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Report to: Outer South Community Committee

Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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

# **Purpose of report**

- 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:

## Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

3. The Outer South Youth Summit took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in Morley Town Hall. There was 100 young people in attendance from 14 schools all across the Outer South. Teachers and students were welcomed to the event by the Children and Families Champion, Cllr Wyn Kidger and went on to do a Democracy Workshop, learn about democracy and how they can get involved from the Voice and Influence Team. They also heard from the 2 Morley Children's Mayor candidates and learnt all about the process. They then went on to a Carousel of Activities which included: Local Councillors Question time, visit to the Mayor's Parlour and Council chamber with the Town Mayor, Heritage Tour of Morley Town Hall and Lunch. In the

afternoon the came back to a YAF Consultation Workshop and the day ended with all young people getting a certificate of attendance.

# Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South – January 2024

# Introduction

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

#### **Environment: Cllr Andrew Hutchison**

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

- 5. Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) officers are working a mixture of remote, community work and office based. ASB Drop in sessions have been set up across the ward areas.
- 6. 32 Cases across the ward areas (decrease of 23)
- 7. Current open cases:
  - Ardsley & Robin Hood = 11 (decrease of 6)
  - Rothwell 5 (decrease of 9)
  - Morley North = 5 (decrease of 2)
  - Morley South = 11(decrease of 6)

Туре	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Rothwell	Morley North	Morley South
Assault	0	0	0	0
Noise	2	0	2	2
Hate	0	1	0	2
Threats	3	2	1	2
Litter	0	0	0	0
<b>Youth Nuisance</b>	0	1	0	1
Criminality	1	0	0	0
Rowdy	3	0	1	2
Verbal	0	0	1	1
Nuisance	1	0	0	0
<b>Drug/Substance</b>	0	0	0	
Domestic	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	1	0	0

# **Ardsley & Robin Hood**

- 8. The next Rothwell/ Ardsley and Robin Hood ASB drop in session is on the 21/2/24 @ 11am at Rothwell Hub.
- 9. ASBI warning served on a youth for threatening behaviour.

# **Morley North**

10. ASB Drop in sessions are held the 3rd Thursday of every month as Morley Hub. LASBT have one property in Morley North that officers are considering a Partial Closure due to potential cuckooing.

# **Morley South**

- 11.A Housing Caution has been served for threats towards a neighbour. ASBI Warning and Tenancy action for young person causing ASB in the locality of their council property.
- 12. There are no specific trends although ASB involving young people has been a frequent issue over all ward areas.

#### Rothwell

13. Youth nuisance being reported at Morrisons, Police trying to obtain CCTV to identify people involved. ASBI warning and tenancy warning served in relation to a hate incident involving a youth. ASBI warning and Housing Caution served in relation to youth involved in asb in Rothwell Centre.

# **Police Update**

# 14. Ardsley and Robin Hood

	December Crime	January Crime
Burglary	6	3
Robbery	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	8
Hate crime	1	1
Hate incident	3	1

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	Rei 0
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	4
FOREST RIDGE	
FOREST RIDGE	
MEADOW SIDE RD	
PAWSON ST	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	6
BRADFORD RD	
CEMETERY LN	
EASTLEIGH DR	
HAIGH MOOR RD	
LEEDS RD	
NORTHFIELD AVE	
YOUTH RELATED	4
CASSON AVE	
FORRESTER CT	
HAIGH MOOR RD	
NORTHFIELD PL	
Grand Total	14

# Ward Area - East Ardsley and Robin Hood updated on 17th November 2023

- 16. Covering the area of East Ardsley, West Ardsley, Tingley, Thorpe, Lofthouse and Robin hood.
- 17. Lead Area Sergeant PS 3486 Hinchcliffe
- 18. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1093 Osborne
- 19. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and nuisance motorbike usage around the Northfields estate in Carlton. This also overlaps into Rothwell with bikes crossing into the manor estate using the Rothwell Greenway.
- 20. Asb related crime in and around Tingley

#### **Updates from November Priorities**

21.NPT have targeted several youths in Tingley who are currently pending court action for the offences they have been charged with. Officers have also worked with Leeds anti-social behaviour team and youth offending who are working with these youths and others to attempt to prevent and deter this offending.

22. NPT continue to pay regular attention to the area in order to - deter anti-social behaviour. Officers are targeting those they find to be involved, and will work with the offroad bike team and Leeds anti-social behaviour team to target this behaviour

# 23. Morley North

	December Crime	January Crime
Burglary	7	1
Robbery	1	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	12
Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	5
Hate crime	1	2
Hate incident	4	3

#### 24.**ASB**

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	2
KINGSWAY	
KINGSWAY	
ALCOHOL RELATED	1
CHAPEL HILL	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	1
STATION RD	
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
A650	
A58	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	0
YOUTH RELATED	7
DEWSBURY RD	
ELLAND RD	
GELDERD RD	
VICTORIA AVE	
VICTORIA RD	
VICTORIA RD	
WHITE ROSE SHOPPING CTR	
Grand Total	13

- 25. Ward Area Morley North updated on 16th of January 2024
- 26. Covering the areas of Drighlington, Churwell and Gildersome.
- 27. Lead Area Sergeant: PS 3147 Duncan
- 28. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3300 Sheldon
- 29. To target youth-related anti-social behaviour throughout Morley North. NPY will increase high visibility patrols across the raised and identified locations, to identify young people involved. Officers will work closely with partners in Youth Service Provisions, to engage with young people, to direct them into available diversionary activities. In addition, NPT will liaise with Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to review and act against those repeatedly involved in anti-social behaviour.

- 30. To proactively address reports of drugs supply across the Morley North and take positive enforcement actions. Officers will conduct targeted patrols to gather intelligence, and disrupt offenders involved in the supply of drugs. NPT will seek to obtain warrants and bring offenders involved in the supply of drugs to justice.
- 31. To promote Road Safety relating to the anti-social use of cars and motor bikes in the area. This will be done by Conducting Road Safety Operations with partners at Operational Support and DVLA and VOSA using legislation to tackle Anti-social driving.
- 32. To prevent and deter theft of motor vehicles in the area. Due to recent increase in theft of motor vehicles special attention is being paid in identifying and targeting known offenders, whilst also paying regular passing attention to known hotspots.
- 33. Regular patrols are conducted in the area, however if you do see any ongoing ASB/criminality please do contact the police via 999/101 or through a web report and NPT can deal with it positively.

# 34. Morley South

	December Crime	January Crime
Burglary	10	3
Robbery	1	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	10
Hate crime	5	3
Hate incident	2	1

#### 35.**ASB**

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
HIGH ST	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	2
BRITANNIA RD	
TINGLEY CR	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
KING ST	
MIDDLETON RD	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	5
ALBERT DR	
SCATCHERD GR	
SCOTCHMAN LN	
SIEGEN CL	
WEST ST	
YOUTH RELATED	14
ALBERT DR	

ALBION ST	
KINGFISHER MWS	
MAGPIE LN	
MIDDLETON RD	
MILLBECK APPR	
MILLBECK APPR	
PEEL ST	
QUEEN ST	
QUEEN ST	
WESTERTON RD	
WIDE LANE/WHITE ROSE PUB	
WIDE LN	
WIDE LN	
Grand Total	24

# 36. Rothwell

	December Crime	January Crime
Burglary	9	10
Robbery	0	1
Theft from Motor	4	5
Vehicle		
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	7
Hate crime	2	0
Hate incident	0	0

# 37.**ASB**

Row Labels	Count of
	Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	0
ALCOHOL	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	0
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	4
BULLOUGH LN	
JAILYARD PARADE	
MANOR CR	
THE LOCKS	
YOUTH RELATED	4
COMMERCIAL ST	
HOLMSLEY FIELD LN	
INGRAM PDE	
JAIL YARD PDE	
Grand Total	8

- 38. Ward Area Rothwell updated on 3rd December 2023
- 39. Covering the areas of Rothwell, Oulton and Woodlesford
- 40. Lead Area Sergeant: PS 3486 Hinchcliffe
- 41. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1600 Bhachu
- 42. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial Street, Rothwell, the town centre. NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.
- 43. ASB on off road and other motor bikes along the Rothwell Greenway, links to issues on the Northfields estate on the Ardsley Rothwell boarder.

# **Updates October Priorities**

- 44. NPT have very much focused our attention of this problem some suspects have been dealt with at court for different offences and officers have seized several bikes. Leeds off road bike unit is aware of the issues and heading to our area more often
- 45. NPT have recently used dispersal order legislation to prevent and deter asb in the town centre there has been a decline in this behaviour and the team continue to work to reduce it and will re-use the legislation available if needed.
- 46. NPT are working with stores and partners to identify the youths involved in asb in the town centre, some have already been given community resolutions and ASB warnings by ASB team. The team are continuing this work.
- 47. Recent collaboration on an operation with the Off Road Bike Team at Rothwell Country Park lead to the seizure of several off road bikes and a 4x4 vehicle for antisocial vehicle usage.

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

48. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Outer South Community Committee area is 3,555. This is an increase of 112% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and an increase of 7 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2023		November 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	48,825	9.4%	49,108	9.4%
Outer South	1,678	3.0%	3,548	6.4%	3,555	6.4%
Ardsley & Robin Hood	403	2.8%	893	6.1%	896	6.1%
Morley North	409	2.9%	780	5.6%	790	5.7%
Morley South	500	3.4%	1,055	7.3%	1,050	7.2%
Rothwell	366	3.0%	820	6.8%	819	6.8%

<sup>\*</sup>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**

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

	Accessing	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024 (Apr – Sep)	2022/2023 (Apr – Sep)	2023/2024 (Apr – Sep)	2022/2023 (Apr – Sep)	2023/2024 (Apr – Sep)	2022/2023 (Apr – Sep)	
Outer South	425	514	130	112	145	151	
Ardsley & Robin Hood	64	79	32	13	22	20	
Morley North	109	138	18	26	36	39	
Morley South	163	209	48	45	46	72	
Rothwell	89	88	32	28	41	20	

- 51. The During April December 2023
  - 9,799 people accessed the Service, 425 of whom were residents from the Outer South.
  - Supported 2,457 people into work, 130 of whom were residents from the Outer South. 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, 145 of whom were from the Outer South.

#### **Leeds Employment Hub**

- 52. A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Job shops 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.
- 53. All Job shops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Dewsbury Road, Hunslet and City Centre Community Hubs and St Georges Centre.

# **Community Learning**

- 54. 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.
- 55. 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 Outer South area, there were 14 courses delivered at one venue, and 161 people started a course.
- 56. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk
- 57. 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.

#### 58. The inspectors found:

- 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.
- 59. 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**

60. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult math's support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their math's 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**

- 61. 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 South of the City:
  - Bruntcliffe Academy,
  - Cockburn Academy,
  - John Charles Academy
  - Morley Academy,
  - Oulton Academy,
  - Stephen Longfellow Academy,
  - Ruth Gorse Academy,
  - Leeds College of Building,
  - Springwell Academy
- 62. Morley Town Deal Jobs Fair took place on 5th October 2023 at Morley Town Hall. The event provided information to the local community in Morley about current and future job vacancies, support with job applications and interview skills. 20 employers attended. The event was well received from the 278 visitors.
- 63. 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.
- 64. 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.
- 65. 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.
- 66. 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.
- 67. 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.

- 68. 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.
- 69. 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.
- 70. 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.
- 71. 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
- 72. 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.
- 73. 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.
- 74. The BIG Social Care Jobs Fair was delivered on 15th November 2023 at the Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts. The event was coordinated 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.
- 75. 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.

76. 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.
- 77. Have a Go Fortnight as part of the national Lifelong Learning campaign, local partners delivered taster and have a go skills sessions 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.
- 78. 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.
- 79. Migrant Access Project 8 week facilitated training programme for 14 migrants new to Leeds. The event took place at Dewsbury Road Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services which included DWP, West Yorkshire Police (WYP), Prevent and Employment and Skills (E&S).

#### **Planned Events and Activities**

- 80. Growing Talent Morley is a programme of engagement with schools and children which will embed the benefits of the Morley Town Deal in the town. Together with Ahead partnership planning to support young people to engage with the themes, activities and outcomes of the Town Investment Plan and enhancing awareness and interest in digital skills and careers linked to job opportunities in and around Morley.
- 81. 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.
- 82. Social Care Recruitment Events, in partnership with We Care Academy, will take place at Vale Circles, Beeston on 19th January 2024 and East Recovery Hub, Seacroft on 24th January 2024. The events will support the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city. Advisors will be attending to support delivery.
- 83. 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.

- 84. 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.
- 85. 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.
- 86. 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.
- 87. 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.
- 88. 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**

- 89. 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.
- 90. 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.
- 91. 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 Jannice 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:

- 92. Measuring their environmental impact, understanding how climate change might affect their operations and taking steps to improve energy efficiency or flood resilience measures.
- 93. Ensuring they attract, develop and retain a greener, healthier and inclusive workforce.
- 94. Accessing research and academic expertise to enhance their business.
- 95. 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

#### **Further Information**

- 96. 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:
  - www.linktr.ee/eandsleeds
  - Facebook: www.facebook.com/eandsleeds
  - X (Twitter): <u>www.twitter.com/eandsleeds</u>
  - Instagram: www.instagram.com/eandsleeds
  - LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/
  - YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills
- 97. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds">www.bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds</a>
- 98. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <a href="https://www.employmentskillsleeds.co.uk">www.employmentskillsleeds.co.uk</a>

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Stewart Golton

**Public Health Update** 

Health and Wellbeing update November 2023

# **Heating on Prescription**

99. Public Health Localities and Primary care have been successful in securing funding from Household Support Fund 4 to redeliver the Heating on Prescription scheme in primary and secondary care. The overarching aim of the scheme is to ensure that

those most clinically at risk of ill health due to cold are able to stay well and warm at home this winter. The scheme is being delivered by third sector organisation Care & Repair, in partnership with Green Doctors and will be available until 31st March 2024. Heating on Prescription provides eligible patients financial assistance towards paying energy bills and practical solutions to reduce energy costs and tackle the causes of heat loss, damp and mould. Patients will also be supported with onward referrals to other organisations for additional support if needed. Referral pathways have been inbuilt into Primary and Secondary Care clinical systems to support a quick and efficient referral process and over the coming months, public health will be working with PCNs to raise awareness of the scheme at upcoming flu clinics.

100. For more information please contact: <a href="mailto:Jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk">Jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk</a>

## 101. Winter wellbeing

- 102. Whilst exposure to cold weather can affect anyone, some people are particularly at risk.
- 103. 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
- 104. A winter comms toolkit is available which includes public and workforce facing copy and assets for social media, bulletins etc. The toolkit is available here:

  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Telo0yUILBkwVa2AYQ1gFF2fELngUvli">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Telo0yUILBkwVa2AYQ1gFF2fELngUvli</a>

# **Cost of living support**

- 105. The Leeds City Council Cost of Living page signposts to support and advice on everything from welcome spaces to seasonal health advice.
- 106. You can find out more here: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living

#### Flu and Covid update

107. Recent data from UKHSA shows that flu rates have continued to increase and Covid rates have stabilised, following recent decreases.

- 108. The Covid vaccination programme has now ended. The flu vaccination programme closes on 31 March.
- 109. There is further information about seasonal vaccinations and winter health here: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/?wt.mc">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/?wt.mc</a> id=eva1 222 Wintervaccination lettersQR
- 110. There is further information about the flu vaccine here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/

#### Measles

- 111. There is an increase in cases of measles, with outbreaks in the West Midlands and London. Further outbreaks will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake.
- 112. You can read more here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/latest-measles-statistics-published">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/latest-measles-statistics-published</a>
- 113. HIV: launch of community grants programme
- 114. National HIV testing week started on 5 February and encourages people to take advantage of free, quick, confidential tests, which are available across Leeds as well as ordering online tests, available here: <a href="https://freetesting.hiv/">https://freetesting.hiv/</a>
- 115. A community grants programme has been launched to support communities and residents living with HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis as the city marks one year on from becoming a global fast-track city.
- 116. Information about the grants programme is available here:
   <a href="https://thebha.org.uk/current-activities/fast-track-cities-leeds-community-grants/">https://thebha.org.uk/current-activities/fast-track-cities-leeds-community-grants/</a>

#### 117. Training and Development

- 118. Want to know more about... Just one more 14th March, 2.00 to 3.00pm
- 119. This campaign aims to encourage people to increase their vegetable intake by "just one more" portion per day.
- 120. 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.
- 121. You can find out more and book online here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-the-just-one-more-campaign-tickets-796044449377">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-the-just-one-more-campaign-tickets-796044449377</a>

- 122. Want to know more about... Suicide prevention and unpaid carers 21 March, 11.30am to 1.00pm
- 123. Suicide is a complex and devastating event and leaves lasting impacts on families, friends and entire communities. Many factors can contribute to suicide including poor mental health, social isolation, economic pressures, relationship breakdowns and more. In this webinar you will hear the latest evidence on suicide risk in unpaid carers and explore the factors that put carers at risk. Drawing on the lived experience of carers, and recent deaths by homicide-suicide, the webinar will also consider steps that local authorities, third sector organisations and health and social care professionals can take to identify and support at-risk carers. The session is suitable for anyone who works with carers in Leeds or anyone who is interested in suicide prevention.
- 124. You can find out more and book online here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-aboutsuicide-prevention-and-unpaid-carers-tickets-809114833247">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-aboutsuicide-prevention-and-unpaid-carers-tickets-809114833247</a>

# **Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Bob Gettings**

125. The Outer South Community Centre Sub Group met at Morley Town Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 they had an update from the Morley Town Deal team on the work that is commencing at Morley Town Hall, Facilities Management was in attendance, and they set the date for the next 3 meetings.

### **Morley Town Deal**

- 126. Work has been completed on the RIBA Stage 2 package, constituting the developed 'concept design', and summarised in a written end stage report produced by the architectural team. Development has progressed during this period and the scheme proposed, whilst representative of current levels of information and development, is in-line with expectations. The design has responded well to the demands of the building, specifically the Grade I listing, and delivers on the objectives required by the Town Deal funding, namely; creation of a café and interval bar, accessibility improvements including a new accessible entrance, environmental and technical upgrades to the Alexandra Hall, and consequential fire safety upgrades. Whilst the level of risk is high this is being mitigated by additional development of the proposals, further survey results and provision of greater clarity on end product requirements. As such it is anticipated to significantly reduce as knowledge of the building increases and further work is completed to refine and focus the design in the next stage.
- 127. Following a full review of the architectural and technical submission by the project management team approval is being sought from the LCC Town Deal Programme Board, scheduled for the 7th March, to accept the 'Gateway 2' package and move into the 'Gateway 3' period. This next development period will include further design development up to and including the submission of listed building consents and planning approval.

- 128. In the interim, the following core actions have been progressed;
  - a) Additional consultation with statutory bodies on the specifics of the RIBA 2 findings and key design concerns going into RIBA 3. This has included, but not exclusive to, access, conservations, fire safety, designing out crime, events etc. Points raised in these consultations will be addressed as the design work progressed.
  - b) Completion / scheduling of additional survey data, required to inform the RIBA Stage 3 work package and reduce overall design risk evident in the current proposals. This has included, but not exclusive to; drone survey to the Town Hall roof, surveys to the chandelier winches, package of extensive electrical surveys, design specific structural surveys etc.
  - c) Package of additional consultation is being compiled with a view to undertaking in the 'Gateway 3' period, and prior to the culmination of RIBA Stage 3 and submission of the planning applications.
  - d) Procurement of supplementary professional services consultancy packages required to input into the RIBA Stage 3 work package, including heritage expertise and interior design.
  - e) Proposals are being developed to manage the decant and process, required as consequence of implementation of the proposals. Construction work is targeting a January 2025 start, as such all internal moves will be complete prior to this, and all lettings of the Halls will cease during the works. The latter point has been coordinated with LCC Lettings and is reflective of their approach to bookings in the next period.

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

- 129. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter is produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.
- 130. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page.

# **Community Hubs and Libraries Update**

#### Ardsley & Tingley Library

#### Activities/Events (Dec 23 to Feb 24)

131. Santa Story Time – 13th December – The library had a special visit from Santa on 20th December, where Santa visited the Hub to sing and hand out presents to the local children. The event was well attended with 12 children and 7 adults attending

- 132. Mrs Claus Story Time 20th December Christmas songs and stories for children, 4 adults and 4 children attended
- 133. Northern Opera Presents: The Book of Eternity 15th February 1.30 till 2.30. An interactive musical adventure featuring detectives trying to track down clues within the library to find the rare and mysterious 'Book of Eternity'. Children and families attending look to find the culprit before the end of the show! This unique performance was written by acclaimed children's author Claire Povey and produced by the Northern Opera Group. A pay-what-you-decide family-friendly event suitable for children aged 8 to 12. All children were accompanied by an adult.

# **Upcoming Activities**

134. East Ardsley Primary School will be following up on their Library Skills sessions by doing their own regular facilitated trips to the library throughout the end of February and also March on Wednesday afternoons.

#### Regular activities

- 135. Lego Club Builds Starting Monday 22nd January 3.30-4.30pm then continuing monthly on the fourth Monday of the month. Free Library led event for the under 5's that is term time only.
- 136. Coffee afternoon Every Monday 2pm to 4pm free warm drink and biscuits for all ages to have a chat and engage in company
- 137. Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- 138. Digital drop in sessions 8th & 22nd January 11am till 12pm, the sessions are being promoted and trialled to see if there is an interest from the community in this support. The aim of the sessions is to help people use their tablets, smartphones or computers to try something new, say hello and get tech savvy. Librarians help people learn how their device can help them improve their health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save money. This a free drop in event with no booking required.

# Gildersome Library

# **Activities/Events**

139. Remaking Midwinter Event – 3rd January - 2.15pm to 4.15pm - Library led upcycling, free event for all children to use their cardboard and wrapping paper left over from Christmas for crafting activity

# **Morley Community Hub & Library**

# Activities/Events (Dec 23 to Feb 24)

- 140. Santa Story Time 12th December The hub and Library had a special visit from Santa, where Santa visited the Hub to sing and hand out presents to the local children. The event was well attended with 26 children and 20 adults attending.
- 141. Making your flesh crawl! Reading and writing ghost stories event 17th January at 6.30. Library led event in conjunction with the British Library and 'Knowledge led events', using the Victorian ghost story as a basis, this session in our fantasy season introduced some of the key facets of the ghost story genre with the aim of helping those attending to begin their own creepy tales!
- 142. Readers of the Lost Book Half term event, 12th February, 11am till 12.30pm for 7 to 11 year olds. The Lost Book Its legend is like no other, which had gone missing there is a large gap in the shelves that needed filling. Was up to the kids attending to create a new book made up of comic-book creations, poetry, mythical Lego beasts, and much, much more. Free Lost Book activity pack provided.

## **Upcoming Activities**

- 143. School visits Bruntcliffe School, Years 8 and 9 Monday 11th March, 1pm-2.45pm for an introductory library session.
- 144. Plant & Seed Swap Edible Morley Saturday 16th March times TBC

# Regular activities ongoing

- 145. Lego Club: Build a love of books events Free Library led event for the over 5's. Runs every third Saturday of the month 11am-12pm with the exception of school holidays
- 146. Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Tuesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- 147. Money Buddies drop in every Thursday morning 9am till 12pm. 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.
- 148. Morley Book Club Every third Thursday of the month from 2pm.
- 149. Chatty Café Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Members of the public can pop in, meet other customers and sit for a drink at our chat and natter table
- 150. Councillor Surgery First Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12pm.

151. New Anti-Social Behaviour Drop in 1pm – 3pm every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Drop in that allows members of the local community

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

- 152. The Hub & Library has undergone a mini refurb recently with new shelving in the main library area as well as the Douglas Barlow Room. The new shelving (and also a lick of paint!), has really given the Hub & Library a clean new look which utilises the space much better, as you can see in the attached pictures. Staff have been receiving some very positive feedback from customers with regards to the mini refurb. Here is a selection of some of these comments below:
  - I really like what you have done to the Library, I am glad it isn't closing.
  - It looks a lot bigger and a more welcoming space.
  - We really like that the children's area, it is bigger.
  - A nice place to sit and study.
  - All people who attended story time commented on better use of space.

#### Activities/Events (Dec 23 to Feb 24)

- 153. Lego Builds Event 12th December, 3.30pm till 4.30pm. Library led event, children were supported to construct yuletide books or create dainty decorations that can be clipped to a Christmas tree using a limited number of bricks. Sleigh ride library Lego building for kids under 5.
- 154. Northern Dreaming Storytelling event 19th December, 2pm till 3pm. Magical storytelling session of the first part of the Leeds 2023 Northern Dreaming book, aimed at children ages 0 7 years old and their families. The Storyteller brought 5 short stories and poems to life in a performance designed to captivate the youngest of audiences.
- 155. Santa Story Time 20th December the library had a special visit from Santa on 20th December, where Santa visited the Hub to sing and hand out presents to the local children. The event was well attended with 26 children and 22 adults attending.
- 156. Remaking Mid-Winter 4th January 11am till 1pm Library led upcycling, free event for all children to use their cardboard and wrapping paper left over from Christmas for crafting activity.
- 157. Readers of the Lost Book Half term event, 13th February, 11am till 12.30pm for 7 to 11 year olds. The Lost Book Its legend is like no other, which had gone missing there is a large gap in the shelves that needed filling. Was up to the kids attending to create a new book made up of comic-book creations, poetry, mythical Lego beasts, and much, much more. Free Lost Book activity pack provided.

# **Upcoming Events**

158. Leeds Fostering Services Pop up – 21st February 10am till 4pm

159. Anti-Social Behaviour Drop in – 21st February, 11am till 1pm. Drop in that allows members of the local community to speak to an Anti-Social Behaviour Case Officer about any issues or concerns in their neighbourhood

# **Regular Activities ongoing**

- 160. 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+
- 161. Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue and are still taking place every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- 162. Spanish Classes Every Wednesday evening 7pm till 8pm
- 163. Leeds South & East Foodbank service from Rothwell Fire station offering food parcels to individuals and families in need and officers are now able to refer into this service from the Community Hub and Library.
- 164. South Leeds Archaeological Group Once a month, Thursday evening 7pm till 10pm
- 165. Code Club From the New Year now running fortnightly from Tuesday 9th January-Tuesday 19th March, 3.30pm 4.30pm. Library led event where children will discover our easy-to-follow projects which will help them learn a variety of coding languages by making games, robots, animations and websites in a supportive environment. Code Club is a global network for families and are suitable for ages 9-13, to be accompanied by an adult.
- 166. Digital drop in sessions From the New Year there will be 2 sessions every month, the first and the third Wednesday of the month starting on Wednesday 17th January 1-2pm. The aim of the sessions is to help people use their tablets, smartphones or computers to try something new, say hello and get tech savvy. Librarians help people learn how their device can help them improve their health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save money. This a free drop in event with no booking required.
- 167.\* To note, an opening hours review is currently taking place across all Community Hubs & Libraries. The public consultation on this has taken place from December 2023 and closed on the 12th February 2024.

# **Housing Leeds Community Committee Update February 2024**

# **Morley Housing Report - Estate Management**

#### Walkabouts

168. Walkabouts are well underway across the area which officers are now doing twice a year instead of four. 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. Current walkabouts for Morley are due in Jan February time

# **Community Payback**

169. 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 where large overgrowth of vegetation. Referrals have been put in for work on the Asquiths and Nepshaws to carry out a vegetation clearance on the old garage site as well as some general encroachment and litter picking.

# **Income Collection**

- 170. Positive reduction in arrears in Morley which has resulted in us being 7th in the city this week for rent collection. Focus remains on supporting our tenants through the cost-of-living crisis. British gas recently allocated a pot of £200k to housing to distribute to tenants in financial hardship, Morley have managed to fully allocate their vouchers within the first 10 days since the project went live. Since this British gas have awarded a furth pot of cash which is being used to support those in priority need that meet the criteria
- 171. Housing staff continue to support our residents through the cost-of-living information session. The team utilise vital knowledge to support residents during this difficult time, as well as signposting to different partner agencies such as Green Doctor and Step Change to support with energy bills and general budgeting/debt advice respectively.

# **Lettings & Void Performance**

- 172. 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.
- 173. Morley currently have 3 ready to let properties which they have already worked on and are booked and in some cases signed up. Morley Housing team have revised their staffing structures to deal with the pace of returned properties and have trained up some of our existing staff on the allocations process. Work is underway to extend this training further with the Housing manager also trained to assist in allocations as well as the full complement of housing assistants to be skilled up on lettings duties. The teams primary focus now is pre-allocations and the office has seen a consistent figure of below 10 ready to lets per week across the office.

# **Summary of Annual Tenancy Contacts**

- 174. Morley have visited nearly 75% of their targeted Annual Visits for this year. The team have been focusing on their tenants who are deemed priority cases, those who officers know have had previous support needs or have issues previously picked up within their tenancies. Priority cases are those that have shown signs of struggling to maintain their tenancies in the past, whether that be through property condition, financially or ability to keep on top of general household maintenance.
- 175. Feedback on progress made on visits will continue throughout the year to the committee.

#### **ASB**

- 176. 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.
- 177. Morley North & South have a total of 14 cases; an increase of 4 since the last report however a number of them are due to be closed. 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.
- 178.6 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 (Housing manager) is on the panel for the citywide Hate Crime MARAC and Housings community safety group.
- 179. Recently an ASB surgery has been set up to offer advice and assistance to residents at the Morley Hub on the third Thursday of every month between 1pm and 3pm. This is advertised on social media.

#### **AOB**

180. The Tenancy management team leader vacancy has been filled by Rachel Thomas who has not been in post since the start of the new year. Additionally, Aneesah Comrie Housing Officer has left the team to pursue a career elsewhere in the council, so the team is carrying a vacancy until recruitment for housing officers is undertaken. 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.

# **Rothwell Housing Report - Performance**

# **Voids Levels (empty properties)**

181. Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team have worked hard to reduce the number of ready to let properties and currently have 3 in the area which are booked in to sign up.

#### **Income Collection**

- 182. The rent collection figures at week 44 are: Rothwell 95.93%
- 183. Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, collection has reduced by 0.03%.
- 184. Housing are working closely with their residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost-of-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.
- 185. The team continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The Income Housing Officer is working with the more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.
- 186. British Gas Energy Trust have offered LCC £200,000 of free energy vouchers, which is double the amount initially offered last year, the team will use the vouchers to support the most vulnerable LCC residents to spend on their gas or electricity and help keep their homes warm through the winter months. The vouchers have been shared proportionately amongst the local housing teams based on the number of properties they manage; the team have been allocated £7,889.00 for this area.
- 187. Housing have also secured government funding via the Housing Support Fund to assist tenants in financial hardship and the Rothwell office has been awarded £11,286.00

#### **ASB**

- 188. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). The team have strong links with local police officers to share information.
- 189. There are 8 open ASB cases across Rothwell area office which are managed locally by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.

190.6 weekly partnership working meetings take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

#### **Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)**

- 191. The team are currently carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed as a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. Housing officers are also visiting residents who have not had an annual home visit for the last 3 years.
- 192. The Rothwell Team have visited 59% of our tenants since April.

#### **Environmental Actions Team**

193. Quarter 3 Estate Walkabouts have been carried out and the main issues identified during the walkabouts is fly tipping. Housing Officers are ensuring they are reporting any fly tipping on the estate whilst carrying out their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work. If any tenants or members do want to have a walkabout in their area just contact their Housing Officer who would be happy to arrange.

### **Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)**

# **Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee**

#### **Tenants, Residents and Community Groups:**

194. 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. A new Tenant Engagement Framework is being planned by the Tenant Engagement Team following the end of HAPs citywide and changes within the TE team. A new Tenant Engagement Officer (TEO) will be in place following the retirement of the existing TEO at the end of April 2024.

#### **Outer South HAP:**

- 195. At the 28th November 2023 OS HAP meeting the budget at the start of the meeting was £14,682.24 (as two previously funded bids had small increases to their costs totalling £214.00. Also, the panel awarded the full £575.94 requested for the OS\_23\_2324: Thorpe Community Centre kitchen items bid agreed by a delegated decision.
- 196. The bids discussed at the November meeting were:
  - OS\_24\_2324: Kingsway fences and handrail (Morley north) for ££4,909.00 in total with £480.00 CIL funding agreed and £1,520.00 other funding sought. The panel

agreed by a majority decision to fund £2,909.00 towards the project; subject to the other £1,520.00 being awarded from other sources. A decision regarding the balance of £1,520.00 needed for the project will be decided by Morley north Cllrs early in the new financial year 2024/25.

- OS\_26\_2324: OS Retirement Life Christmas Activities (all OS wards except Morley south) for £239.10 with no other funding in place. This bid was funded for the full £239.10 requested.
- 197. At the 30th January 2024 OS HAP meeting there was £12,534.14 in the budget
- 198. The bids discussed were:
  - OS\_27\_2324: Morley Digital bid (all wards) for £2,090.00 with £2,000.00 from the Wellbeing Fund requested. This bid was funded in full by a majority vote pending confirmation of the Wellbeing Funds being agreed.
  - OS\_28\_2324: OS MEA Garden Maintenance Scheme 2024/2025 (all wards) for £7,776.00 with £35,724.00 Wellbeing Fund sought. This bid was funded in full by a majority vote pending confirmation of the Wellbeing Funds being agreed.
- 199. There remains £2,668.14 (9.26%) in the OS HAP budget with several bids pending.
- 200. The final OS HAP meeting is on Tuesday 28th March 2024 via Teams.

# **Corporate Considerations**

#### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

202. 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**

- 203. 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**

204. 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

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

# **Risk Management**

206. 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**

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

#### Recommendations

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

# Background documents<sup>1</sup>

209. None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.