

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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for consideration

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.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Employment and Skills: Cllr Mahalia France-Mir

Universal Credit

3. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Inner North East Community Committee area is 3,834. This is an increase of 111% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and a decrease of 11 claimants on the previous month.
4. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

| | Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | March 2020 | | October 2023 | | November 2023 | |
| | Number | Rate* | Number | Rate* | Number | Rate* |
| Leeds | 23,631 | 4.5% | 48,825 | 9.4% | 49,108 | 9.4% |
| Inner North East | 1,814 | 4.0% | 3,845 | 8.5% | 3,834 | 8.5% |
| Chapel Allerton | 1,019 | 6.1% | 2,058 | 12.3% | 2,066 | 12.3% |
| Moortown | 355 | 2.5% | 822 | 5.8% | 810 | 5.7% |
| Roundhay | 440 | 3.1% | 965 | 6.7% | 958 | 6.7% |

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

| | Accessing Services | | Into Work | | Improved Skills | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2023/202 | 2022/202 | 2023/202 | 2022/202 | 2023/202 | 2022/202 |
| | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | (Apr – Dec) | (Apr – Dec) | (Apr – Dec) | (Apr – Dec) | (Apr – Dec) | (Apr – Dec) |
| Inner North East | 797 | 1,036 | 174 | 193 | 273 | 320 |
| Chapel Allerton | 443 | 570 | 97 | 100 | 133 | 144 |
| Moortown | 165 | 205 | 34 | 50 | 68 | 75 |
| Roundhay | 189 | 261 | 43 | 43 | 72 | 101 |

During April - December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 797 of whom were residents from the Inner North East.
- Supported 2,457 people into work, 174 of whom were residents from the Inner North East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in construction, health and care including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,975 people to improve their skills, 273 of whom were from the Inner North East.

Leeds Employment Hub

5. A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which 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. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.
6. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Reginald and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Moor Allerton Community Hub on Thursday 9:00 – 17:00.

Community Learning

7. Community Learning provision continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
8. Between April - December 2023, 3,554 people started a community learning course. There were 559 courses delivered at 118 venues, in addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line. In the Inner North East area, there were 18 courses delivered at 6 venues, 296 people had started a course.

For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

9. Employment & Skills had a full Ofsted Inspection from 11th – 14th December 2023. The Community Learning provision was graded Outstanding across all areas, the first Local Authority to achieve the Outstanding judgement since the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF) commenced in September 2019. The inspectors found:
 - That adult learners gain valuable skills, which often transform their lives;
 - They benefit from a highly ambitious curriculum that meets a diverse range of needs across the city, widens participation in learning, improves life chances and develops stronger communities;
 - Subcontractors are carefully selected with expertise in community learning to enable them to meet the needs of specific local communities and groups, and to meet skills priorities;
 - Subcontractors deliver highly effective, bespoke programmes to support the most vulnerable learners to access education.
10. The first event Community Learning Celebration Awards took place on the 18th July 2023 at Leeds Civic Hall. This event celebrated the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embraced their future progression into further/high education, volunteering and/or employment.

Multiply

11. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children.

Delivered Events and Activities

- **School and College Engagement and Delivery** during July – December 2023, delivered 55 activities to a total of 5,660 young people, 596 parents and carers and 129 teachers. This included 48 Apprenticeship Awareness sessions delivered at 27 schools to a total of 3,730 young people, 518 parents and 119 teachers. The sessions were delivered at the following schools in the East of the City:
 - Abbey Grange C of E Academy, Allerton Grange, Allerton High School, Bishop Young Academy, Boston Spa, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Corpus Christi, Mount St Mary's, Roundhay High School, Temple Moor High School Science College, The Temple Learning Academy, Wetherby High, Springwell Academy, Ruth Gorse Academy and Leeds College of Building.
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** 19 Information and Assessment Sessions were delivered from July to December 2023. 197 people engaged in the sessions of whom 82 were referred to pre-employment courses, 23 referred into We Care Academy and 68 were referred for Numeracy and Literacy support via Community Learning.
- **Security Recruitment Event** at the City Centre Community Hub held on the 27th July 2023. Advisors engaged with 53 customers and DWP for a Sector-Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP) Fair on 27th September 2023.
- **Black Young Professionals** event held at the Infinity Works office in Leeds on 6th September 2023, 25 people attended. The team promoted upcoming events and support for finding employment in Leeds, the aim was to encourage a diverse audience to consider digital and creative careers.
- **A tech careers information session** was delivered at Leeds Maximus office on 6th September 2023. This session provided information to 15 employment advisors and team members to let them know about tech career options and entry routes to help support their customer groups into sustainable employment options in the tech sector.
- **Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad 3.0 - Getting Hired in Tech** took place at BJSS office in Leeds City Centre on 20th September 2023. Guest speakers from BJSS, Glean and NHS LTHT joined the session to provide guests with knowledge and tips on getting hired in tech roles. 40 people attended.
- **The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023** took place on 26th September 2023, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at those new to a career in tech and digital. 4,000 attendees were given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available, plus attend interesting talks and demonstration sessions.
- **Virtual Careers Expo (LDCF)** as part of Leeds Digital Careers fair, a virtual careers expo was launched on 26th September until 31st December 2023. This was an immersive platform for young people to access careers and skills information and opportunities in Leeds, with a focus on our emerging sectors. A mini roadshow also took place at 3 higher education venues to showcase the virtual careers expo to students and encourage sign ups, allowing more students access to the emerging sector careers information.
- **Reducing Re-Offending:** Jobs Fair was delivered at HMP Wealstun 28th September 2023. 7 organisations attended with Advisors engaging with 60 prisoners to offer support on their release.
- **SEND Employment** Forum was launched by E&S on 17th October 2023 at the City Museum. 100 people attended and covered:
 - How to help young people with additional support needs take their first step on the career ladder.
 - Pathways to employment, including supported internships.
 - How you can help to build an inclusive workforce across the city.
 - How to sign up for a supported internship.

- **UK University Search Jobs Fair** held at Elland Road on 17th October 2023. 480 young people aged 15-19 attended. Delivered a presentation on benefits of doing an Apprenticeship to approximately 180 of the attendees.
- **Refugee Jobs Fair** held at the Civic Hall on 7th November 2023, 71 refugees and migrants attended, with lots of previous experiences and transferable skills.
- **The BIG Social Care Jobs Fair** was delivered on 15th November 2023 at the Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts. The event was co-ordinated in partnership with We Care Academy and provided information and opportunities for people interested in accessing roles within the care sector. 304 visitors attended. 27 employers provided opportunities offering interviews, collected CVs and distributed applications form. Employers included Children's Residential, private care homes and Adult Social Care. E&S Advisors also provided support, 10 job offers were made on the day.
- **Leeds Creative Skills Festival** returned to the Leeds first direct arena on 20th November 2023 with exhibitors showcasing opportunities in the creative and cultural sector. The event offered the 3,081 visitors a chance to speak to 63 exhibitors including training providers, colleges and universities who offer creative courses; talk to employers; attend interesting speaker sessions to learn about creative careers, skills and pathways; and also offered interactive activities. 9 Leeds schools block booked students and were sent the targeted LCSF23 presentation prior to the event.
- **Jobs Fairs** Community Hubs working in partnership with DWP delivered the following:
 - Youth Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 27th October 2023.
 - Jobs Fair at Kirkgate Market 20th October 2023.
 - Over 50's Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 22nd November 2023.
- **Have a Go Fortnight** as part of the national Lifelong Learning campaign, local partners delivered taster and have a go skills session from 6th November 2023 to 17th November 2023. The focus was on digital and other priority sector skills as part of the fortnight of activities, aiming to encourage adults to undertake further learning to help progress their career. 4 skills taster sessions took place with 26 people attending the in-person and on-line sessions.
- **EME (Elected Home Educated) Community Forum** held on 23rd November 2023 at Civic Hall, attended by parents/carers and young people to gain a better understanding of various opportunities available to them in Leeds. Offered support and guidance for post 16 options through E&S.

Planned Events and Activities

- **Careers in Catering** recruitment information and interview sessions planned for 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support promotion of kitchen assistant posts in schools across the city.
- **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** will take place on 5th February 2024. Visitors can find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers. Over 100 organisations have booked stands to exhibit at the event and approximately 6,000 visitors are expected on the day.
- **Smart Works Jobs Fair** at Leeds Beckett University Students' Union planned for 8th February 2024. This event will provide information on vacancies, Apprenticeships and supported internships to all attendees.
- **Migrant Access Project** 8 week facilitated training programme for migrants new to Leeds, starting January 2024. The advisors will attend the event taking place on 9th February 2024 at Compton Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services.
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** fortnightly Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health

and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner and Administrative roles. Additional Community Learning provision will also be in place.

- **Reducing Re-Offending** a planned pilot to offer support to prisoners due to be released into Leeds from HMP Wealstun will be offered early in the new year. Advisors will establish contact with the identified group prior to release to enable support in accessing employment and training opportunities when resettled.
- **Digital skills bootcamps with UA92 and Microsoft** on-line and Tech North training centre. Working with UA92 and Microsoft to support 2 digital skills bootcamps to be delivered to Leeds residents, to upskill them in areas of Cloud and Data. On completion of the 10-week bootcamp, graduates will be supported to gain employment in the tech sector.

Employer Engagement

12. Within the last year the Service has supported 385 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

13. E&S provides a school brokerage service 32 businesses provided activities to approximately 1,680 young people at 6 events. The events included a careers fair, 4 mock interview sessions and an employability session.

14. A Business Sustainability Event was delivered on How to Build a Greener Future, in partnership with Leeds Beckett University and West Yorkshire Combined Authority E&S delivered the first Business Sustainability Breakfast Event in Leeds with over 20 businesses signing up to attend. Guest business speakers included Dawn O'Keefe, Co- founder and Director at Shine and Janice Dye, HR Manager at C-Capture shared their green journey experiences to date and plans for the future. Businesses attending the event found out about a range of support options available:

- Measuring their environmental impact, understanding how climate change might affect their operations and taking steps expertise to enhance their business. to improve energy efficiency or flood resilience measures.
- Ensuring they attract, develop and retain a greener, healthier and inclusive workforce.
- Accessing research and academic expertise to enhance their business.

15. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 5,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

16. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds

X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds

Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit:

employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

Community Committee Health and Wellbeing Report

Winter Messaging

17. Whilst exposure to cold weather can affect anyone, some people are particularly at risk.

A reminder of the key messages:

- check on family, friends and neighbours who are at higher risk of becoming unwell.
- Check the weather forecast and the news.
- Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine.
- Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home.
- Heat the rooms you spend most time in, to 18°C if you can.
- Keep bedroom windows closed.
- Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing.
- If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and Covid.
- Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

Cost of living support

18. The Leeds City Council Cost of Living page signposts to support and advice on everything from welcome spaces to seasonal health advice.

Flu and Covid update

19. Recent data from UKHSA shows that Covid rates have begun to decrease. It is still possible to book flu and Covid vaccinations at local NHS vaccination services, such as pharmacies or walk-in sites.

20. Everyone aged 65 and over, pregnant women, and individuals with certain long-term health conditions are eligible for free flu and Covid vaccines. Vaccine uptake amongst pregnant women is particularly low and they are encouraged to book their vaccines.
21. The Covid vaccination programme closes on 31 January. The flu vaccination programme closes on 31 March.

Norovirus

22. Rates of norovirus are rising. It is important to remind people that if they have been sick with vomiting and diarrhoea, they should avoid visiting hospitals and care homes, and not return to work or school, until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped. Hand gels do not kill norovirus, so handwashing with soap and warm water is best.

Health Effects of Climate Change report

23. UKHSA has published the fourth Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK report which provides evidence, analysis and recommendations based on climate change projections.

Home Energy Help

24. A home upgrade grant scheme has been launched. Leeds City Council is giving upgrades to homeowners, renters and landlords that don't have gas central heating. Eligible homeowners will receive upgrades free of charge. Eligible landlords will receive a two-thirds discount on upgrades. A new web page has also launched, giving advice on making your home more energy efficient.

Further information by phoning 0800 1977755.

Asset Based Community Development

25. Since its launch in 2013, a key aim of Leeds City Council's Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) programme has been to shift power back into the hands of local communities and residents and provide them with the support and tools they need to make meaningful change in the areas they live.
26. A special event held last October to mark the programme's 10-year anniversary provided over 150 attendees, including partners and stakeholders, with the opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved through ABCD in Leeds but to also look to the future.

Rising cases of measles

27. Cases of measles are rising, particularly amongst teenagers, young people and unvaccinated / under vaccinated communities. Measles is very infectious and can spread rapidly if people have not had at least one dose of the MMR vaccine.

The MMR vaccine is available free on the NHS whatever the person's age.

Training and Development

Want to know more about... Communities of belonging around alcohol 22 February, 11.00am to 12.30pm

28. This session will focus on recent research into the notion of 'a community of belonging' around alcohol. The research explores how belonging may contribute to more, or less drinking, in these communities, and the possibilities for behaviour change within a community of belonging.

This webinar is suitable for anyone who works in alcohol related services and harm reduction or is involved in promoting community wellbeing.

Want to know more about... Just one more 14 March, 2.00 to 3.00pm

29. This campaign aims to encourage people to increase their vegetable intake by "just one more" portion per day.
30. The webinar is suitable for anyone who promotes healthier eating as part of their role including early years, schools, healthy holiday providers, youth clubs, workplaces, and community groups working with all ages.

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

LASBT EAST

| | | % Change on previous month |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Current East Caseload | 141 | -15% |
| Cases Open in last Month | 14 | -66% |
| Closed Cases in last Month | 59 | - 20% |
| % of active citywide caseload | 30% | - 4% |

Current Cases in Inner North East = 18

Cases Opened in the last 3 months by ward

Chapel Allerton = 8 of which 2 x Noise, 5 x ASB, 1 x Hate

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

Roundhay = 4 of which 1 x Noise, 3 x ASB

Key issues:

31. Problem solving group established to pick up issues in and around Roundhay Park (Police, LASBT & Parks – feeding back to residents) on the back of the ASB review. Plans in place with LASBT, Police, Parks & Highways to prevent a recurrence of the issues of Spring/Summer 2023
32. 2 x Premises Closure Orders granted in the last quarter in Beckhill Fold and Harehills Avenue to give neighbours respite, have been extended for a further 3 months pending full possession proceedings.

Leeds HAP Panel

Engagement/Involvement

33. Putting together a stakeholder map/spreadsheet covering all three wards that the Tenant Engagement Officer will be able to share with ward members once completed.
34. Organised a planting plan through parks service for a community orchard at the Brackenwoods that REAP can follow.
35. Approved HAP projects since last INE Community Committee meeting:
 - New bin store for block 540 – 554 Stonegate Road, awaiting LEDA minutes.
 - 1st Meanwood Guides group storage solution, grant awarded.
36. HAP bids in the Pipeline:
 - Bench at Stainbeck Lane outside of Police station to replace the existing that is now unsafe.
 - Foundations Youth Development Project
 - Bk Newton Rd gate
 - Removal of recycling point at Beckhills and returned to grassed area.

Neighbourhood Centres Update

37. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator (NCC) walked around Chapel Allerton shopping area in January to see what units were vacant and the general wellbeing of the businesses. The ones NCC spoke with said sales in the build-up to Christmas had provided enough income to keep trading but below hoped-for spend – especially on luxury (not needed) items and hospitality.
38. In lower income areas such as Chapeltown Road, cost of living and constant national media messages and supermarket publicity about how unaffordable everything is was a real game-changer meaning sales went up in the big supermarket chains and down in many smaller businesses. But in other parts of the city and the other wards of Inner North East the media and publicity drawing shoppers to other areas played a part but the poor weather (Storms Ciaran, Debbi Pia, Elin, Fergus, Gerrit etc) is seen as the greatest reason for sporadic spend in the

district centres during the Golden Quarter. Between the storms sales were acceptable shops told the NCC.

39. Business rate increases in April 2024 will adversely affect many of the larger premises, but exemptions are available for smaller ones excluding financial, medical and professional services, properties not reasonably accessible to visiting members of the public and Post Office sorting offices. There were 4 vacant units seen when visiting Chapel Allerton in January 2024 and similarly 4 in 2020.
40. Since the last vacancy levels were undertaken by the NCC, Italian restaurant Pannecotta has taken over a prominent unit in Moortown Corner and the former newsagents has closed meaning while vacancies remain at 1 of the 51 units, a large unit has been occupied in a prominent location.
41. The Council's Transport Strategy team is commissioning a feasibility study in the Oakwood and Roundhay area to look at possible ways to improve connectivity for people walking and cycling and strengthen linkages with Roundhay Park. At this point there are no proposals for the area, but they hope some will emerge following the study.
42. Details of drop in events on 24th and 26th January were included in the NCC's weekly Update to businesses in the area. The strategy team emphasised they would very much like to understand from the outset the views and aspirations of local businesses and other stakeholders, gather their input and help develop and shape any potential future proposals involving the local high street.

Meanwood Walking Festival

43. As part of Meanwood Walking Festival green fingered volunteers from Meanwood Valley Partnership, along with community members and local ward councillors carried out a litter pick in their area. After the litter pick craft activity was on offer and hot soup was provided to keep people warm. Cllr Mohammed Shahzad/Cllr Sharon Hamilton (Cllr Moortown Ward) jointly said, "The council carries out street cleaning work every day in towns and villages, on road verges, in parks and housing areas, the efforts of community groups/residents organising community litter picks makes a real contribution to keeping our communities clean and tidy for everyone."



Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

45. 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

46. 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

47. 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

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

Risk Management

49. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

52. 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.