

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor A Ali in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, K Dye, L Farley,
D Jenkins, A Khan, N Manaka and J Tudor

ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – To elect Cllr Ali as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

46 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

47 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

48 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, supplementary information had been received and was published on the Council's website in relation to Agenda Item 11 – Finance Report. Minute No. 56 refers.

49 Declaration of Interests

No interests were raised.

50 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor A Hussain.

51 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the remit of Community Committee.

In making a representation, a resident explained his involvement in coaching football teams and working with young people aged 7 – 20 years of age. He explained he supports the community and works with vulnerable young children and is forever expanding on his football teams. Members were informed that he holds football and training sessions in Harehills and Gipton. Committee Members suggested that the Localities Officer take the persons details and provide support and guidance on how he can be supported by the local authority.

52 Inner East Community Committee West Yorkshire Police Update

Inspector Nicholls and Sargent Attree from Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the meeting and provided an overview of the work that has taken place in the Inner East Community Committee area, as well as a snapshot of some local statistics. The following information was provided:

- Members were informed of comparative figures in terms of January – February 2023 to January – February 2024, for the Inner East Community Committee area. Things to note included:
 - A spike in figures in terms of theft from motor vehicles in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward.
 - An increase in robberies focusing on the Harehills Lane area.
 - A spike in residential burglaries in the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward. Crime prevention officers are working with people to provide guidance on trembler alarms and window catchers. Hotspot locations are also being considered in terms of carrying out patrols.
 - There doesn't seem to be a real change in anti-social behaviour related statistics, it either remains the same or has dropped slightly.
 - Nuisance vehicles has increased slightly, with no trends or spikes. This changes the priority for Inner East Leeds and moves away from vehicle crime and 'Operation Diesel Crest'.
- In total, 300 individuals have been arrested, 60 of which have been issued warrants, which in total, have generated 40 years of sustainable sentences.
- There has been an operation with letting agents where police are targeting a reduction of cannabis through the landlord. 3 people in Leeds in the last day have been arrested with a conspiracy to produce cannabis and money laundering.
- The priority for Inner East Leeds will now be serious organised crime and risks posed by urban street gangs. All of which are issues affecting all the people who live in East Leeds. The police will look at gangs dealing with drugs. Targeted work should see a reduction. The police have already done work around gang crime and are looking at getting closure orders and injunctions. A specific gang has been targeted, and 4 people have been charged so far, with 6 more of them going to court.
- It is acknowledged that there is preventative work to be done around educational work in building colleges and the military. There is also an education officer being recruited for to work across East Leeds delivering education sessions to young people. It is understood that some people feel as though they have no other option, and it is an easy way to make money without fully understanding that lifestyle.

Members thanked the officers in attendance for all their work in the local area and acknowledged the difficulty of their job.

In responding to a question regarding the officers' place of work, it was confirmed they will continue to be based at Killingbeck Fire Station.

The police commented on the effective partnership working with organisations and elected members to be able to target and address issues.

Councillors Khan and Tudor left at 18:15, during discussion of this item.

The police also confirmed that there is working operations on-going with partners around shisha bars, and 120 tickets have been issued in the last 2 months. The police and LCCs Cleaner Neighbourhood Team are carrying out visits, focusing on the city. Further to this, a member commented on an obstruction of a highway at a shisha bar in Lincoln Green Moss and issues associated with aggressive begging. It was confirmed that LCCs Parking Enforcement have been involved. The Chair confirmed that after having spoken to Parking Enforcement, over 1000 tickets are issued in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward and Gipton and Harehills on a weekly basis, and for those persistent offenders.

Members also acknowledged parking issues associated with local schools. The police suggested that a repeated operation is not a long-term sustainable solution and suggested that a permit system or LCCs school street initiative.

53 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 7 December 2023

RESOLVED – To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday, 7th December 2023.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 39 – visit from East Street Arts. In response to an update on this, it was confirmed that no response has been received on this yet.

Minute No. 39 – parking on pavements. Members wanted this item to remain on the agenda for consideration, particularly in terms of planters on pavements for road blockages or double yellow lines. It was acknowledged that every ward will have a different solution. Members also commented on the wider issue of mass transit and a park and ride solution for the East Leeds. The Chair requested that an update be received at the next Committee meeting regarding a park and ride solution.

54 The Marmot City - Fairer Leeds programme

The report of the Director of Public Health provided an update to Elected Members on the Marmot City – Fairer Leeds Programme. The report provides an update at the end of Year one and presents early reflections on early findings/progress and to how the recommendations and interim findings from the IHE can support action at a local neighbourhood level.

The Head of Public Health (Leeds City Council) attended the meeting and provided members with the following information:

- The things that can cause health inequalities such as education, job status, family, and community support. As well as things that also cause a reduction in life expectancy.

- Background information on Michael Marmot and the work he has done around researching building blocks of health, and where further work is needed to address health inequalities.
- The Council have come up with 8 policy areas to focus on, as per the Marmot principles, to give every child, the best possible start in life.
- The Marmot approach is a framework for action and shows that we are trying to ensure we are doing things for everyone, but on a scale that is dependent on people's needs. For example, when decisions are made about housing, education and where trees are planted, considerations must include fairness and health.
- An overview of Fairer, Healthier: Leeds as a Marmot City. Year One Action Plan and how this translates into local areas, and what decisions are to be taken. There are 15 recommendations that will be considered at the next Health and Wellbeing Board and there is a focus on housing and health and 0–5-year-olds.
- It is acknowledged that the everybody in the city has a role to play, and partnerships will need to be expanded on, and how the council will engage with businesses and the private sector. There is a lot of pilots in Leeds currently, and learnings from that need to be understood on what works well.
- Public Health have done an evaluation on the impact of selective licensing and interviews have been carried out around mental health improvements and fly-tipping and how progress can be improved. This will also inform work on how another selective licensing scheme can move forward. Housing officers and health officers are aligning different contracts to have shared outcomes.
- There are inequalities associated with children from diverse communities, and them lacking early years development. There is a need for better connections and partnerships with GPs and there is a need for helping parents better understand services.
- It was noted that the Marmot approach seeks to understand how things are operationalised at a local level and how recommendations set on a city level are made to work on a local level. Officers requested that future development on such recommendations are brought back to a future Community Committee meeting to update members.

Committee Members thanked Public Health for the work done so far on Leeds being a Marmot City, and for the results of recent selective licensing work targeting the Harehills ward.

The Committee also welcomed the suggestion of updates being brought back to the Community Committee.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report, and comments made during discussion of this item.

55 Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the work which the Community 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.

The report also provided regular updates on some key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champion roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

The Advanced Health Improvement Specialist and Health Improvement Principal Officer attended the meeting and provided the Community Committee with the following information:

- The Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty visited Harehills on 17th January 2024 to understand the work that is being done in the area. The aim of the visit being to inform the annual health report on the topic of health in cities. The visit included a session at CATCH and the work they do there, with a discussion with NHS staff. He also met with third sector partners and discussed public health priorities and the cost of living. Positive feedback from this visit was received and Mr Whitty was impressed of the work being done in Leeds, with partnerships and community working. A chapter will be included in his national report on Public Health in Leeds.
- The Oral Health Project promoted oral health and dentistry for children and families. In terms of data, children under 5 years of age have significantly higher levels of tooth decay and filled teeth. Local partners are informing the service that it is a big issue for children to get access to dentists. Families are unable to buy toothbrushes and toothpaste, and sessions were delivered with community organisations on key messages.
- There were also two different events promoting oral health with community organisations, and Senegalese families to provide key information to young people. There are a lot of young people missing oral health.
- It was noted that dental commissioning is done on a Yorkshire and Humber footprint, and this has now moved to a West Yorkshire footprint. This change can be seen as a positive step and a way to make sure more dental services are more appropriate for the area and people are receiving more effective dental services. There is a national issue associated with oral health.
- As part of the 'Clear, Hold, Build' initiative, West Yorkshire Police and LCC have been a big part in that and there have been 12 licence reviews in Harehills. Entertainment Licensing, Elected Members and West Yorkshire Trading Standards have also been involved. Of those 12, 8 licences have been revoked, where premises have been selling non-duty paid products and/or illicit goods. This shows an effective partnership and successful outcomes for the area.
- The Seacroft Blood Pressure Awareness Project is a new project happening in the area and working in partnership with the Seacroft Primary Care Network. The idea is to raise awareness around blood pressure and 2 cohorts have been looked at. 1) primary care to identify people at risk of high blood pressure and hypertension and 2) local

organisations. Staff will be trained on how to use blood pressure machines and show people how to use them. People may be referred to a Primary Care Network Care Coordinator, and people may get given blood pressure machines to use at home. Further support may be provided on lifestyle changes. This is a new project starting in April 2024.

- Locality focused health needs and assets assessments is in its next stages, in that conversations will be had with local organisations and interviews undertaken with stakeholders and targeted focus groups. Key data will be identified and included in the health needs assessment.
- Health protections around measles and vaccinations. It is reported that there are currently no cases in Leeds at present and there is a strong outbreak plan in Leeds. Key messages have been sent to schools to relay to parents. Work has been undertaken with Leeds Immunisation Team to go into schools with the lowest uptake in the vaccination and 150 children have been vaccinated; school engagement has been positive.

The Committee thanked Ms Patel for her involvement in the recent success of premises licence reviews.

In responding to questions from Committee Members, the following was confirmed:

- The roll out of vaccines has been commissioned through NHS England and the local authority does not have a say in what schools receive additional support in this area. It is merely for 20 schools with the lowest uptake.
- In terms of a suggestion regarding a mobile van for oral health, this has already been explored and there is no funding to be able to support this. A van was used for covid vaccinations, but the van was returned to the libraries service for their use. Ideally Public Health require a van for their own use without it being shared.
- Members acknowledged that there is further work to be done around delivering educational sessions around oral health, and the possibility to explore more strategic conversations should be explored. There is work to be done politically and at an executive level. Members agreed that a public health campaign targeting young people's oral health is a priority.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and information provided during the meeting, and comments during discussion of the item.

56 Vaping and e-cigarettes Update

The Director of Public Health presented a report to offer an insight into vaping across all contexts both locally and nationally, with a focus on youth vaping, current evidence on health risks and responsible vape use as a harm reduction tool and enforcement and legislation. The report seeks to provide a balance overview of vaping which is currently rapidly changing landscape and

can support certain populations to improve their health in relation to quitting smoking whilst putting other populations risk of future health implications and addiction.

The Advanced Health Improvement Specialist (tobacco control and vaping) attended the meeting and highlighted the following information:

- History of vaping alongside national and local data.
- A ban on disposable vapes and restrictions have been announced but a date is yet to be confirmed.
- Vapes in different contexts can be beneficial but harmful in the context of young people and children.
- There is not enough evidence to confirm whether vaping is harmful, and the long-term risks of vaping are not known. Short-term effects include headaches, dizziness, and sore throat. Some evidence indicates to harm part of the brain in children and young people.
- There has been a survey done for 11–17-year-olds to try and understand a national and local picture. 20% of young people nationally have used a vape, and 23% in Leeds. A survey has been undertaken on experimental vs regular vaping and there has been a huge spike in national data on experimental vaping.
- There is a similar pattern in schools across Leeds in terms of year 5 students to year 11 students. There has been an upshot in children experimenting when they move to secondary school. The top answer for where children get their vapes from is 'other', it is believed that children do not want people to know where they get them from, but also it was reported that children are getting somebody to go into the shop for them, or somebody older is giving them vapes.
- There is no hard-hitting health messages associated with vaping as we cannot compare this against tobacco. There are messages to say that it is illegal for an adult to buy children tobacco products as well as them being age restricted.
- Vapes cannot contain more than 2ml of liquid, no more nicotine content higher than 20mg and vape packaging must contain a health warning of it being a highly addictive substance. Also, refills cannot contain more than 10ml. There is a huge market of unregistered vapes.
- How to report illicit vapes being sold, or to under 18s – contain Citizens Advice via telephone: 0808 2231133 or via their website/webchat.
- Liaison work has been undertaken with West Yorkshire Trading Standards and a 6-month pilot has been commissioned. 35 retailers were visited, with 75% of them not being compliant. Vapes are not a licenced product, and anybody can sell them. In a recent visit to a premises, 16,000 vapes were seized in the city centre.
- Campaigns have been done on social media to remind people about the legislation on how to spot illegal vapes, school sessions, and work alongside Leeds Rhinos Foundation to provide education sessions.
- The national aim is to create a smokefree generation and to make smoking obsolete by 2030. It is acknowledged that vaping is a prominent issue, and it is growing. The Government is intending on raising the sale of tobacco by 1 year, every year, so that eventually

nobody will be able to buy tobacco products. There will be legislation to cover ALL tobacco products.

- A key message is that if you do not currently smoke, do not vape.

Committee Members provided the following comments:

- It is becoming more apparent that younger children are using vapes, and these are available in all different flavours.
- The work done around premises licences in Gipton and Harehills has been a success.
- Local authorities and organisations are cracking down on vapes until guidance and legislation is released on a national scale.
- There is no current evidence on the impacts of vaping on the cohort that have never smoked before. It is acknowledged that whilst there is legislative changes in the pipeline, something needs to be done sooner to tackle vaping across younger generations and use for nonsmokers.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and comments made during discussion of this item.

Cllr S Arif attended the meeting during discussion of this item, at 19:55.

57 Inner East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

Supplementary information was published in respect of an additional project to be considered in respect of Gipton Together Holiday Club for Gipton Community. Details of the project and decision are outlined below.

The following information was highlighted:

- A new paragraph will be included in the report moving forward, including details on subsidy control. This is additional stage with each application to monitor how much funding each organisation is getting.
- Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24. The remaining available balance as per Table 1 of the submitted report, is £34,650.49 overall. A breakdown per ward was provided.
- Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24. The remaining available balance is £6,306.97 as per Table 2 of the submitted report. A breakdown per ward was provided.
- Small Grants 2023/2024. A summary was provided in Table of the submitted report, an allocation broken down by wards.
- Capital Budget 2023/24. The remaining available balance is £37,942.78. a breakdown was provided as per Table 4 of the submitted report.

- Community Infrastructure Levy Budget 2023/24. The remaining available balance stands at £75,852.78 and a breakdown per ward was provided as per Table 6 of the submitted report.
- Since the last Community Committee meeting held on 7th December 2023, 'The Welcome' project has been considered and approved by DDN.

Projects were considered and presented as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
Community Engagement (ringfence)	Safer Stronger Communities Team	All wards	£1,600 G&H - £800 BRH - £400 K&S – £400	Approved
Tasking (ringfence)	Safer Stronger Communities Team	All wards	£7,500 (Wellbeing) BRH – 3,000 G&H – 3,000 K&S – 1,500	Approved
Bonfire Night Activities (ringfence)	Safer Stronger Communities Team	Gipton and Harehills	£4,000 (Wellbeing)	Approved
CommUnity Harehills	West Yorkshire Police	Gipton and Harehills	£1,420 (Tasking)	Approved
GG Young women's Wellbeing groups	Getaway Girls	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£5,005 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Sunday Youth Club	Junior Sports HUB	Gipton and Harehills	£7,280 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Active Seacroft	Seacroft Community on Top	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£10,000 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Event Management and Coordination of LITP and BCF	Breeze – LCC	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£16,750 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Community Participation and Learning Programme (Inner East) 2024/2025	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	All wards	£3,120 (Wellbeing) BRH – 1,040 G&H – 1,040 K&S – 1,040	BRH – Approved G&H – Declined K&S - Deferred
Cross Gates Over 60s	Cross Gates Over 60s	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£4,460 (Wellbeing)	Approved

Project 2024/2025				
Seacroft Pantry and Kentmere Kitchen	LS14 Trust / We Are Seacroft	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£12,000 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Tennis Court Improvements – Harehills Park	Climate, Energy and Green Spaces – LCC	Gipton and Harehills	£36,980.20 (CIL, Capital and Wellbeing)	Deferred
Breeze in the Park 2024	Breeze – LCC	All wards	£15,200 (YAF) K&S – 3,800 G&H – 3,800 BRH – 7,600	Approved
DAZL Inner East Dance 2024	Dance Action Zone Leeds	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Killingbeck and Seacroft	£5,648 (YAF) BRH – 3,994 K&S – 1,654	Approved
Kentmere Community Youth Theatre	Brave Words CIC	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£3,583.60 (YAF)	Approved
Seacroft Community on Top Youth Activities	Seacroft Community on Top	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£9,990 (YAF)	Approved
Cross Green Growing Together – Healthy Holidays	Cross Green Growing Together	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£4,500 (YAF)	Approved
Gipton Together Holiday Club for Gipton Community	Gipton Together	Gipton and Harehills	£4,250	Approved

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b) Note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- c) Note details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- d) Note details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- e) Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)
- f) Consider projects as detailed above.
- g) Note details of projects approved via Delegated Decision.

h) Note details of monitoring information of its funded projects.

58 Dates and Times 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor set out the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

Members were informed that the report seeks 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2024/2025, which follows a similar pattern to the previous year with holding meetings on Thursdays and at 6pm.

The proposed dates are as follows:

- Thursday, 20th June 2024 at 6pm.
- Thursday, 19th September 2024 at 6pm.
- Thursday, 28th November 2024 at 6pm.
- Thursday, 20th February 2025 at 6pm.

Committee Members came to a consensus that the above dates and times be provisionally agreed.

RESOLVED – To agree the Committee’s meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 municipal year, as detailed above.

59 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday, 24th June 2024 at 6pm.

Any Other Business

Further to acknowledgement that the Inner East Community Committee is not engaging with as many residents as members would like, the Committee discussed the Community Committee Review that is underway and asked for an updated position on this. Officers confirmed that proposals are yet to be confirmed, and members will be kept up to date on any movement on the Review.

The meeting concluded at 20:20.