented on how discussions weren't overly focussed on the negatives and challenges, instead generating a lot of positive outcomes identifying local strengths, assets, and opportunities.

52. Communities Team officers have since collated all the information that came out of the table discussions and identified four key themes/priorities:

- Safer, Cleaner, Greener - Focussing on partnerships and initiatives that address community safety, crime, antisocial behaviour, and environmental issues.
- Children & Families – Focussing on partnerships and initiatives that support children, young people and families through play provision/facilities, and access to support services.
- Armley Town Street – Focussing on partnerships and initiatives that improve and contribute to a thriving commercial town centre that is safe, clean, and meets the needs of local people and businesses.
- Health, Wellbeing and Welfare – Focussing on partnerships and initiatives that support communities with cost-of-living pressures, reduce health inequalities, improve wellbeing and provide adequate access to support services.

53. A draft 'Armley Priority Ward Partnership Plan' document has been pulled together outlining the four themes/priorities, and the relevant challenges/opportunities for each. The draft plan will be shared with all stakeholders to get final feedback.

54. The Communities Team would like to thank all the partners and stakeholders for their valuable contributions to this important piece of work and in particular New Wortley Community Centre for being such great hosts for the day.

## **Armley Forum**

55. Armley Forum took place on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at Armley Community Hub. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna who was joined by approximately 20 residents as well as Cllr Alice Smart and newly elected Cllr Andy Parnham.

56. Officers from the Neighbourhood Police Team provided the forum with recent statistics on crime and antisocial behaviour in the area. Questions were also fielded on a range of local concerns.

57. Paul Hodges, Local Housing Manager, gave the forum an update from Housing Leeds. Information was provided on recent work to install water heaters to high rise blocks for cleaners' use; conclusion of the EDRF funded external wall insulation scheme on local back-to-back properties; planned communications to high rise



residents regarding waste management and recycling; progress on annual tenancy visits (ATCs); estate walkabouts; and plans to install thermoplastic play markings to external communal areas of high-rise blocks to encourage informal play for children.

58. Paul also provided an update on the District Heating/Ground Source Heat Pump scheme. Work is ongoing to the Wortley blocks but should be concluded by the end of June, including all making good. The remaining two Burnsall blocks in Croft and Grange will now be on GSHP Phase 5, which will be delivered at the earliest in the next financial year 2024/25 due to budget constraints.
59. Cost of Living events led by Housing Leeds continue to be supported by a wide range of partner services and organisations with the aim of supporting communities with everything from financial pressures, food, benefits advice, housing and tenancy issues, employment, social isolation and much more. Details were given of the next event which was due to take place on Wednesday 31st May (separate update to follow).
60. Rosie Revell from LCC's Safe and Sustainable Travel Team provided the forum with a briefing on the Vision Zero 2040 strategy which was previously presented to the Inner West Community Committee at the March meeting. The strategy sets out a bold ambition that by 2040 nobody will be killed or suffer serious injury on roads in Leeds. The strategy has five pillars – Safe Behaviours and People; Safe Speeds; Safe Roads; Safe Vehicles; Post-collision Learning and Care. Rosie explained how the council and partners will work towards the Vision Zero ambition and the role that citizens can play.
61. For the final agenda item, Victoria Kortekaas from New Wortley Community Centre spoke to the forum regarding Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD work is based on the principle that communities know what works best for them. As the ABCD Coordinator for Armley, Victoria identifies and works with local people to start projects that will support local people or meet an identified need. ABCD work encourages community involvement and volunteering, builds capacity and is truly community led. Small amounts of funding (called Small Sparks) can be provided to support any set-up costs for projects and Victoria provided the forum with details of how she can be contacted if anyone has any project ideas.
62. The next Armley Forum date is 11st July 2023 with the full agenda yet to be decided.

## **Leeds City Council Youth Service**

### **NYA Ministerial Meeting – Youth Consultation**

63. Young people from Pudsey and Calverley represented Leeds Youth Service and met The Minister for the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport. The roundtable event gave young people the chance to express their views and make

recommendations to leaders within the youth sector. They also got chance to meet representatives from members of the Back Youth Alliance (British Youth Council, Centre for Youth Impact, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Girlguiding, National Citizen Service Trust, National Youth Agency, OnSide, The Prince's 1 Trust, The Scouts, UK Youth, YMCA, Youth United Foundation). Their views will now be considered when making decisions on Youth Services at Government level.

### **Violence Against Women and Girls Week**

64. In March Officers attended Horsforth Youth Group and held a Quiz for the young people attending. The quiz was based on statistics on: Harassment, grooming, stalking & all offences relating to Violence Against Women and Children. This was a very educational session for the young people, in a safe environment to discuss sensitive issues. The young people really engaged and enjoyed the session. The week saw a continued focus on tackling some of the main contributing factors to VAWG offences, as well as raising public awareness and providing personal safety education

### **February Half Term Holiday Fun**

65. A great half-term holiday with young people from across WNW Leeds enjoying the challenges at Herd Farm, gaming, bowling, climbing and other outdoor fun activities.

### **International Women's Day**

66. On March 8th Youth Workers incorporated International Women's Day in their youth work sessions highlighting issues such as equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

### **Supporting Schools**

67. The WNW Team continues to support schools and settings to improve attendance and positive behaviour by working in partnership with local schools delivering a variety of issue-based sessions.

68. The Saturday Motorbike Project delivered in partnership with the Localities Team and West Leeds Activity Centre has seen several groups achieve their level 1 and level 2 motorbike certificates.

### **Community Cohesion**

69. The Youth Service continues to run centre-based provision supporting young people with additional needs. We continue to run provision in Armley specifically targeting young people from the Eastern European Community.

### **ITV Emmerdale workshop**

70. In March young people took part in an ITV Emmerdale Workshop. Young budding actors brushed up on their acting and performing skills by taking part in workshop organised by Emmerdale and The Youth Service. The Emmerdale Team comprised

of Jane Hudson (Exec Producer), Ezra Tren-Humphries (Senior Casting Assistant) Roxy Shahidi and Martelle Edingborough (cast members).

71. There was a real connection with the audience and the Q & A session is sure to have inspired the young people to believe in themselves, build resilience and to keep pursuing their dreams despite what obstacles may be in their path. The aim of the project was to reach out to young people from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the tv and film industry.

## **Town Centres Update**

72. The April Street market arranged by Armley Action Team attracted large numbers of shoppers and socialites to Town Street to see the activities including street entertainers and nearly 30 stalls. It was a well-attended, positive day for Armley which was especially welcome following the taxi murder two days previous.
73. A similar response was forthcoming when a Leeds Live article at the end of May branded Armley Town Street the scariest area of Leeds. Immediately the Action Team invited Leeds Live to come and meet some of the people living and working in the area to get their views.
74. The responses were very positive including a shopkeeper saying Armley is full of “beautiful” people and the chair of Armley Common Rights Trust noting: “You get crime everywhere and if you choose to concentrate on problems, then you’re going to see problems. But if you choose to concentrate on all the good stuff that’s happening then that’s Armley.” The quick response from the Action Team managed to paint a far more positive picture for the street and this publicity is ongoing with the action team doing weekly press releases on good things happening around Armley.
75. Businesses in Bramley, Kirkstall and Armley, along with the other 30 wards around the city, receive the weekly update of news to help local businesses and develop local neighbourhood centres.

## **Updates from Key Services**

### **Community Hubs**

76. An update will be provided for the next meeting.

### **Housing Leeds**

#### **Annual Tenancy Contact Update**

77. The new Annual Tenancy Contact process continues to go well within Inner West. We are now in year two of our three-year program to visit all residents in their home. We continue to pick up support and safeguarding issues highlighted from these visits and have put some important intervention in place for these residents. We have a two-pronged approach to visits, we will visit 33% of our tenants this year as well as all those believed to require additional support, this roughly equates to a further 11%. Plans are in place with local housing teams to ensure we meet these targets.

## **Tenancy Support**

78. Our Housing Officer Support team are actively monitoring the cases and are working with partners in assisting residents to live independently and ensuring that they have the adequate support required for them to maintain their tenancy.

## **Walkabouts**

79. Walkabouts booked in for next two quarters across Inner West.

80. Local Team have invited Local Ward members and residents who wish to attend.

81. Common theme highlighted is the delay in grass cutting this season which has been fed back to Parks who administer the grounds maintenance contract.

82. The purpose of an estate walkabout is to ensure Housing Leeds provide an excellent and consistent estate management service to all our tenants and communities. The walkabout provides opportunity for all customers and interested parties to walk around their estate with members of staff from Housing Leeds, and other Leeds City Council departments to monitor our performance and recommend improvements to the environment of our estates.

83. Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a 'block champion' for your High-Rise block/ walkabouts, you can help in coming along and pointing out areas of concern or sharing your ideas on how to improve your estate/Block. If you are interested, please contact Housing Leeds on 0113 378330, or via email on [housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk) . Alternatively, you can talk to your local Housing Officer.

## **Block Sweeps/Inspections and Fire Safety**

84. Weekly block sweeps continue to be carried out on all high-rise blocks. These inspections help look for things that will improve the block such as ordering repairs, removing items that have been left in communal areas, or identifying improvements that could be made.

85. Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out now on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety checks.

86. We continue to receive daily stage 1 fires safety reports from our cleaning contractors. The recommendations are action and log on our computer system in line with our Fire Safety procedure. Local Teams also carry out regular stage 2 fire safety checks and report all the findings and raise the necessary repairs required.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

87. All teams within Inner West continue to work together with LASBT and West Yorkshire Police to help tackle and reduce crime related activity and Anti-social behaviour within our areas.
88. Team Leodis was recently deployed to deal with an increase in ASB in the New Wortley area of Armley. This has had the desired effect of reducing the issues and level of criminality that arose in this area.
89. We still encourage all residents to report all Anti-Social Behavior breaches by calling 0113 222 4402 (Weekdays, 9am to 5pm, except Wednesdays when we're open from 10am), Outside of office hours (6pm – 3:30am and weekends) – call 0113 376 0337 or reporting this online via Report antisocial behaviour or hate crime - leeds.gov.uk If you've been a victim of crime you should report this to the police on 101, or 999 if it's an emergency.

## **Area updates/Good news stories**

### **Armley**

90. Work still ongoing to the Wortley blocks. It's hoped works should be concluded there by the end of June 2023 (should have been April) including all making good. The remaining two Burnsall blocks in Croft and Grange will now be on GSHP Phase 5. Which will be delivered at the earliest in the next financial year 24/25 due to budget constraints.
91. COL events – Our Cost of Living (COL) events continue to grow from strength to strength! Since our last communities committee update, we have had two success COL events one at Armley helping and one undertaken on 31st May outside Burnsall Gardens. The event held at Armley Helping Hands/Strawberry Lane CC along with Partners was very successful and well received. It was an excellent day and very well attended by the residents of Armley. The community centre arranged some activities for the young, families and elderly residents of Armley, we had an entertainer and a band, the music was loved by all and even some residents got up and had a dance. Kids face painting this was free for the children funded by the community centre all the kids looked fantastic and really enjoyed themselves, Retirement life residents attended and came for their fish and chips and joined in on the event dancing, laughing, and meeting new people. It was such a fantastic day.
92. Housing officers have been submitting referrals to community payback and cleaner neighbourhood teams to help improve our estates visually. One area which had a lot of investment recently which has seen some positive improvements is the Wythers Estate which has received some good feedback.
93. Action Days – it was agreed at the Armley Forum that locals partners and stakeholders will work with Housing to deliver a more actions days this year.
94. Local officers have been looking at ways to improve their estates and have started to complete the capital justification forms for our low-rise buildings to see what works are

possible and how much this will cost. We are currently looking at windows and doors and for the A1f type flats to improve the communal stairwells.

95. External Wall Insulation on the back-to-back properties in Armley. This project has now come to an end as funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was stopped in March this year. In total the scheme should have delivered 246 homes with EWI but only managed to complete 56 in total with a further 12 refusals.

## **Bramley**

96. Bramley have welcomed a new Housing Officer to the team.
97. Multi – agency approach and partnership working with, Police, Adult Social Care, LASBT, Housing and Youth services to help maximise resources into reducing ASB on the Snowden's following reports from residents. Action morning set up for the 8th June to help increase calls to service and for all partners to show presence on the estate to help reduce ASB.
98. Planned works roofing scheme continues to various properties across Bramley.
99. Bramley continue to support residents with the cost-of-living crisis, including supporting via assistance with food banks, fuel vouchers, support referrals and working closely with the HOI for income checks.
100. Ongoing training is being provided to new starters including, ASB, Arrears, Environmental to help improve the level of service provided to customers
101. Cost of living/Action Day to be organised on the Ganners estate to help residents manage with the cost-of-living crises and access support available.

## **Kirkstall**

102. Works ongoing at Queenswood Heights and Court are almost complete – should be finished by the end of W/C 5th June, including intercoms and boxing in of pipework from sprinkler systems.
103. Action day arranged on St. Matthias in June with Cllrs. 2 further action days also to be held on Lea Farms and Hawkswood estate in July.
104. Walkabouts in full swing and many issues that were not picked up due to vacant patches have now been dealt with.
105. Kirkstall/Weetwood had a flying start on ATCI's, with Kirkstall being highest in the city this year so far, which is promising for us to hitting ATCI targets this year.
106. Jack is our next new starter who we are expecting W/C 5th June. Hearing good things about him so looking forward to welcoming him to the team.
107. Housing Officer Income working hard to support tenants in financial hardship to maximise their income, tapping into food parcels and fuel vouchers.

108. Housing attended QTARA meeting and will continue to do so every few months now we have more staff in place on those patches.

### Inner West Housing Advisory Panel

Budget for 2023/24	£44,618.34
Carry Forward from 2022/23	£8,333.34
<b>Total 2023/24 Budget</b>	<b>£52,951.96</b>

Approved Budget Spend 23/24	£6,231.30
<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>£46,720.66</b>

HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount committed by Panel	% Committed
Inner West Total	10	5	£6,231.30	11.77%

### Community Engagement: Social Media

109. **Appendix 2** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook Page.

### Corporate Considerations

### Consultation and Engagement

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

### Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

6. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

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

9. 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.