



Inner West Community Committee

Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall

Meeting to be held REMOTELY

Tuesday, 16th March, 2021 at 6.00 pm

Councillors:

L Cunningham	- Armley;
J McKenna	- Armley;
A Smart	- Armley;
C Gruen	- Bramley and Stanningley;
J Heselwood	- Bramley and Stanningley;
K Ritchie	- Bramley and Stanningley;
H Bithell	- Kirkstall;
J Illingworth	- Kirkstall;
F Venner	- Kirkstall;

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Hazel Boutle	Armley Ward
Jonathan Butler	Bramley & Stanningley Ward
Stephen Garvani	Kirkstall Ward
Gemma Graham	Bramley & Stanningley Ward
James Gray	Armley Ward
Jessica Haigh	Kirkstall Ward
Steve Harris	Kirkstall Ward
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Images on cover from left to right:

Armley - Armley Mills; Armley Library (old entrance)

Bramley & Stanningley - war memorial; Bramley Baths

Kirkstall – Kirkstall Leisure Centre; deli market at Kirkstall Abbey

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting.)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If the recommendation is accepted, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 or Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as appropriate, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-'</p>	

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			<p>THIRD PARTY RECORDING PROTOCOL</p> <p>Third Party Recording</p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <p>a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title.</p> <p>b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete.</p>	

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INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor H Bithell in the Chair

Councillors L Cunningham, C Gruen,
J Heselwood, J Illingworth, J McKenna,
K Ritchie, A Smart and F Venner

CO-OPTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Hazel Boutle, James Grey, Stephen Garvani, Steve Harris, and Stephen McBarron

CHAIRS OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of the Inner West Community Committee.

The Chair explained that internet connectivity may be an issue for some participants and suggested it may be appropriate to appoint a Vice Chair who could assume the Chair should the Chair lose connectivity. The Chair proposed that Councillor Julie Heselwood be nominated as the Vice Chair, the proposal was seconded, upon been put to the vote the motion was passed.

1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

5 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

6 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion there were no submissions from members of the public.

7 Minutes - 27th November 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2019, be approved as a correct record.

8 Matters Arising

Cllr McKenna requested an update on the issue raised at the Open Forum in November 2019, by Ms O’Keefe. She raised concerns in relation to a site listed on the Site Allocation Plan which was used as a sports ground in the community.

It was noted that no update was available, but officers would make enquiries and the Chair would email Members in relation to this matter.

9 Priority Neighbourhood Update

The report of the Chief Officer Communities updated the Inner West Community Committee on the work being undertaken within the New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood and the ‘Big Asks’ that have been put forward to the Neighbourhood Improvement Board, in relation to improving this area.

In attendance for this item were:

- Stuart Byrne – Localities Programme Manager
- Rachel Marshall – Localities Manager

The Members of the Inner West Community Committee were shown a presentation which provided information on the work that has taken place in the New Wortley area.

Members were informed of the following points:

- It was recognised that the New Wortley area had a number of issues including vandalism, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour;
- A strategic framework was set up which focussed on 4 key strands which were;
 - Cleaner and greener spaces,
 - Children and Young People,
 - Employment, skills and welfare,
 - Health and Wellbeing.
- It was recognised that Wellington Stores had become a focal point for a number of the issues in the area including drugs and anti-social behaviour. A closure order for the site was put in place and the site was demolished;
- Anti-social behaviour in the area had dropped by 65% although there were still some issues to be addressed;

- A number of activities have been developed in the area for the residents including wellbeing weekends where people can engage in healthy options activities such as learning about healthy foods, exercise, with the introduction of a men's walking group;
- Produced a Local Services Handbook to be handed out to each tenant. This is not just for the residents of New Wortley but also for the wider West Leeds area;
- The Armley Volunteer Hub was the 5th busiest in Leeds, with 1000 formal referrals, the work of the hub is continuing in the second lockdown. However, there has been an increase in mental health issues and the hub has now employed a Mental Health Support Worker. The hub has also secured funding for a Communities of Interest Worker to work with people from the diverse community;
- The Children and Young People's Support Worker has developed a good working relationship with the schools in the area and are working towards Healthy Holiday Activities;
- New Wortley had been the pathfinder for this type of work and this has now been mirrored across the city in other priority neighbourhoods;
- Work is progressing with partner agencies creating better outcomes for the area. There has also been engagement with the community, however, it was noted that this has been limited this year due to Covid restrictions;
- There is a lack of third sector partners which has placed a pressure on the New Wortley Community Centre who have been trying to take on as many projects as possible, but are struggling due to resource issues;
- Lack of funds for investment around developments which would have drawn on Sector 106 money;
- As part of the 'Big Ask' a plan had been developed to improve connectivity, it is hoped that the remodelling of the Gyrotory will improve the infrastructure in this area. The team were also looking at investment to provide a play area on Jailey Fields for young people and making the area safe and free from drugs.

Members' discussions included:

- Improved education for this area;
- Capital funding and CIL funding for the area;
- A positive report with innovative activities and practices with ideas that could be rolled out across the West Leeds area;
- The Young People's Board;
- Traffic and infrastructure issues in the area.

Members of Inner West suggested a meeting with Cllr Coupar, the Executive Member for Communities. The Chair offered to arrange a meeting in relation to issues raised in the meeting, especially in relation to infrastructure in and around New Wortley.

RESOLVED – To note the Content of the report.

Cllr Illingworth joined the meeting during in this item.

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to be held on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021

10 Finance Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities 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 2020/21.

Members were informed of the follow points:

- Paragraph 18 showed the remaining balance of £33,029.01 for the Wellbeing Fund. A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 1;
- Members were requested to consider the following application were set out at paragraphs 21 – 23 of the submitted report and also within the supplementary information which had been circulated to Members.
 - Burley Foodbank Distribution Centre (part of Leeds N&W Foodbank) for £1,064
 - Crafting Corner – Women’s crafting group for £1,110
 - Bramley Community Christmas Comedy & Variety Show for £1,350
 - Inner West Youth Community Committee for £870 (£290 per ward)
 - A Midsummer Night’s Showcase in Bramley Park for £500
 - Breeze Saturday Night Project Christmas Activity Box Amount applied for was set in 3 options dependent on what was to be provided
 - Option 1: £3,160.00
 - Option 2: £4,385.00
 - Option 3: £5,120.00
- Table 2 provided a breakdown of payments by ward for Covid payments;
- Table 3 showed the wellbeing projects that had been funded but had not started yet due to Covid restrictions. It was noted that some organisations were still hoping to provide some of the activities before the end of the financial year. Members made the suggestion that money put aside for VE and VJ Day, be put into a separate pot for use on another project;
- Monitoring information had been provided by Barca in relation to the Young people-led participative research / social action project;
- A total of £30,926.04 has been allocated to projects for the Youth Activity Fund, as listed in Table 4 with a remaining balance of £19,132.35;
- Table 5 and 6 presented the small grants and skips provided;
- Table 7 gave a breakdown of the capital budget projects;
- Table 8 showed the remaining CIL budget after the latest injection into the CIL Budget.

Cllr McKenna requested an update in relation to funding for use on the Victoria Parks. It was noted that no update had been received, but this would be chased up and reported back to Members.

RESOLVED – To note the following:

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- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
 - b. Wellbeing & Capital proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21-23)
 - c. Details of Payments from Covid-19 Wellbeing Budget (Table 2)
 - d. Details of Projects funded by the committee that have not yet started (Table 3)
 - e. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 28-30)
 - f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 4)
 - g. Details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 5)
 - h. Details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 6)
 - i. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 7)
 - j. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 8)
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The Members also approved the following applications:

1. Burley Foodbank Distribution Centre (part of Leeds N&W Foodbank) - St Matts Leeds for £1,064
2. Crafting Corner – Women’s crafting group. Community Links and Leeds City Council for £1,110
3. Bramley Community Christmas Comedy & Variety Show. Bramley Community Centre (managed by BEA) for £1,350
4. Inner West Youth Community Committee Leeds Youth Service for £870 (£290 per ward)
5. A Midsummer Night’s Showcase in Bramley Park Front Room Productions for £500

Members requested further information in relation to Breeze Saturday Night Project Christmas Activity Box.

11 Update Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities updated the Community Committee of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided the opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue. The report also provided 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.

Member’s attention was drawn to paragraphs 35-37 which provided the update from Public Health which included a number of links including one for the prevention of suicide.

The Chair informed the Committee that the laptop project was now up and running. The project had gone into partnership with Digital Access West Yorkshire. Members were advised that the information was on social media and where possible Members were requested to share the information. Drop off points were listed as Hyde Park Bookshop, KVDT Unit 11, Armley Hub and

Bramley Community Centre. It was noted that laptops can be dropped off during the current restrictions.

Cllr Heselwood advised the Committee about West Leeds Unwrapped. The Facebook page had been set up to support local businesses in West Leeds. The Community were encouraged to add their businesses and for the community to use for shopping.

The Chair thanked Cllr Heselwood and the Community for all the hard work in setting this up and emphasised the importance of shopping locally in the current climate.

It was noted that the figures bought for use outside school gates to discourage parking, had proved effective and that local schools seemed to have a rota for their use. Although, during the current Covid restrictions it was not thought that they were being used.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

12 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Inner West Community Committee will be Tuesday 16th March 2021, at 6:00pm.

The meeting concluded at 19:50



Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

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

Report author: Karen McManus 0113 5350727

Date: 16th March 2021 **To note/discuss**

Inner West 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:

Children and Young People: Champions Cllr H Bithell, Cllr L Cunningham & Cllr C Gruen

3. The Inner West Children and Young People Sub Group took place on 15th December 2020 via Zoom.
4. Colleagues from Public health were in attendance to discuss Covid-19 infection rates amongst young people and how this has effected the local community.
5. The Principle of Dixons Academy and Leeds West Academy updated the Sub Group on how schools had managed returning to school and how they were adhering to Government Guidelines and the challenges they faced.

6. Elected Members passed on their thanks to all the services for their hard work and creativity during the pandemic to keep children and young people safe and as active as possible.
7. The next meeting will be held via Zoom, details to follow.

Inner West Youth Summit

8. The Inner West Youth Summit has been cancelled due to the national lockdown, in its place, an online survey has been sent out to all local schools and Youth Groups, the survey will enable and encourage all children and young people to influence how youth activity funding is allocated in the Inner West area. Please share the link with your community as we hope to engage with as many children and young people as possible <https://tinyurl.com/y58k6snu>
9. The survey will be available until 30th April 2021, after that date, the information will be collated to recognise the top 5 priorities which will then be shared with local councillors, and this will influence how they allocate their Youth Activity Funding budget for 2021/22.

Environment: Champions Cllr J Illingworth & Cllr A Smart – Update from Chris Chamberlain

Covid-19 Update

10. Over the third lockdown period, staffing levels have remained a challenge across CNT and West in particular. There are currently 7 staff (6 street cleansing staff and 1 EAO) who fall within the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable category and they have continued to shield. We have had 5 staff who have tested positive for COVID since November and 50 cases of self-isolation and this has affected both street cleansing operations and enforcement work. We currently have 9 members of staff isolating with a latest COVID positive result yesterday (07/03/2021) and we are currently undertaking track and trace to identify any staff that may need to isolate as a result. We are monitoring staffing levels and will revise the service offer and priorities as needed to ensure key work can still be maintained. I will ensure to keep all Ward Members updated as necessary. These absences along with the Christmas and New Year Period, Annual Leave and general sickness absence has resulted in some work not being able to be completed as often such as manual litter picking in and around the estates. The recent snow and icy conditions also had a slight impact on this work. We still have some staff assisting CEL to combine resources to deal with the backlog of outstanding void and vulnerable properties. This is being reviewed regularly and the number of outstanding void properties is reducing enabling housing to get these properties re-let. There is 1 Team Leader that has been reallocated to help in the East team due to some of their staff being reallocated to Waste Management.

General Staffing

11. The Inner West area currently has 4 allocated Environmental Action Officers. One EAO is currently recovering from a knee operation so isn't able to carry out any visit but is working from home. In January, we recruited to Wayne Tonks' vacant position through a flexible redeployment for a Team Leader from Waste Management. This is Diane Otley who has many years supervisory experience and fitted into the role and team really well. She is covering zone 14 Bramley / Stanningley and Kirkstall. We are fully staffed within the Inner West for street cleansing except for an Assistant Chargehand and streetking sweeper driver within the Armley area. We are still waiting to recruit to these roles. There will be 4 staff leaving on ELI at the end of the month from West with 2 of these being currently assigned to IW. This will create a further Assistant Chargehand and a streetking driver vacancies which we will be recruiting to. Sarah King who is my opposite Area Manager for the INW and NW has secured a temporary promotion within Waste Management and has started this post approx. 4 weeks ago. I have been covering in her absence with her replacement, Victoria Whalley starting last week. Victoria has moved from the City Centre where she did a similar role for the past 8 years. Victoria also has some enforcement experience.

Enforcement

12. Enforcement activity is still reduced and Officers have been instructed to keep face to face visits and on site meetings to a minimum and only really to complete if there is an imminent public health issue. This is in accordance with advice from Environmental Health services who are coordinating the COVID enforcement work. Visits have been completed but to obtain evidence only within the social distancing guidelines and contact minimalized. This has caused a slight delay in getting some issues resolved as contact has had to be made with perpetrators either on the phone or by post. A suitable interview room has not been sought and is ready for use once the lockdown restrictions are eased over the coming weeks and months. We have a number of cases ready for the interview stage and hopefully we will be able to progress these fairly quickly where necessary. Environmental Action Officers are still working remotely from home but are visiting the office regularly and are in contact with each other and the Team Leaders. Some prosecutions have been heard but at Kirklees Magistrates. There has been a clear difference in results where some cases have been adjourned where the perpetrator has failed to attend whereas they would have been heard in absence in Leeds. There has also been an emphasis on the fine rather than allowing the recovery of costs of the prosecution to the LA which has been notable. Courts have been opting for higher fines which get paid to central government and lower amounts of costs being awarded back. 1 result for flytipping in Kirkstall (Woodbridges) was: Fine £300 (similar to the FPN we would issue), Victim Surcharge of £30 and awarded Costs £450 (half of what was asked for). Total £780 payable at £20 per month. The main factor is that this is a successful conviction for fly tipping. Overall, cases are still delayed and are being referred to the nearest available Magistrates within the Yorkshire and Humber region. This is obviously having an impact on attendance and we have seen a rise in warrants being issued for failure to attend. The PSPO enforcement has been out on hold for the

moment to prioritise other enforcement work. The PSPO education and start for INW has been postponed due to the students not being in the area

De-leafing

13. The de-leafing programme has been completed and this saw an increase in the areas added to our maps. The weight of leaves collected this year is only slightly higher than previous years, with a total of 1071 tonnes being removed. The schedule included visiting every zone once a week to share the road sweeping and Continental resource. There were some pros and cons to this which we will be discussing in a debrief over the next month or so. Any comments from Ward Members is welcomed on their thoughts to how it worked compared to previous years. Obviously there were more staff challenges to overcome this year due to COVID.

Community Work

14. There has been a he increase in community volunteers throughout Leeds over the past few months and this has definitely been the case in West. The batch of purple Litter Free Leeds bags delivered in December has seen 32,000 bags being distributed across Leeds. The number of purple bags being left by bins and for collection has grown significantly and keeping street cleansing very busy. This work is highly appreciated and acknowledged and we will continue to support the various groups in INW as best as we can. Unfortunately, we are still unable to lend an equipment for community events but there has been an influx of Ward Member requests to purchase litter pickers and hoops on their behalf which they have kindly funded. These will be delivered asap and are on order. Support is still being given to volunteer groups across INW such as the Bramley Wombles, New Wortley Urban Task Force and the Litter Free Groups.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr K Ritchie – update from Scott Lobsiger (LASBT)

15. Currently 76 cases active in Inner West

Armley – 26

Bramley & Stanningley – 23

Kirkstall – 27

16. Most predominant case is 'Drug/Substance misuse/dealing' 5 in Armley, 3 Bramley & Stanningley & 4 in Kirkstall.

17. Noise we have 10 in total, 7 of these are in the Kirkstall boundary which again a number of these will be attributed to the student population. The highest number is currently in the Kirkstall ward with 7.

18. Threats/Actual violence is at 3 in Armley, 7 in Bramley & Stanningley and 8 in Kirkstall.

19. Hate crime is at 5 in total, all race. There are 3 in Armley, 2 in Bramley & Stanningley & 0 in Kirkstall.

Armley

20. We are currently looking at possession applications for X3 properties for Drug related offences. There is also a closure order for Burnsall Gardens in place until 24th February 2021, however it is very unlikely at this stage for an extension due to lack of evidence.

Bramley & Stanningley

21. There have been 2 hate crime cases which are both race related. We are currently looking at a possession application for 1 property drug related offence.

Kirkstall

22. Ongoing work by LASBT resulting in 2 further closure orders in recent weeks.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr L Cunningham & Cllr F Venner, Update from Jon Hindley

23. During the pandemic as you would expect many of the Public Health commissioned have been re-purposed to run the ward hubs to support citizens during the crisis.

24. As you will be aware the UK is currently in lockdown status to halt the spread of the Coronavirus epidemic. The most important action we can take is to stay at home if we can. Now it is essential we adhere to government guidance to help defeat the virus at this critical time as the vaccines are rolled out.

Bramley Food Environment Work

25. Elected members, partners, public health officers and Leeds Beckett Business School have been conducting a study into the food shopping, eating, cooking and consumption by local residents. This is part of a larger piece of work from the Bramley Our Place Councillor Chaired Children's and Young Person's sub group looking at supporting and helping local children living with obesity and weight management issues. Researchers have been examining family shopping and consumption habits and also in tandem have been talking to local business, the night time economy, food take away and food retailers with a view to helping them offer healthier alternatives. In turn also attempting to create a local business club of retailers where we could create the benefits of combined buying power, perhaps a local discount card for residents and a chance to have their voice heard. The results from the first section of the academic research on local families shopping habits is very illuminating. To view the results of the local family survey please contact: Emma.Strachan@leeds.gov.uk.

Covid-19 Ward Prevention Plans Armley

26. The Red Cross vulnerability matrix has identified Armley as a particularly vulnerable ward to the impact of the pandemic, although obviously all wards have had a significant

negative effect felt on them. Isolated single men with low mood and poor emotional and physical health were also identified as a major target audience. This has attracted funding and from an initiative from central government grants for this ward and Farnley have been made available. Five projects applied and all five were successful. All are free to access. They are;

1. **Connecting Armley-** An I-Pad loan scheme to connect local people with low computer literacy to services that can improve their health and keep it that way. For example walking groups, virtual peer support groups and employment training. For more details please contact; Ben Benjamin.Feely@leeds.gov.uk
 2. **Talking Sheds-** A man's health project designed to bond men and create a peer support group over the construction of allotment sheds there is also a shared lunch and therapy session connected to this project. For more information please contact; Lucy, l.wheeler@tcv.org.uk
 3. **Wildlife Walks-** Guided walking tours in the local area exploring nature and our connection to it. This project combines elements of gentle physical activity with improved mental and emotional health. Please contact Lucy, l.wheeler@tcv.org.uk
 4. **Listening Room-** A virtual space where local isolated residents can talk about their problems and seek support. This project also link to various on line tutorials aimed at men around, basic cookery, car maintenance, gentle exercise and D.I.Y. For more information please contact; Mick, Michael.howard@armleyhelpinghands.org
 5. **Treasure Books-** A family learning scheme centring on mathematics and literacy skills. Aimed at vulnerable poorer families, those with low education levels struggling with lock down and home schooling. All projects are interlinked and are also connected to the local GP practice based social prescribing services as well as larger scale physical activity schemes such as Active Leeds. For further details please contact; Gael Gael.Timbers@leeds.gov.uk
27. Please note: should you require further information there are two brief and informal field note reports available describing the outreach from the provider's and from a LCC Public Health perspective. Please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk should you require a copy.
28. Protecting and supporting vulnerable citizens experiencing suicidal thoughts and the rapid training of volunteers in suicide prevention training.
29. As you can appreciate the scope and quantity of Public Health work by the council across the city during the coronavirus pandemic has been immense. The council is very appreciative of the massive amount of work of the cities' superb volunteers, third sector organisations and partners. The city owes them a huge debt of gratitude.
30. One of the challenging and upsetting tasks when the support system was put in place until other resources (RUOK helpline) came on line was when volunteers received calls from residents who were harming themselves and experiencing suicidal thoughts. One of the many pieces of work Public Health put in place was the rapid on line training of volunteers and partners in suicide prevention.

31. Full Training:
https://www.relias.co.uk/hubfs/ZSACourse4/story_html5.html
32. Micro Course
https://www.relias.co.uk/hubfs/ZSAMicroCourse/story_html5.html
33. USE THESE RESOURCES:
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc/current-awareness/suicide-prevention>

Community Engagement: Social Media

34. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page & Covid-19 ward pages.
35. **Census 2021**, Census day is Sunday 21st March 2021, Organisations such as local authorities and charities use census data to plan and fund the services we all need. Things like transport, education and healthcare. An update on how best to take part will be given at the meeting.

Town Centres Update – Update from Pete Mudge

Armley

36. Like most UK high streets, Armley has now lost nearly all its non-food national chains: Coral betting, Card Factory, Boots, Fultons. (The latter being bought out nationally by Pound Land so in Armley it will be moved into that unit) But it means there are 3 empty units on the first part of Town Street. Coral and Card Factory already have interest from new businesses. The former Wilsons Pie shop has now become Greens Pies and another shop is now a speciality frozen foods outlet. Other major improvements to the offer of the town are progressing at another venue.
37. Last year the former Yorkshire Bank wanted to reopen as shops on ground floor and said they had tenants waiting however creation of a shop frontage was turned down so this has now been lost as a business and is being converted to flats. After the 1st lockdown, street drinking returned in a big way on Town Street along with begging and drug dealing. Police have reduced these though there is national concern areas suffering after the 1st lockdown may do so again in the coming months. We have placed signs at 4 locations which is a new trial for Leeds and looks to make dealers and buyers feel uneasy in those areas.
38. The government provided some funding to investigate the potential of a BID vote for Armley. Due to the pandemic this investigation is on hold for the time being. Similarly the Town Teas around the city have gone on hold till non-essential shops and hospitality

reopens. Leaders in the local business communities are however still contacting me with ideas and also undertaking communication with local businesses.

Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall

39. Weekly updates are being circulated to Bramley and Kirkstall businesses for which the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator has email addresses. One day each week the co-ordinator visits areas of the city to obtain more email addresses from businesses.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs – Update from Jason Newman

40. As a service we have been very limited due to the ongoing pandemic however we have still been able to provide services to our communities. Throughout the latest lockdown we have been able to provide a click and collect library service and maintained a provision of public access computers. In addition to this we have also been able to help customers facing emergency situations, with repairs, access to emergency food or funds. We have also been providing telephone appointments for customer service enquiries.
41. In addition to running the above services our staff have adapted to different ways of working helping customers over the phone and via email providing support for Track and Trace, CEV support lines, the flexible shielding fund, local welfare support scheme to name a few.
42. Charlotte Batty the areas Community Hub Manager left the service via ELI at the start of November and has been replaced by Jason Newman. Jason has had many years' experience in the service, most recently managing the services workforce planning alongside the Peripatetic Team (which covers across the city when needed) and the Mobile Community Hub and Library Service. Jason is looking forward to building on the links already formed by the hubs and helping to contribute to our communities as soon as the situation allows.
43. The service has been successful in receiving some ESIF funding for the next three years to support the work of its Job Shops in helping people in our communities find employment and supporting them through the initial stages of that employment.
44. Following a recent customer consultation it is proposed that the opening hours of the Hubs and Libraries will be standardised across the city into three tiers. In the inner west area the proposed opening hours are
45. Armley Tier 1, Monday to Thursday 9am until 7pm. Friday 9am until 5pm and Saturday 10am until 4pm.

46. Bramley Tier 2, Monday 9am until 5pm. Tuesday 10am until 5pm. Wednesday 9am until 5pm, Thursday and Friday 9am until 5pm and Saturday 10am until 4pm.
47. Hawksworth Tier 3, Monday 9am until 5pm. Tuesday 10am until 5pm. Wednesday to Friday 9am until 5pm. The timing and the details of the implementation of this proposal is currently being worked through.

Housing Leeds – Update from Paul Hodges & Paul Densley

Walkabouts

48. Estate walkabouts are now underway since September 20. We have been completing walkabouts on the estate, social distancing and PPE, but in line with the risk assessment we are only authorised to complete this with one other person. Key themes having been waste in gardens, overgrown hedges and leaves in some communal walkways.
49. Although we are now back in lockdown we are still fully remobilised and therefore still undertaking daily and weekly block sweeps and stage 2 fire safety inspections / checks. We have seen some failed collection of waste in the High Rise blocks, this was due to the weather adverse weather conditions but these missed collection were resolved the next day.

Inner West HAP – November 2020

50. When lockdown was imposed we introduced a Low Value Application Form for bids under £500. This form is much simpler than the standard application and was developed to encourage smaller groups or individuals to deliver small scale projects that would go some way to addressing some of the issues people were facing such as accessing food, isolation and inactivity. Details of the new form were shared with members directly via email and with partners and stakeholders through meetings and phone conversations. The Low Value Application Form will continue to be part of our offer for the foreseeable future so please continue to promote this as a funding opportunity.

51.

Budget for 2020/21	£54,532.86	
Carry Forward from 2019/20	£11,494.85	
TOTAL 2020/21 BUDGET	£66.027.71	

Approved Budget Spend 2020/21	£39,651.22	
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Available Budget	£26,376.49	
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HAP	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	35	24	£39,651.22	60.05%

52. Bids Approved since last update for 2020/21

Address/Who	Scheme	Amount Awarded by HAP
Armley	Craft Trail Packs	£379.48
All Inner West	Youth Christmas Packs	£210
All Inner West	Fruit Works Grafting	£250
B&S	Langley Cres Handrail	£3,680
Armley	Wyther Park Road Greenspace	£4,920
Armley	Groundworks Gardens	£7,000
Armley	The Highrise Project	£1,000
B&S	Snowden Notice Boards	£454.50

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

54. 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

55. 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

56. 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

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

Risk Management

58. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

61. 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.

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Inner West Community Committee & COVID-19 Groups

Appendix 1

6th November 2020 – 5th March 2021

Inner West Community Committee

Since 5th November 2020 the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **25 new page 'likes'** (and currently has) **976 Likes and 1,084 Followers**.

There are two things to note in general:

- 'reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'engagement' is the number of reactions, comments or shares

Engagement tends to be a better way of gauging if people are interested and have read the posts because they wouldn't have interacted with it otherwise. For example, a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read it, the engagement is 0 and it hasn't been an effective way for the Community Committee to communicate.

Having said that, all posts can be read without any further interaction!!

The most popular post since the 6th November 2020 is the post regarding

Take care of you, this winter.

If you are aged over 60 you are at a greater risk if you catch COVID-19. Take care of you this winter, by finding ways to stay active and connected to loved ones, whilst staying safe from the virus.

- has been shared 2
- has reached a total of 310

The following below are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the 6th November 2020. Alongside it are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

1st Place – Take care of you, this winter.

310 people had this post delivered to them and it had **2** post clicks, with **5** likes, comments and shares.

Leeds City Council Inner West Community Committee
Published by Karen McManus [?] · 14 December 2020 · 🌐

If you are aged over 60 you are at a greater risk if you catch COVID-19. Take care of you this winter, by finding ways to stay active and connected to loved ones, whilst staying safe from the virus. Find our top tips at: www.takecareleeds.co.uk

Take care of you, this winter.
Active Connected Safe

People aged over 60 are at a greater risk from COVID-19. It's important that we work together to keep you safe, active and socially connected while minimising any physical contact with others. Let's work together to keep each other safe. Please visit www.takecareleeds.co.uk

310 People reached **7** Engagements **Boost Unavailable**

Andy Johnson 1 Comment 2 shares

Like Comment Share

Performance for your post

310 People Reached

5 Likes, Comments & Shares

2 Likes	1 On Post	1 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares

2 Post Clicks

1 Photo views	1 Link clicks	0 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

0 Hide post **0** Hide all posts
0 Report as spam **0** Unlike Page

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts



2nd Place – Connecting Leeds - Updated plans to improve the Armley Gyratory and help transform transport and travel in Leeds have been revealed.

134 people had this post delivered, with **8** post clicks with **1** likes, comments & shares.

Leeds City Council Inner West Community Committee
Published by Karen McManus [?] · 3d · 🌐

Connecting Leeds
3d

Updated plans to improve the Armley Gyratory and help transform transport and travel in Leeds have been revealed.

The updated designs will:

- 👉 Provide more appe...

See more

NEWS.LEEDS.GOV.UK
Connecting Leeds reveal new plans for improving the Armley Gyratory

134 People reached **9** Engagements **Boost Unavailable**

Andy Johnson

Like Comment Share

Performance for your post

134 People Reached

1 Likes, Comments & Shares

1 Likes	1 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Shares	0 On Post	0 On Shares

8 Post Clicks

0 Photo views	6 Link clicks	2 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

0 Hide post **0** Hide all posts
0 Report as spam **0** Unlike Page

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts



3rd Place – Inner West Uniform Exchange

130 people had this post delivered to them. There were 3 post clicks and 7 likes, comments and shares

Leeds City Council Inner West Community Committee
Published by Karen McManus [?] · 25 February · 🌐

Performance for your post

130 People Reached		
7 Likes, Comments & Shares ⓘ		
5 Likes	5 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares
3 Post Clicks		
0 Photo views	0 Link clicks ⓘ	3 Other Clicks ⓘ
NEGATIVE FEEDBACK		
0 Hide post	0 Hide all posts	
0 Report as spam	0 Unlike Page	

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on the post.

3rd most popular

Jools Heselwood is with Hannah Bithell.
23 February

COVID-19 Facebook Groups

The Communities Team have set up **33** ward based **Coronavirus Help Facebook Groups** as a way of promoting services, supporting communities and cascading information in an attempt to tackle the Coronavirus pandemic. Key charities, voluntary groups, community groups, Councillors, as well as the wider population in the local community are all invited to join the pages.

As well as key messages from the main Leeds City Council Facebook Page being used to deliver information to each ward, the pages are also there to generate discussion and debate but also hopefully facilitate conversations around being neighbourly during the national pandemic and assist if possible in some of the volunteering efforts.

To date, **Armley** has **161** members, **Bramley and Stanningley** has **67** members, and **Kirkstall** has **258** members.

The committee is asked to note the specific **Coronavirus Facebook Ward Pages** and are invited to join the pages in an attempt to increase traffic.

- **Armley:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/240058733840731/>
- **Bramley and Stanningley:**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/204369294167978/>
- **Kirkstall:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210253080212370/>

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

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

Report author: Karen McManus 0113 5350727

Date: 16th March 2021 For decision/To Note

Inner West Community Committee - Finance Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides 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 2020/21.

Main issues

2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.
5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.

7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
8. In the Inner West Community Committee this means that the money for the Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall wards will be administered by the Inner West Community Committee.
9. It was agreed at Inner West Community Committee on the 20th June 2018 that CIL monies for Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall would go where it is needed across the Inner West Community Committee area, to be decided by the elected members of the Inner West. Members will have mindfulness of the area where development is and local sensitivity around this.
10. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
11. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
12. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
13. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of wellbeing and youth activity budgets and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Community Committee. Alongside the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities and Environment to take such decisions.
14. The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when the following 'minimum conditions' have been satisfied:
 - a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;

- b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
- c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for members' information.

15. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2019/20

16. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2019/20 was **£169,170.00**. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£122,553.09** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2019/20. **£66,493.08** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2019/20 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2020/21 is therefore **£225,230.01**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.

17. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.

18. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£60,875**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2020/21

	£
INCOME: 2020/21	£169,170.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£122,553.09
Less projects brought forward from previous year	£66,493.08
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2020/21	£225,230.01
Area wide ring fenced projects	£
Small Grants & Skips	£6,000
Community Engagement	£1,500
Priority Neighbourhoods	£3,000
Covid-19	£40,000
Youth Summit	£1,500

Ward Projects	Total Cost of Project	Ward Split		
		Armley		

		£84,461	B&S £77,439	Kirkstall £84,493
Grafter's Space: A Collaborative Networking Event for Creatives	£850	£850		
Changing Room Interiors - Wortley Football Club	£1,000	£1,000		
Ley Lane CCTV – Leeds Watch	£2,000	£2,000		
Bramley Xmas Lights	£1,758		£1,758	
Fairfield Community Centre	£5,000		£5,000	
Leeds West Academy Youth Worker Support	£3,389.59		£3,389.59	
5X Litter Bins – Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team	£1,050		£1,050	
Inspired – Barca	£1,705		£1,705	
Fairfield Family Cookery Club – Flourishing Families	£5,634.94		£5,634.94	
Money Buddies – Bramley	£1,535		£1,535	
Kirkstall Festive Lights	£5,000			£5,000
Music From the Attic	£8,975			£8,975
Kirkstall Valley Kidz Catchup	£6,732			£6,732
Cragside Rec CCTV – Leeds Watch	£1,282.50			£1,282.50
Kirkstall Youth Band	£1,250			£1,250
Inner West CCTV	£3,000		£2,000	£1,000
Armley & Bramley Festive Lights – Leeds Lights	£4,282	£2,530	£1,752	
Summer Holiday – Targeted Provision – LCC Youth Services	£1,200	£400	£400	£400
Community Participation & Learning Programme – Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	£925	£462.50		£462.50
Hollybush Wellbeing in Wellies – The Conservation Volunteers	£8,000	£3,000	£3,000	£2,000
VE/VJ Day	£1,500	£500	£500	£500
BramleyMumsGetActive	£6,700		£6,700	
Woodbridges Youth Group	£8,349			£8,349
Spenn Lane Youth Group	£8,929.75			£8,929.75
Go wild (Healthy Holiday)	£2,468		£2,468	
Youth View and Online Safety	£9,025	£4,512.50	£4,512.50	
Kirkstall Planters	£550			£550
New Wortley Community Centre Urban Task Force	£4,000	£4,000		
Tackling Noise Nuisance	£500			£500
Kirkstall Valley Farm Waste Removal	£1,082			£1,082
Broadlea Tea time Club	£2,360		£2,360	
Christmas in the Community	£750	£750		
Burley Foodbank Distribution Centre (part of Leeds N&W Foodbank)	£1,064			£1,064
Crafting Corner – Women's crafting group	£1,110	£1,110		
Bramley Community Christmas Comedy & Variety Show	£1,350		£1,350	
The Chatterbox language packs	£750			£750
The Memory Bank Mural	£3,600	£3,600		
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£60,875	£35,549.83	£11,787.47	£13,537.70

Declined/Withdrawn Projects

19. Since the last Consultative Forum on 17th November 2020, the following projects have been declined or withdrawn:

- a) Wellbeing Project, Armley Childrens Centre – **Withdrawn** - £1,000
- b) Bramley Fall Park Measured Mile – **Withdrawn** - £1,500 Wellbeing & £3,500 Capital
- c) Armley Festival – **Withdrawn** - £5,000
- d) Breeze Saturday Night Project – **Withdrawn** - £8,000
- e) Two Family Fun Activity Days, West Leeds Activity Centre – **Withdrawn** - £5,289
- f) Samba Drumming Workshops, Rock School UK – **Withdrawn** - £11,412
- g) Food Frenzy, Feel Good Factor – **Withdrawn** - £1,773
- h) Armley Basketball Project, LCC Youth Services – **Withdrawn** £1,120.50
- i) Armley community Murals Project , Young artists of Armley – **Withdrawn** - £900
- j) Digital Stories using Spheros, Leeds Libraries – **Withdrawn** - £4,901.79
- k) Inner West Gaming Club, LCC Youth Services – **Withdrawn** - £2,640
- l) Climbing Youth Project, LCC Youth Service – **Withdrawn** - £1,648

Wellbeing and Capital projects for consideration and approval

20. The following projects are presented for Members' consideration:

21. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Security Upgrade

Name of Group or Organisation: Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club

Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £2,730

Wards covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: Funding is being applied for to further enhance the security measures at the club by installing CCTV, security lights and an alarm on both the clubhouse and the storage units.

22. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Easter Eggstravaganza Art Camp

Name of Group or Organisation: Art Camp UK

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £1,470

Wards Covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: Art Camp will be running an Eggcellent Art Camp this Easter half term with lots of creative fun planned. They will offer the places to Children who have been deemed to be vulnerable and who are children of Key workers and who would most benefit from three days at Easter Art Camp. They will have music workshops, easter egg hunts, film making, Forest schools, bush craft, circus skills, Drama, dance, theatre, a mini disco, and a visit from an ice cream van and lots more fun planned.

23. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Leeds West Academy Youth Worker Support

Name of Group or Organisation: The Cardigan Centre

Amount proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £4,066.40

Wards Covered: Bramley & Stanningley

Project Summary: The grant will be used to help support young people at Leeds West Academy for one day alongside the school PCSO and other support staff. They will liaise with staff to support truancy, engage with teenage pregnancy, support CSE issues, engage with young people who are having issues with teachers/school, have home issues they want to raise, mental health issues caused by lock downs and our staff will start to liaise with other schools to combat post code gangs between pupils.

24. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Spen Lane Youth Club

Name of Group or Organisation: The Cardigan Centre

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £9,032.10

Wards Covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: The project is a youth group for 8-19 year olds to come along and enjoy a mix of physical, creative and social activities. The group will be ran by 2 qualified Youth Workers and up to 2 volunteers/work Placement Youth and community students throughout the year Events such as Easter, Summer, Halloween and Xmas will occur with the support and involvement of all young people.

25. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Woodbridges Youth Club

Name of Group or Organisation: The Cardigan Centre

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £8,146.60

Wards Covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: The project is a youth group for 8-19 year olds to come along and enjoy a mix of physical, creative and social activities. The group will be ran by 2 qualified Youth Workers and up to 2 volunteers/work Placement Youth and community students throughout the year Events such as Easter, Summer, Halloween and Xmas will occur with the support and involvement of all young people.

26. **Wellbeing Project Title:** Kirkstall Planters

Name of Group or Organisation: Communities Team

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £550

Wards Covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: To fund Parks & Countryside to plant 11 troughs twice per year in June & September, plants to be maintained by local businesses.

27. **Wellbeing Project Title:** River Clean Up

Name of Group or Organisation: The Aire Rivers Trust

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £2,456

Wards Covered: Kirkstall

Project Summary: A stretch of the Aire below Kirkstall Abbey needs specialist clearing. The Aire Rivers Trust will oversee the project and work in partnership with volunteers from a local Kirkstall group, Team Kirkstall supported by Open Source Arts.

28. The Community Committee is asked to note the remaining balances of the Covid-19 Wellbeing budgets as follows, Armley: £8,518.25, Bramley & Stanningley: £4,705.01, Kirkstall: £1,298.12. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 2 and is available on request.

TABLE 2: Payments from the Inner West Covid-19 Wellbeing Budget:

Armley £20,000	
New Wortley Community Centre	£5,500
Seaguls	£2,500
Meeting Point	£500
Dixons Academy	£500
Castleton Primary School	£500
St Barts Primary School	£500
LCC Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team	£569.75
KVDT	£912
Bramley & Stanningley £10,000	
Bramley Care Bears	£384.07
Bramley Credit Union	£291.42
Friends of Bramley St.Peter's Primary	£100
Zest	£289.50
Online parental support program - Childrens Services	£480
Mini Play Box Scheme - Fall in to Place	£400
Bramley Baths	£1,250
Stanningley Primary School	£1,500

Leeds West Academy	£600
Kirkstall £10,000	
KVDT Food Bank	£6,404.61
Mini Play Box Scheme - Fall in to Place	£340
St Matts Leeds	£1,500
LCC – Childrens Services - Online Parental Support Program	£457.27

29. The Community Committee is asked to note the remaining balances of the Covid-19 Tier 3 budgets as follows, Armley: £0, Bramley & Stanningley: £345.86, Kirkstall: £0. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 3 and is available on request.

Table 3: Payments from the Covid-19 Tier 3 Government Grant

Armley £10,000	
New Wortley Community Centre	£4,140
Castleton Primary School	£800
St Barts Primary School	£2,360
Meeting Point	£700
Dixons Academy	£2,000
Bramley & Stanningley £10,000	
Bramley Care Bears	£179.90
LCC Highways – Salt Prov	£950.74
Bramley Baths	£2,050
Bramley Credit Union	£400
LCC Parks & Countryside – Natter Bench	£1,994
KVDT	£912
Bramley Elderley Action	£3,000
Your Back Yard	£167.50

Kirkstall £10,000	
KVDT	£2,054.39
LCC Highways – Salt Prov	£708.88
LCC Youth Services	£1,500
LCC Parks & Countryside – Natter Bench	£1,994
LCC Childrens Services - Online Parental Support Program	£3,742.73

Monitoring Information

30. As part of their funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.

31. Detailed below is a project update that the Communities Team has received since the last meeting of the Community Committee in November 2020:

Name of project: Hollybush Wellbeing in Wellies

32. Hollybush is a valued, bustling community centre in the heart of West Leeds, and Inner West ward residents are the primary beneficiaries of TCV's inclusive work. This supports some of the most disadvantaged members of our community, focusing on wellbeing, health, social inclusion, volunteering, skill development and the environment.

33. Despite the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic and changing restrictions, the TCV staff and volunteer team at Hollybush have responded with real creativity and commitment to support our community. In the early lockdown they adapted their work to create livestream videos of gardening and nature based activities, delivered thousands of activity packs and plants to grow, supported the community hubs and food banks with deliveries and maintained regular contact with our more vulnerable beneficiaries.

34. They successfully delivered 106 Environmental Action days and one virtual open day in September 2020 and looked after green spaces to improve community activity & health in West Leeds, supporting Leeds City Council's Climate Emergency and Get Set Leeds agendas.



Youth Activities Fund Position 2020/21

35. The total available for spend in Inner West Community Committee in 2020/21, including carry forward from previous year, was **£46,178.99**

36. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£30,926.04** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.

37. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£28,693.89** in the Youth Activity Fund.

TABLE 4: Youth Activities Fund 2020/21

	Total allocation	Ward Split		
		Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Kirkstall
Income 2020/21	£38,500	£12,833	£12,833	£12,834
Carried forward from previous year	£7,678.89	£2,448.86	£583.92	£4,646.11
Total available (including brought forward balance) for schemes in 2020/21	£46,178.89	£15,281.86	£13,416.92	£17,480.11
Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year	£1,648			£1,648
Total available budget for this year 2020/21	£44,530.89	£15,281.86	£13,416.92	£15,832.11

Projects 2020/21	Amount requested from YAF	Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Kirkstall
Activity programme for 20/21 – West Leeds Activity Centre	£6,500	£4,616	£1,888	
Mini Breeze / Breeze in the Park (BIP)	£7,200	£3,600	£3,600	
20 years of DAZL Community Cohesion Project	£2,133		£1,066.50	£1,066.50
Remaining balance per ward		£7,065.86	£6,862.42	£14,765.61

Small Grants & Skips Budget 2020/21

38. At the last Community Committee Funding Round ward members approved a small grants & skips budget of **£6,000**. There is currently a remaining balance of **£531.31**. Approved projects are detailed in **Table 4 & Table 5**.

TABLE 5: Small Grants 2020/21

Project	Organisation/Dept	Amount requested
Let's Talk	Russian Speakers Group For Children	£500
Meno Health Course	Iola Shaw partnering menopause health	£500
Youth & Community programme at Prince Philip Centre PHAB Club	Prince Philip Centre PHAB Club	£648.70
Public Liability Insurance	Wyther Park Parents & Tots Group	£140
Inner West Green Uniform Exchange	KVDT	£128.76
Uniform Exchange Clothing Rails	Bramley Elderly Action	£187.90
Sign to help reduce drug dealing	LCC – City Signs	£166
Inner West Youth Community Committee	Leeds Youth Service	£870
A Midsummer Night's Showcase in Bramley Park	Front Room Productions	£500
Nubian Noire	Cultural Arts Heritage Circle	£197
Healthy Holidays Christmas Provision	Healthy Holidays, Leeds City Council	£450
Total spent so far 2020/21:		£4,288.36

TABLE 6: Community Skips 2020/21

Location of skip	Date	Total amount
Hayleys Field Allotments	14/05/20	£190.59
Hayleys Field Allotments	21/05/20	£180.90
Kirkstall Valley Farm	05/10/20	£657
New Wortley Community Centre	15/10/20	£151.84
Total spent so far 2020/21:		£1,180.33

Capital Budget 2020/21

39. The Inner West Community Committee has a capital budget of **£8,928.84** available to spend, as a result of new capital injections in October 2020. Members are asked to note the capital allocation and summarised in **Table 6**.

TABLE 7: Capital 2020/21

Inner West Capital Budget	Totals
Remaining Balance March 2020	£7,680.43
Capital Injection March 2020	£14,200
Capital Injection October 2020	£1,700
Starting totals 2020/21	£23,580.43
Hunters Greave Scout Camp Site Renovation	£3,166.66
Broadlea Community Centre – Building compliance	£3,245.93
Bramley Baths Inflatable Purchase	£3,365
Upgrades to the function room – Milford Sports Club	£5,394
Balance remaining	£8,408.84

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2020/21

40. The Inner West Community Committee is asked to note that there is **£87,723.84** currently available to spend in the CIL Budget after a recent injection in March 2020.

TABLE 8: CIL 2020/21

Inner West CIL Budget	Totals
Remaining Balance March 2020	£65,615.00
Injection May 2020	£15,385.95
Injection November 2020	£6,722.89
Total Amount 2020-2021	£87,723.84
Remaining Balance:	£87,723.84

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

41. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

42. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

43. Projects submitted to the Community Committee for wellbeing funding 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

44. 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

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

Risk Management

46. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusion

47. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

Recommendations

48. Members are asked to note/consider/approve:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)

- b. Wellbeing & Capital proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21-27)
- c. Details of Payments from Covid-19 Wellbeing Budget (Table 2)
- d. Details of payments from Covid-19 Tier 3 Budget (Table 3)
- e. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 28-30)
- f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 4)
- g. Details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 5)
- h. Details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 6)
- i. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 7)
- j. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 8)



Report of the City Solicitor

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

Report author: Gerard Watson, Principal Governance Officer, 0113 37 88664

Date: Tuesday 16th March 2021

For decision

Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2021/2022

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

Main issues

Meeting Schedule

2. The Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee.
3. This report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2021/22, in line with previous practice. The proposed schedule has been compiled with a view to ensuring an even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year.
4. Members are also asked to note that the schedule does not set out any Community Committee themed workshops, as these can be determined by the Committee throughout the municipal year, should Members feel appropriate.

5. The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Localities team. As referenced earlier, this report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2021/22, in line with previous practice.
6. For this municipal year, efforts have been made to try and avoid scheduling multiple Community Committee meetings on the same day, in order to allow for attending officers to be present at as many Committees as possible when taking reports to all 10 Committees during a cycle. Also taken into consideration this year are the practicalities around the webcasting of meetings, and the fact that we can only webcast a maximum of 2 meetings simultaneously.
7. In terms of the format of the Community Committee meetings, as Members will be aware, over the course of 2020/21 in response to the pandemic and the restrictions in place, Community Committees initially met remotely on a consultative basis, and then remotely on a formal, decision making basis. Regarding how formal Community Committees, and other committees will meet moving forward, this is a matter which will continue to be monitored in light of how the pandemic develops and the local and national restrictions / legislation in place at the time. This will also include consideration being given to any changes made by Government to the current regulations which enable formal, decision making meetings of the Local Authority to take place remotely.
8. The proposed meeting schedule for 2021/22 is as follows:
 - **Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 6:00pm**
 - **Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 6:00pm**
 - **Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 6:00pm**
 - **Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 6:00pm**

Meeting Days, Times and Venues

9. Currently, the Committee meets on a Tuesday at 6:00pm – However, the proposal going forward from September is to revert back to Wednesday as the Committee’s meeting day and the proposed dates (above) reflect this pattern.
10. Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people i.e. members of the public, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal working hours. Therefore, the Committee may wish to give consideration to meeting start times which would maximise the accessibility of the meetings for the community.

Options

11. Members are asked to consider whether they are agreeable with the proposed meeting schedule (above).

Corporate considerations

10a. Consultation and engagement

The submission of this report to the Community Committee forms part of the consultation process as it seeks the views of Elected Members with respect to the Community Committee meeting schedule.

In compiling the proposed schedule of meeting dates and times, the current Community Committee Chair and colleagues within the Localities team have been consulted.

10b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

In considering the matters detailed, Members may wish to give consideration to ensuring that the Community Committee meeting arrangements are accessible to all groups within the community.

10c. Legal implications, access to information and call in

In line with Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to decisions taken by Community Committees.

Conclusion

11. The Procedure Rules require that each Community Committee will agree its schedule of meetings and that there shall be at least 4 business meetings per municipal year. With this, Members are asked to agree the arrangements for 2021/22.

Recommendations

12. Members are requested to consider the options detailed within the report and to consider and agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2021/22 municipal year (as detailed at paragraph 8).

Background information

- Not applicable

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Report of: Director of Communities and Environment

Report to: Inner West Community Committee –

Report author: Julie Peyton Tel: 3786054

Date: 16th March 2021. To note

Domestic Violence and Abuse in Inner West Leeds

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Inner West Community Committee with a verbal update and presentation on domestic violence and abuse in the Inner West Community Committee Area.

Main issues

2. The Covid-19 pandemic has raised many concerns about the safety and wellbeing of families and individuals living with domestic violence and abuse. The presentation provides an update on reports to key services and the challenges faced during this time.
3. The Domestic Abuse Bill currently progressing through the House of Lords will create new opportunities to refresh our governance in Leeds relating to domestic violence and abuse. It places statutory duties on the local authority, so this presentation outlines the changes and how we are responding to those changes and challenges in Leeds. The Domestic Abuse Bill recognises the harm caused to children and views them as victims in their own right and not simply witnesses to others abuse.
4. The presentation provides a snapshot of current activity in Inner West to address domestic violence and abuse.
5. Elected members are a key point of contact for local communities and we are aware that many victims of DVA will talk to local members. This is a local trusted relationship and to support members we have arranged briefings on the current situation in relation to Covid-19 and new developments in the city. The team have also produced a set of resources that have been circulated via email to members including a contact card, posters in

community languages and leaflets for volunteers about how to approach/ support a potential victim of DVA. These resources have also been made available in community settings including the Community Hubs.

Corporate considerations

Consultation and engagement

6. As part of the development to the citywide strategy, Safer Leeds and partners will hold local community conversations with the Community Committee and work with the Communities Team to get the views of a range of local stakeholders through the local care partnership networks. The work is likely to take place between Jan-June in 2021 when we have the full guidance from the Government in preparation for the Act starting in April 2021. Members are asked to consider how they will be able to support this consultation process as part of their ongoing work with Communities.

Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

7. Domestic violence and abuse is an issue that impacts people in all socio-economic groups and communities. However, it is known from research that women are more likely to be victims and that for all people, the process of seeking help can be made more challenging for groups that already experience disadvantage. The needs assessment will ensure that the needs of those groups are identified and the development of the DVA strategy will seek to mitigate the challenges faced by groups who experience poverty and inequality where domestic violence and abuse is a factor in their lives.

Council policies and city priorities

8. This paper addresses many areas of the Best Council Plan 2020 - 2025, with a specific focus on the ambitions around safe, strong communities, health and wellbeing and child friendly city.

Resources and value for money

9. The government has established a £6 million capacity building fund to help local authorities prepare for implementation of the duty. Local authorities are not expected to deliver the duty before it comes into force. The fund aims to ensure that, assuming the Bill passes through Parliament as anticipated, all local authorities are at an appropriate stage and ready to implement the duty in April 2021. Further detail has yet to be released about the provision of this funding. At this stage, there are no resource implications for the Council relating to this report.

Legal implications, access to information and call in

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

Risk management

11. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Conclusion

12. Domestic violence and abuse is a recognised priority for Leeds City Council and its partners. There are existing structures, services and relationships (that have been briefly described in the presentation) that demonstrate a robust response to the current situation. The introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill provides the city with an opportunity to refresh and strengthen its response. Further, there is an opportunity for the Inner East Community Committee to review and identify how it can be involved in these developments going forward.

Recommendations

13. The Inner West Community Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and the presentation to be delivered at the meeting.

14. Members of the Community Committee are asked to consider their role in addressing domestic violence and abuse.

Background information

15. The government have produced a series of factsheets relating to the Domestic Abuse Bill which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-bill-2020-factsheets>

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Report of: Martin Farrington - Director of City Development

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

Armley, Bramley and Stanningley, Kirkstall

Report author: Finn Campbell

Date: **Date of Meeting** **To note**

Inner West Community Committee – Draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy – Consultation

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

Overview

2. The draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy details how we are going to achieve our vision for Leeds, "to be a city where you don't need a car". The strategy outlines the key challenges and opportunities facing the city, our "big moves" and targets for 2030 in order to achieve the city wide vision, support the three overarching objectives to tackle Climate Change, deliver Inclusive Growth and improve Health and Wellbeing.
3. In order to realise our vision, meet our objectives and continue to deliver transformational change we need to work with individuals and businesses, regional bodies including the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Transport for the North as well as Central Government.
4. It is clear however that these actions alone will not be enough to meet the scale of the climate emergency challenge facing us all and that further measures need to be considered as part of the Transport Strategy's development. The draft strategy therefore presents options to allow the continuation of our transport conversation with everyone in the city to agree the Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

About the consultation

5. This consultation is an opportunity for everyone to inform the final strategy and join the conversation to shape transport policy.
6. A copy of the executive summary for the strategy is attached to this report. Full copies of the report and online questionnaire are available here: www.leeds.gov.uk/transportconversation. As part of the consultation process a webinar series has been launched to discuss topics of the strategy in more detail. All sessions are free and can be joined via a computer, smartphone or landline number. Further details can be found on the above address.
7. In addition to the webinars, we will be attending all community committees over the next couple of months as well as dedicated sessions with seldom heard and equality groups. Printed copies of the strategy and questionnaire are available on requests and are supplied with a freepost return envelope. These can be requested via email at transport.strategy@leeds.gov.uk.
8. The consultation is live until Friday 26th March 2021.

Inner West Community Committee Area

9. The draft strategy sets out our proposed approach to transport policy for the whole city. Whilst the strategy is not spatially defined, policies and measures detailed in the document and subsequent action plans will cover the Inner West Community Committee Area.
10. The consultation on the draft strategy is an opportunity to highlight issues affecting the local area.

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Connecting Leeds **Transport Strategy**

Executive Summary

Foreword

Our ambition for Leeds is to have a strong economy within a compassionate city.

To achieve this goal we are committed to delivering the priorities set out in our Inclusive Growth and Health and Well-Being Strategies, and doing all that we can to tackle climate change. The extent to which we are able to deliver success in these areas will be influenced by the action we take to transform mobility and connectivity in the city, the region and wider north.



Page 56 We are a city ready to move forward together - sitting proudly at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse. With the arrival of High Speed 2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail transforming our intercity connections we need to ensure that mobility in Leeds in the next decade supports sustainable economic development for everyone. Delivering transformational economic growth not only in Leeds but across the city region and the north; creating a strong labour market with increased access to jobs and talent and opportunities for everyone is at the heart of our strategy.

Over the last few years we have seen significant transport investment which has made our city easier to walk, cycle and travel by public transport in. At the same time, the effect of overdependence on private cars on us, our families

and communities has become ever clearer. It has contributed to an increase in poor public health across our city, with streets that can often be polluted and unwelcoming places to live, walk or cycle. It is also bad for business with millions of pounds of lost productivity caused by congestion.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we live our lives, from how and where we work to how we spend our leisure time. Whilst we do not know the long term effects that this will have on our lives we do know that people want to walk and cycle more.

Our vision for Leeds is for a city where walking, cycling and green public transport become the most appealing, practical and best value choices for many more journeys. Where streets are attractive spaces for everyone to enjoy.

This strategy outlines how we aim to put walking, cycling and green public transport infrastructure first, the challenges we face as a city but also the opportunities there are to continue to transform travel in Leeds. The strategy will also set out big moves and how we are going to deliver the change required.

With the Climate Emergency declaration, how we manage and plan transport has important implications for our streets, public places, and future growth as a city but most importantly for everyone, who lives, works or travels in Leeds. We have started to take action to address the levels of congestion, crowding and unreliability on our transport network. However, there is more that can be done to improve everyone's experience of travel in our city.

There is no single solution. We need to continue to get people to move away from their cars to deliver an affordable, reliable, safe and zero carbon public transport network for the city which supports streets for people and unlocks the power of transport for a fairer, greener and more prosperous Leeds.

Councillor Judith Blake. Leader Leeds City Council



Executive Summary

This executive summary provides an overview of the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy. It outlines our vision, objectives and big moves which combined will support the inclusive growth strategy, climate emergency ambition and health and wellbeing strategies.

Our Vision

Our vision for Leeds is to be a city where **you don't need a car.**

Where everyone has an **affordable zero carbon choice** in how they travel.

We want to **Connect Leeds, Connect Communities, and Connect Businesses** together in the most sustainable ways.

This means a city:

Where walking and cycling are the first choice for short journeys, creating safe and healthy environments where active travel is prioritised and road danger is eliminated;

With a fully integrated low carbon transport network with a network of modes – each of them accessible, viable and sustainable, which together will connect everybody with everything. By reducing transport's damaging impact on the environment, we will support Leeds commitment to becoming a carbon neutral city by 2030.

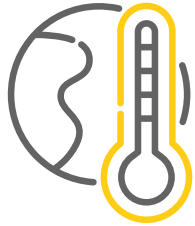
With decreased car dependence, with a shared go anywhere active and public transport network. That enables people to make choices that are right for them by providing smart, reliable, real time, multi-modal travel information, or making use of technology to decide not to travel at all.

With efficient land use for a well-connected productive city centre, moving more people not vehicles – prioritising mass transit, buses and active modes of travel.

That enables everyone to have equal access to the same opportunities. Where the cost of travel is reduced and people need to travel less.

The Objectives

We want to ensure economic opportunities are available to everyone, create a healthy and caring city for all and through a range of travel choices address the climate emergency, by moving away from personal car ownership, towards a shared, go anywhere low carbon transport network. To support our vision for Leeds we have three over-arching objectives in the transport strategy.



TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges we face globally and as a major city we have a key role to play. We declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and pledged to make Leeds carbon neutral by 2030. In order to meet our 2030 target we must persuade people to adopt more sustainable travel choices by:

- ❑ Reducing the need for travel and the number of car journeys, especially at peak times
- ❑ Encouraging people to choose active travel and public transport
- ❑ Improving the efficiency of the transport network and make better use of our road space
- ❑ Encouraging the uptake of zero emission vehicles in freight, public and private transport



DELIVERING INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Ensuring that as Leeds continues to grow, that this is inclusive and benefits all our citizens and communities. The Leeds Inclusive Growth strategy sets out 12 big ideas to encourage inclusive growth. In order to support the delivery of inclusive growth and make Leeds an attractive city for business to grow and invest in, we are going to:

- ❑ Support individuals access more employment opportunities through a comprehensive transport network
- ❑ Develop and regenerate places through continued investment in transport infrastructure
- ❑ Improve productivity by investing in a more time and cost efficient transport system
- ❑ Lower the cost of mobility, ensuring transport is affordable for everyone



IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Health and Wellbeing strategy sets out 12 priority areas to help Leeds become the best city for health and wellbeing. "We want Leeds to be the most active city in England" and our priority is to get more people active more often. To improve health and wellbeing we are going to:

- ❑ Ensure walking and cycling are the first choice for the shortest journeys improving physical health
- ❑ Reduce the negative effects of transport on our local communities, improving air quality and reducing CO2 Emissions
- ❑ Help make Leeds the best city to grow old in and a child friendly city through making streets accessible to all
- ❑ Eliminate road danger by adopting a Vision Zero approach to road accidents

Big Moves

We have identified six big moves that will be the focus of the Transport Strategy. We believe these six big moves will move us towards achievement of our vision, objectives and targets.

Our Big Moves are supported by 12 policy areas, it is a combination of these policy areas that will deliver and ultimately enable our big moves to become successful.



De-carbonising Transport

Reducing the need to travel, re-mode how we travel away from private car use and encouraging further uptake of alternative fuelled vehicles and the infrastructure they need.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Re-mode how we travel - making it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport.
- Reducing the need to travel - making it easier to access the same opportunities and amenities without having to travel as far.
- Support the uptake of alternative fuelled vehicles and associated infrastructure through publication of our Alternative Fuelled Vehicle Strategy
- Commit to all new infrastructure being carbon neutral and carbon negative where possible
- Continue to improve local environments through the planting of street trees, contributing to our wider ambition to create new woodlands through the planting of over 5.8 million trees

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Trial new technologies to make it easier to adopt low carbon choices such as on-street electrical vehicle charging points
- Work with partners to make it easier for everyone to access services closer to home.
- Ensure low carbon mobility choices are available throughout Leeds, serving the routes and locations people need.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How we can further incentivise people to use the low carbon public transport network in partnership with the Combined Authority and bus operators.
- A low carbon zone, this could be similar to the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in London, where the most polluting vehicles are subject to greatest charges based on CO2 emissions.



Creating healthier streets, spaces and communities

Ensuring walking and cycling are the first choice for the shortest trips, creating places and spaces where people want to spend time which are inclusive and accessible to all.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Provide accessible, well designed space for walking and cycling, including developing local cycling and walking infrastructure plans for all Leeds Communities.
- Use street space more efficiently by tackling congestion and reducing traffic.
- Ensure our streets are safer for everyone by working with partners to reduce crime and anti social-behaviour
- Work with accessibility and inclusivity groups on the development of a street charter to reduce barriers to travel
- Maintain the Outer Ring Road as the primary route for vehicle trips around the city in order to support the transformation of our local streets.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Adopt Vision Zero approach to road safety, where all accidents are preventable and liability is shared between, road users, engineers and road operators
- Create and support an integrated, connected network for all modes, enabling longer trips to be undertaken sustainably building on the 20 minute neighbourhood concept
- Lobby for greater allocation of funding for these types of measures, which are currently more challenging to fund
- Monitor our Active Travel Neighbourhood trials to see if they encourage people to walk and cycle more but also reduce rat-running
- Review parking management measures across the Leeds district to include more spaces for cycles, car clubs and Electric Vehicle charging
- Tackle barriers to active travel including bike storage at home and access to training
- Develop a local shared ownership model for transport within communities through the provision of car clubs and bike sharing.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- Different parking management measures to reduce vehicle dominated environments and incentives the uptake of alternatively fuelled vehicles.



Transform the city centre

Continue to deliver and develop transformational change in the city centre as a place for people and seamlessly integrating all modes, supporting role of Leeds as a local, regional and national economic hub.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Deliver transformational change through the delivery of our new gateway locations on the Headrow, Park Row and the Corn Exchange making it easier to travel for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users
- Invest in the city centre as a national, regional and local transport hub

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Encourage and facilitate traffic to move around the city centre rather than through it with the closure of City Square.
- Create a network of open and green spaces within our streets that make the city centre more attractive supporting the Our Spaces Strategy
- Support the role of Leeds City Station, enhancing its role as a regional transport hub and enabling for the integration of high speed rail
- Maintaining the Inner Ring Road to help facilitate the transformation of the city centre whilst also ensuring we reduce the physical barrier it places between communities, making it easier for people to access the city centre.
- Review our parking strategy including park and ride facilities.
- Re-assess how we use our existing water and rail network to best service the city especially in relation to freight.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- A workplace parking levy, this could charge employers who provide workplace parking, with monies raised being ring-fenced to invest back into transport.



Enhance Public Transport

Building on the successes we have had in recent years in improving bus and rail services and working with partners to ensure the meet the current and future needs of users.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Work with partners to secure the investment needed to deliver transformational improvements to the rail network
- Work in partnership with the Combined Authority and the operators to create the best bus system which is an attractive and natural choice for everyone.
- Upgrade key bus corridors (including provision of additional bus priority measures) to provide fast & reliable high frequency bus services.
- Deliver City Centre Gateways to transform the public transport experience across the city.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Develop our park and ride offer on key radial routes across the city.
- Upgrade all key bus corridors across the city to provide a core network of high frequency bus services.
- Promote demand responsive transport services to offer flexibility and connectivity across the city in areas not well served by traditional bus services.
- Work with the Combined Authority, bus operators and technology firms to encourage service and product innovations.
- Create a well connected and seamless network of active travel and public transport infrastructure and services with integrated ticketing and payment options.

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How different transport operating models could improve the public transport provision in the city
- How we can provide reasonably priced fares that further incentivise people to use the public transport network in partnership with the Combined Authority.

New Mobility Solutions

Thinking about transport differently, focusing on shared mobility and how we pay for transport, encouraging flexible transport choices and using technologies to improve mobility in the city.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Consider new technologies and innovative approaches to delivery that can open new opportunities for travel including shared mobility and micro mobility modes.
- Continue our work with taxi and private hire vehicles to provide the best service for Leeds
- Continue to support the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in the development of the Demand Responsive Transport trial.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Deliver mobility hubs across the city where several modes can be accessed in one location integrating transport
- Ensure accessibility considered as a whole system across the council, with transport acknowledged as just a single element alongside spatial planning and technology
- Define our Shared Transport Vision to include car clubs, bikes and scooters

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How autonomous vehicles can play a future role in mobility within the city.
- How we can support the better integration of freight services and local deliveries to reduce van mileage in the city
- Enhanced shared ownership models and how we can integrate shared transport modes into our existing mobility services, ensuring they are affordable and offer value for money

Deliver a Mass Transit Network

Delivering a low carbon mass transit in Leeds, enhancing the transformational work already going on throughout the city through partnership with the Combined Authority.

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

- Through the Bus Alliance, continue to deliver the Connecting Leeds and West Yorkshire-Plus Transport Fund investment programmes, to help transform our bus offer in the short term.
- Work in partnership with the Combined Authority to develop and deliver an advanced Mass Transit system as quickly as possible.

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Ensure that the right mass transit solution is delivered that integrates instinctively with the city and unlocks the benefits for the people of Leeds at the earliest opportunity.
- Ensure that it integrates with our existing transport network, creating an affordable, zero – carbon network
- Work with partners to secure the investment needed to deliver transformational improvements to the rail network to support the Mass Transit network

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- The further opportunities mass transit can offer for the city including the opportunities for transit oriented development



Targets

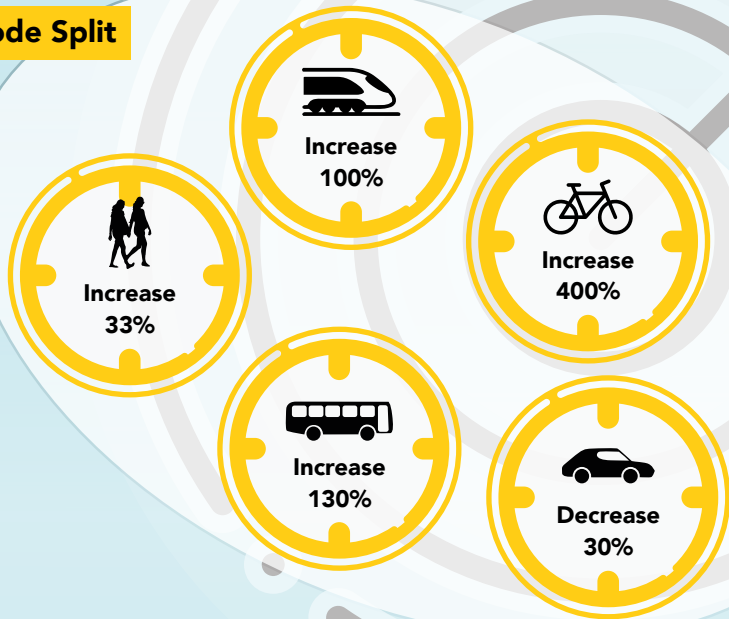
In order to achieve our strategic vision for Leeds to be a city where you don't need a car. Our overall target comprises of four components:

Climate Emergency

The Council is committed to making Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.

Mode Split

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Distance Travelled

To support our mode split targets, we need to reduce the length of car trips made in the city by 30%. That is on average 900 car miles per year.

Vision Zero

Zero people killed or serious injured on Leeds roads by 2040.

Our Big Leeds Climate Conversation, you told us that:

- 94.8%** believe that the climate is changing
- 93.4%** believe that climate change is due to human activity
- More than two-thirds** of respondents (**67.1%**) say that they already walk or cycle journeys less than a mile.
- 13.2%** would take the bus or train more often
- 33.2%** would pick up deliveries from a central location
- The exception to this is that **more than a quarter (26.5%)** of respondents say that they would consider switching to an electric or hybrid car

Our 2030 average trips components

- 31%** walking
- 41%** private car
- 2%** other
- 4%** cycling
- 22%** public transport

What you can do to help?

- Leave the car at home one day a week
- Visit places by public transport
- Have a web meeting instead of travelling to the meeting
- Walk the children to school

Meeting the Climate Emergency target

Meeting our pledge for Leeds to become carbon neutral by 2030 will be challenging. Transport accounts for 36% of all Carbon Emissions within Leeds. Our current policy projection will contribute to a reduction in CO2 emissions, however we need to do more to further reduce emissions. Our policies including our Bold and Big Moves detailed in this strategy will contribute up to a 43% reduction in CO2 emissions from transport by 2030.

The challenge in achieving net-zero carbon emissions is not one just facing Leeds, it is also facing regional and national government. The Department for Transport are currently working to a 2050 ambition for carbon neutrality and their policy projections are set out in Decarbonising Transport: Setting the challenge report. Recent announcements, bringing forward the ban on the sale of fossil fuelled vehicles to 2030 will help reduce carbon emissions however further policy actions are required.

Our Big Moves set out our focus areas for the transport strategy. To outline our proposals for each of the Big Moves, we have broken down each move into the following components:

WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO:

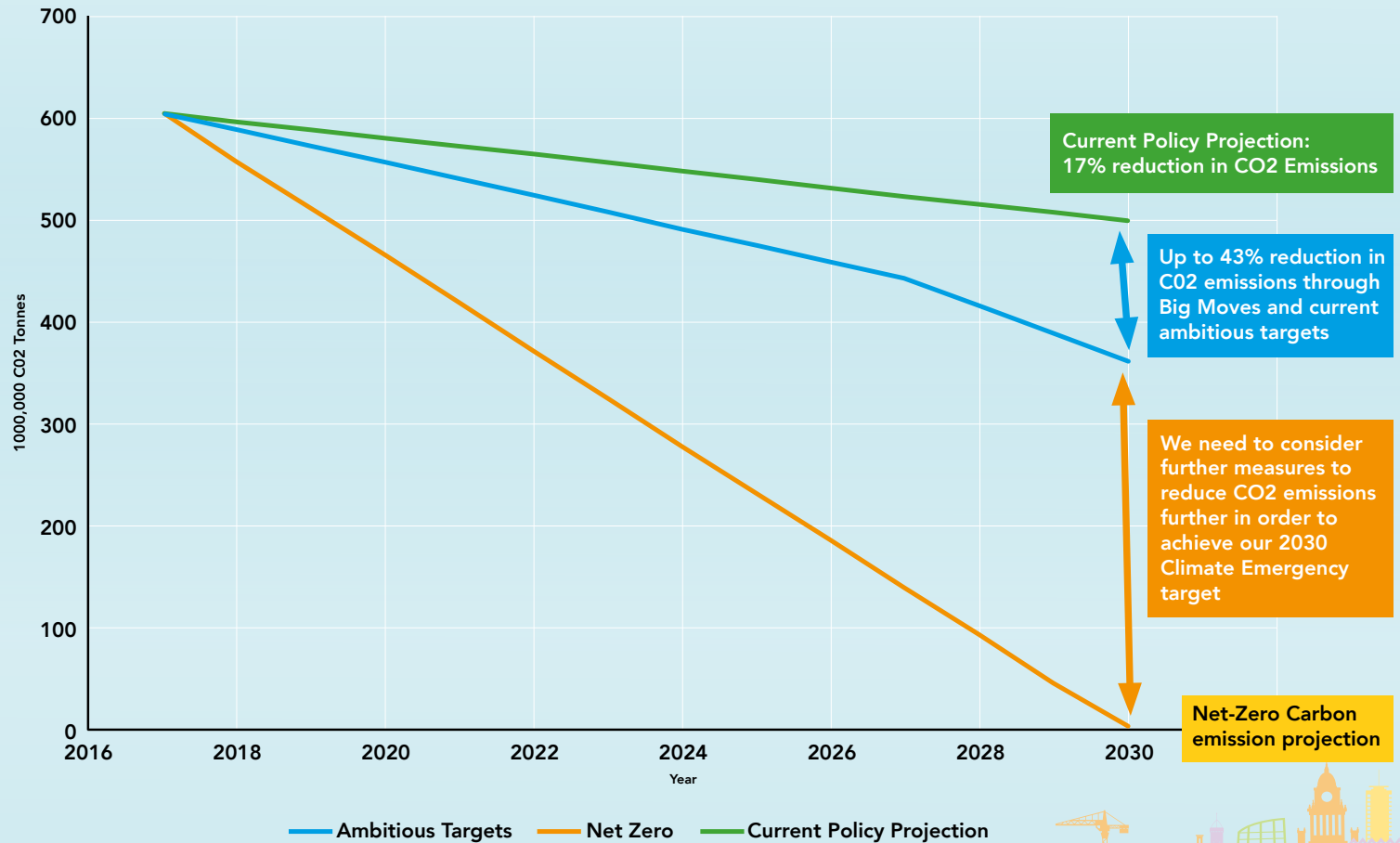
- This is where we outline what measures we are going to continue to do

WE ARE GOING TO:

- Measures we are going to introduce as part of this strategy to work towards our targets

WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER:

- Measures we need to consider going forward in order to achieve our targets
- We will require support from Central Government to enable us to make these steps and changes to national policy to enable this to be achieved



Achieving and Delivering the vision

Achieving the vision and meeting our targets will be challenging, we need others to help. In order to deliver our strategy we will develop a series of action plans, which will detail short, medium and long term measures, transforming mobility in Leeds and supporting our objectives to be the best city in the UK. It will only be by working together that we can achieve our vision.

TO DELIVER THE VISION WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS:

- We will guide the delivery of the transport strategy aligning it to support wider policies around creating an inclusive economy, health and wellbeing, well designed spaces and decarbonisation. We will lead by example. *#LeedsbyExample*
- As we deliver our Strategy we will continue to review the outcomes and where necessary make adjustments to ensure they remain relevant to achieving our goals.
- We will work collaboratively and adopt an open and committed approach to working with our partners.
- We will continue to explore a range of funding opportunities as they arise.
- We will engage with the citizens and businesses of Leeds to ensure the transport strategy meets their needs.

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TO DELIVER OUR AMBITIOUS STRATEGY, ACHIEVE OUR VISION AND MEET OUR OBJECTIVES, IT WILL TAKE A WHOLE CITY APPROACH WITH GENUINE ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FROM CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND PARTNERS.

- We ask the **citizens, visitors and businesses** to continue to engage with LCC to help inform the strategy, deliver our vision and work together to achieve these targets.
- We ask that the **Transport Expert Panel** we have established continue to support the development and delivery of mobility solutions in Leeds.
- We work in partnership with the **West Yorkshire Combined Authority** on a daily basis and will continue to do in the development and delivery of policies and priorities.

We believe that through this continued partnership approach better integration and outcomes can be delivered.

- We ask **The Government** to commit to a comprehensive long term funding package to give us certainty on our future transport investments and for co-ordination of different governmental policies.
- We ask that the government commits to the delivery of the eastern leg of **High Speed 2** to Leeds and that **Transport for the North** continues to work with us to enable the delivery of Northern Powerhouse Rail and other policies such as integrated ticketing.
- We ask **Network Rail** to work with us and the **Combined Authority** to bring forward the delivery of three new stations in Leeds as well as further improvements.
- We ask that **Highways England** works with us to reduce negative impacts of the Strategic Road Network on our the severance of our communities air quality or carbon emissions.
- We ask all **train operating companies and the DfT** to continue to invest in new greener rolling stock to increase capacity into Leeds Station and reduce overcrowding.
- We ask the **bus operators** to continue to work with us enhance bus services and vehicles across the city.
- We ask all developers support our vision for Leeds and help contribute to it and to continue to engage with us to support well connected development.

As part of our engagement strategy we are now seeking feedback on this draft strategy. Your feedback will be carefully analysed and will inform the final strategy for Leeds.

Next Steps

Public Consultation

December – February

Review of all consultation responses

February – April

Publication of new Transport Strategy

Early Summer 2021



Report of: Director of Public Health

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

Report author: Karen McManus

Date: 16th March 2021

To note

Inner West Covid-19 Cases – Update

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Inner West Community Committee with an update on Inner West Covid-19 cases.

Main issues

2. Community Committee Members have requested a discussion regarding the number of positive cases of Covid-19 in the Inner West area. The Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards have had some of the highest positive case rates across Leeds.
3. Between the 18th February 2021 and the 24th February 2021, the Armley ward had 240.6 positive cases per 100,000 and Bramley & Stanningley had 180.4 per 100,000. It should be noted, that the figures are changing every week, therefore, up to date figures will be brought to the meeting on 16th March 2021.
4. Members are keen to understand how the Community Committee and local residents can work together to combat the challenges around Covid-19 positivity cases.

Recommendations

5. To note the contents of the briefing note and receive the update from Public Health.

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