



Outer North East Community Committee

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR
Monday, 16th December, 2024 at 5.30 pm

Councillors:

L Buckley	- Alwoodley;
N Buckley	- Alwoodley;
D Cohen	- Alwoodley;

S Firth	- Harewood;
M Robinson	- Harewood;
R Stephenson	- Harewood;

N Harrington	- Wetherby;
A Lamb	- Wetherby;
P Stables	- Wetherby;





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Images on cover from left to right:

Alwoodley - MAECare (Moor Allerton Elderly Care); Moor Allerton shopping centre

Harewood - rural landscapes; Harewood Arms

Wetherby – bridge over the River Wharfe; racehorse sculpture

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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 Head of Governance Services 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, 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 so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following 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> <p>No exempt items or information have been identified on the agenda</p>	

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)</p>	
4			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
5			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
7			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of October 2024.</p>	7 - 14
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10			<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES</p> <p>To receive and consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships, which provides an update on the policing priorities in the Outer North East Community Committee area.</p>	17 - 22
11			<p>OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which provides an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund and Capital Budget for 2024/25. Financial decisions are taken to the Community Committee meetings to ensure transparency and that financial regulations are met.</p>	23 - 30
12			<p>OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider the report of the Head of Locality Partnerships providing an update on 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.</p>	31 - 42
13			<p>DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To note that the next meeting of Outer North East Community Committee is scheduled for the 17th of March 2025.</p>	

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OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor N Harrington in the Chair

Councillors L Buckley, D Cohen, S Firth,
A Lamb, P Stables and R Stephenson

13 **OPENING COMMENTS**

Councillor D Cohen wished all those who celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the New Year in Judaism, L'Shana Tovah tikatevu, a happy, peaceful, and prosperous new year for all people around the world.

Councillor Cohen highlighted that the 7th of October 2024 marked one year since the Hamas attacks in Israel. The Committee held a minute silence as a mark of respect, to remember all those who lost their lives.

14 **OPEN FORUM**

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period was extended at the discretion of the Chair.

The following submission was made as part of the Open Forum:

Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism

Representatives of the Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism organisation addressed the Community Committee in relation to antisemitism in Leeds, highlighting that it was pertinent to address this Committee given that approximately 90% of the Jewish population within Leeds resided in the Outer North East area, and timely, given the anniversary of the 7th October attacks. It was noted that this followed the organisation's deputation to Full Council on 11th September 2024

Key points raised by representatives of the Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism organisation included:

- It was noted that whilst it was felt that the Jewish community worked closely with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and noting the proactive approach taken to keep the community safe, concerns were raised that the Jewish community felt vulnerable and unsupported, and it was felt that WYP were not acting upon many instances of antisemitism in Leeds. The regular marches organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) were highlighted as a specific concern, with a call being made to ban those marches. The implications arising from the perceived inaction was highlighted, with a further call being made for a more robust approach to be taken against antisemitism; and
- Concerns were raised with regard to the Green Party's approach in relation to such matters, both locally and nationally, with a call to the

Party to note and engage with relevant parties on the concerns which have been raised in relation to antisemitism and the safety of the Jewish community.

Chief Inspector Jonathan McNiff WYP responded to the concerns raised, outlining that he understood the perception of inaction to address antisemitic incidents and noted that the legislation regarding protests was complex. It was confirmed that WYP did not tolerate any hate offences and that any unlawful action witnessed or reported was recorded and dealt with accordingly, with it being acknowledged that in some cases, incidents were dealt with subsequently, using available evidence, and that approach should not be perceived as inaction against, or tolerance of illegal activity including hate crime offences. It was noted that there was a team of officers dedicated to taking action in this area.

Paul Money, the Chief Officer for Safer Stronger Communities thanked the representatives from Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism for their contributions. In further response to the concerns raised, the Chief Officer highlighted the provisions within the law concerning ECHR article 10 and 11 freedom of expression and assembly as well as the Public Order Act and the right to protest. When protests led to unlawful incidents committed by individuals involved in the protest then they would be accountable. However often there are tactical logistical issues with intervening and action was sometimes more appropriate after a protest had concluded unless there was an immediate risk to life or serious risk to property and when more evidence was available, for example the use of CCTV. An example was provided of the approach taken against the criminality during the civil unrest within Harehills over the summer. It was highlighted that the intention would be that if an individual was committing a hate crime or involved in a hate incident there should always be consequences for that action, with the commitment to keep all communities safe being noted. The importance of continuing to discuss such concerns and engage with all relevant parties was highlighted, given the significant increase in antisemitism being experienced. Recorded Police data was highlighted, but it was acknowledged that this did not capture the full picture. Safer Stronger Communities were committed to supporting the Jewish community and confirmed that action would be taken against perpetrators when there was the legal basis to do so. The importance of narrowing the gap between reported incidents and actual incidents was highlighted. It was noted that significant investment had been made in resources for hate crime co-ordination work, including specialist officers and greater commitment to partnership work. Reassurance was provided that partnership working would continue with the Jewish community in this area, with it being highlighted that such partnership working would continue with the Muslim community, who were experiencing increases in cases of anti-Muslim prejudice. Outside of the meeting, Safer Stronger Communities agreed to meet and work with Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism to identify any areas where further action would be beneficial.

At the discretion of the Chair, Members asked questions to the Open Forum attendees, which covered the following points:

- Responding to a specific enquiry, Chief Inspector Jonathan McNiff provided details of the procedures in place to respond to reported incidents of antisemitic posts on social media, including the process of reporting, investigation and prosecution in respect of any form of hate crime against any community.
- Further to this, a Member highlighted the importance of ensuring the swift and thorough implementation of the law when dealing with antisemitism online in order to improve public confidence in processes, which it was highlighted would be consistent with the approach taken against the criminality arising from the recent Far Right riots.
- Elected Members engaging with the Board of Deputies of British Jews was supported as a method for education and understanding the lives of Jewish people and the key issues they faced.
- The distinction between the Jerusalem definition and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism were discussed.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their contributions to the Open Forum and reiterated to the representatives of the Leeds Leads Against Antisemitism organisation the offers made to them during the Open Forum discussion with regard to continued partnership working in this area.

(Councillor D Cohen left the meeting at the end of this item to attend a community commemoration event)

15 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals.

16 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no exempt information.

17 LATE ITEMS

There were no formal late items.

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor N Buckley and Councillor M Robinson.

19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of July 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following matters arising from the minutes were raised:

Minute 10 – Finance Report

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Monday, 16th December, 2024

Prior to the determination of the funding application submitted by WYP that were part agreed or deferred at the previous meeting it had been proposed that meetings with WYP were scheduled to discuss proposals and sustainability plans for funding. It was confirmed that the meeting with WYP had been arranged towards the end of October 2024 and one Elected Member from each Outer North East Ward was to attend, with the full contents of the agenda being arranged.

As the finance report referred to *funds cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs*, clarity regarding the position of funding WYP operations was sought. It was outlined that Community Committee funds were not to be applied to general business or organisation running costs but could be applied to fund specific projects. It was requested that greater clarity on this stipulation could be included within future Finance Report submissions.

Minute 11 – Update Report

Councillor P Stables noted she had not been invited to a meeting that *had been held with the Housing department and Wetherby Ward Members to resolve a range of issues within the Ward*, that was referenced in the minutes. In response it was noted that the invites were to be double checked with Housing and future relevant meetings were to be extended to Cllr Stables.

22 OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received a report which provided an update on the key activities being undertaken by the Localities Team based upon the priorities identified by the Community Committee. In presenting the report, it provided the Committee with an opportunity to discuss or seek further information on the range of actions currently being undertaken.

The following points were discussed:

- The date for the next Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care subgroup meeting was under consideration in liaison with the relevant Executive Member.
- It was outlined that at previous Environment and Community Safety subgroup meetings, there had been issues with officer attendance and commitment. The first subgroup meeting of the municipal year had been disrupted by non-attendance and the second had been postponed, so an email to relevant directors and senior officers was to be sent out to implore the importance of the portfolio and to ensure meetings were attended properly.
- Employment, Skills and Welfare subgroup meetings had been running effectively prior to the election period over summer, however, issues of non-attendance had emerged. The importance of these meetings and the work conducted, including scrutiny of provision, were outlined.
- It was agreed that the specifics for the discussions taking place with services regarding funding options and delivery of the improvements to public bridleways referenced at point 8 of the report, on page 16 of the agenda, were to be followed up for more information and shared with Members.

- Details regarding attendance figures for Alwoodley Neighbourhood Policing Team contact point meetings, referenced at point 9 of the report, on page 18 of the agenda were sought, which was agreed to be followed up and provided back to Members.
- Further information regarding the location for plans being drafted for a new footpath to the Spofforth Hill housing development near to Wetherby and Milnthorpe Public Open Space in Bramham, referenced at point 8 of the report, on page 17 of the agenda, was requested and agreed to be provided back to Members.
- Point 12 of the report, on page 19 of the agenda referred to Estate Walkabouts, with Councillor P Stables noting she had not been in receipt on invites. It was noted that the route plots and invite schedules were delivered as one email each year from the Housing department and would be passed on. It was confirmed by Councillor A Lamb that the email had been sent to Councillor Stables in April 2024 containing details for the Estate Walkabouts.
- It was noted that the email address for the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team had changed, and it was confirmed they had been updated and were contained within the report.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

23 OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund and Capital Budget for 2024/25.

The Localities Officer highlighted the following information:

- The remaining wellbeing balance for the Committee was £70,566.94 with details contained in table 1.
- The remaining YAF balance was £29,342.43, with details contained in table 2.
- There had been no funding application approved by delegated decision since the last Committee meeting.
- Two small grant applications had been approved, with £266.00 for East Keswick Clean Moor Lane Sports Facility Skip Hire and £1,000 for Walton Village Hall Bonfire and Christmas Community Events.
- There had been one declined small grant application which was for Wetherby Arts Festival. Although funding criteria had been met, the festival had received funding from Wetherby Councillors MICE Funds.
- The Capital budget remaining balance was £26,886.05, which was detailed at table 3.
- There were no CIL funds available to the Committee as these funds were distributed by Town, Village and Parish Council's.

The Committee discussed the following:

- As set out by the Subsidy Control Act 2022, detailed at point 9 of the report, on page 38 of the agenda, the process for requesting data,

relating to assessments, from organisations applying for Committee funding was queried. In response it was noted that the application forms were under review, considering feedback from Members and a more comprehensive approach was in development, with relevant sections on subsidy control to be included.

Projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project title	Amount proposed	Wards covered	Decision
Barwick in Elmet - Speed Indicator Device (SID)	£5,000	Harewood	Agreed
Moortown West Play Scheme 2024-25	£3,960	Alwoodley	Agreed
Tempo FM Radio Academy	£3,716.26	Wetherby	Agreed

RESOLVED –

- 1.) That the Wellbeing & Youth Activities Fund (YAF) applications be determined as set out above.
- 2.) To note;
 - a. Minimum condition arrangements for 2024/25 (paragraph 14)
 - b. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
 - c. Wellbeing/YAF proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 27-31)
 - d. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
 - e. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 3)

24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was scheduled for the 16th of December 2024 at 5:30pm. Due to a venue clash and the Chairs availability the item sought Members consideration for alternative arrangements including:

- Holding the meeting on the 16th of December in the Chamber and to seek an alternative Chair.
- Hold the meeting on either the 17th or 18th of December.

As a PACT meeting was scheduled on the 18th of December 2024 for Alwoodley Members, it was preferred that the Committee met on the 16th of December 2024 in the Council Chamber, with a substitute Chair to be elected.

RESOVLED- That the date and time of the next meeting on 16th of December 2024 at 5:30pm, with an alternate venue in the Council Chamber.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 16th December, 2024

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Report of: Liz Jarmin, Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee

Report author: Elaine Matson, Localities Officer

Date: 16th December 2024

To note

Title: Healthwatch Leeds

Purpose of report

1. To provide an update to Elected Members of the projects delivered by Healthwatch across Leeds including the Outer North East Community Committee area.

Main issues

2. The discussion topic as outlined above is included at the specific request of the Community Committee Chair, to highlight localised issues facing the area/wards in respect to policing priorities.
3. The agenda item provides an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions with the Police and share ideas relating to the Outer North East area.

Recommendations

4. The Community Committee is asked to note the update from the Police and comment as appropriate.

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Report of: Liz Jarmin, Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee

Report author: Elaine Matson, Localities Officer

Date: 16th December 2024

To note

Title: Neighbourhood Policing Priorities

Purpose of report

1. To provide an update on the policing priorities in the Outer North East Community Committee area.

Main issues

2. The discussion topic as outlined above is included at the specific request of the Community Committee Chair, to highlight localised issues facing the area/wards in respect to policing priorities.
3. The agenda item provides an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions with the Police and share ideas relating to the Outer North East area.

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West Yorkshire Police

Outer North East Community Committee

Neighbourhood Priorities



North East Neighbourhood Policing: Inspector Richard Armstead

- The resourcing of North East Neighbourhood Policing Team is currently at 4 x PS, 19 x PC and 20 x PCSO. We have some leavers shortly on our teams, along with a couple of officers swapping teams to flexibly manage these changes. We also have a couple of Student Officers joining our teams on a temporary basis.
- Specifically OUTER North East Wards account for around 45% of available staffing, with 4 x full time and 2 x part time PCSOs and 3 x full time PCs based at Wetherby Police Station covering Wetherby and Harewood wards all under 1 x full time sgt. Covering Alwoodley and based out of Stainbeck Police Station are a mix of 9 x full time PCs and PCSOs with 1 x full time sgt.
- Crime Demand by Ward in 2024:
 - Alwoodley 16.86%
 - Harewood 9.39%
 - Wetherby 10.51%

Police and Public priorities

Alwoodley Ward - Sergeant 2931 Pervin

- **Public Priority - Anti-social behaviour - The Moor Allerton Centre is the main hotspot for youth ASB caused by off-road motor cycles, quads and cars along the part of King Lane to the West of The Moor Allerton Centre which is historically an issue which generates calls in the summer months.**

Update - We have planned a number of additional contact points and crime prevention events around the Moor Allerton area to act as a visible deterrent and reassure the public. This included additional contact points including 6th April and 19th November.

PCSO's have also held a meeting with security at Sainsburys on 4th April which is a frequent target of the ASB.

The Team have also been having regular meetings with the LASBT Team to encourage problem solving through partnership working.

We also have a regular 3 weekly contact point here at the library which assists us in building relationships with local businesses and providing advice.

During ASB Awareness Week, on 22nd November, our teams also conducted an Operation here with Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Officers.

We are also carrying out regular patrols of the area and engaging with local businesses to provide support.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary** - The residential parts of the ward immediately north of the Ring Road both to the East and West of its junction with Harrogate Road are particular hotspots and it is believed that the main threat is from offenders travelling in from other parts of Leeds and Bradford.

Update - We will utilise crime prevention tactics to target harden and deploy intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.

From January – 1st November there have been 101 residential burglaries in Alwoodley.

One of our initiatives has been the use of the forensic liquid Smart Water. This began in April 2024 and so far, we have provided 32 residents with this to protect their property. Neighbours of victims of burglary have also been given a similar UV Pen.

We also have some proactive patrols in place and crime prevention events planned which aim to offer the public advice on how to best protect their homes.

Our crime prevention officer has also been providing home visits to those who would like to be provided with tailored advice.

Harewood Ward - Sergeant: 5863 Standen

- **Public Priority - Road Safety** - There is public concern about speeding throughout the ward area. We will work to target this using any resources available to us.

Update – Year to date there has been a total of 45 Road Traffic Incidents recorded in the Harewood ward. 12 of these were serious and 33 of these were slight. There were no fatalities recorded. 7 of these took place on York Road and 7 on the A1M.

We are continuing our work towards Vision Zero with patrols cracking down on dangerous drivers.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary.** Although this is one of the lowest in the force, we will provide reassurance and revisits to ensure the initial investigation is as thorough as possible. We will tackle these through the use of intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences and we will utilise crime prevention methods to target harden properties in the area.

Update - We are also using Smart Water technology as previously described.

From January to the 1st November there have been 39 residential burglaries in the Harewood Ward.

- **Police Priority – Rural Burglaries –** The theft of plant and farm machinery including off-road quad bikes, is a problem in all rural areas that border North Yorkshire but has traditionally been focused on Harewood ward.

Update - We have seen a continued reduction in theft across the Ward.

- **Police Priority – Rural & Wildlife Crime –** Offenders targeting Badger setts, foxes and other wildlife are very often linked with organised criminal groups and whilst wildlife offences often get overlooked and may not be a specific priority for many local residents, the offences that they lead onto are.

Update: Specific to wildlife crime, we have been running investigations into three particular individuals. Two investigations have now completed with the individuals summonsed to court and the last we are awaiting CPS authority to lay charges. These nominals do not live in the ward but do use it and other areas for their criminal activities and they all either commit other serious offences or are linked to others who do.

- **Police Priority – Fraud – With Harewood ward being relatively affluent, its residents are inevitably a target for fraudsters. In the age of the internet, much of this is done remotely by phone, email, messaging and other forms of social media. We will continue to do community talks on fraud awareness with elderly residents. Whilst we don't want to scare the local community, it is something that is very much a present and real threat to elderly residents and we will target this through local engagement and discussion.**

Update - Our PCSO's have undertaken a number of fraud awareness events to educate the people of Harewood.

We also had a Fraud / Scam social media campaign providing advice in the run up to Black Friday.

Wetherby Ward - Sergeant: 5863 Standen

- **Public Priority - Road Safety – Speeding is a concern in areas across the ward. We will work to target this using any resources available to us.**

Update - Year to date there has been a total of 24 Road Traffic Incidents recorded in the Harewood ward. 6 of these were serious and 18 of these were slight. 8 of these took place on the A1M.

- **Public Priority - Antisocial behaviour across areas of Wetherby town and Boston Spa in particular.**

Update – Two campers causing nuisance in the Wilderness Car Park have now been moved on and court hearings scheduled.

Several other campers have also been dealt with and moved on during the summer months.

Our Teams have expanded and continue to actively be involved in a number of different initiatives including Pub Watch and Shop Watch.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary - In the residential communities in Wetherby itself and the villages of Boston Spa, Clifford and Bramham. Day time offences of opportunity, e.g. sneak in burglaries. We will tackle this through crime prevention to target harden and intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.**

Update - Wetherby NPT are also using Smart water to forensically security mark property. 6 kits have been given out to victims of burglary.

From January to 1st November there have been 33 residential burglaries.

- **Policy Priority - Address commercial burglaries when they occur, most notably on the Thorpe Arch estate**

Update - In October there was only 1 report of a commercial burglary in the Wetherby area where tools were stolen. We have targeted patrols in place to deter criminals.

- **Police Priority – Fraud**

Update - Our PCSO's have undertaken a number of fraud awareness events to educate the people of Wetherby.

Update -Our Officers and PCSO's have a number of Fraud Awareness Talks planned in the community. We also have a Fraud / Scam social media campaign providing advice in the run up to Black Friday.

Police Plans for 2025

- Continued Communications through the Neighbourhood Support Officer
- Continued of Community Intelligence through Neighbourhood Watch Programmes
- No reduction in resourcing investment in the Outer North East Wards
- Continued focus on tackling Burglaries
- Continued focus on tackling Speeding issues

NOTE: All data contained in this report is correct as of 12th November 2024



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

Report author: Elaine Matson, Localities Officer

Date: 16th December 2024

For decision

Outer North East Community Committee Finance Report

Purpose of Report

1. The 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 2024/25. Financial decisions are taken to the Community Committee meetings to ensure transparency and that financial regulations are met.

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 for funding 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 £100,000) 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 six months.

7. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is no Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for the Outer North East Community Committee. Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% is vested with the local Town or Parish Council. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund.
8. In the Outer North East Community Committee this means that the CIL money for the Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby wards will be administered by the following Parish and Town Councils; Aberford, Alwoodley, Bardsey, Barwick in Elmet and Scholes, Boston Spa, Bramham, Clifford, Collingham and Linton, East Keswick, Harewood, Scarcroft, Shadwell, Thorer, Thorp Arch, Walton and Wetherby.
9. Until the UK left the European Union, the EU's State Aid rules controlled how UK and discretionary EU funding was provided to enterprises and entities that engage in economic activities. Now the UK has left the EU, it is no longer bound by the State Aid rules and has developed its own domestic subsidy control regime, The Subsidy Control Act 2022. As the Subsidy Control Act 2022 has potential implications for the Community Committees as funding bodies, a 'subsidy control' assessment will be undertaken on all funding requests received by the Community Committees.
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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of budgets which have been allocated to the Community Committee. Alongside the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.

15. 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. That all 3 Ward Members must be in agreement (unanimous) for a delegated decision to be approved. This was reiterated at the first meeting of 2024/25.

16. 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.

17. For the committee's awareness, urgent delegated decisions on wellbeing funding also covers small grant decisions. In agreement with the Executive Board Member for Communities, Community Committee Chairs and also in accordance with the communication that was sent out to all committees/Elected Members in March 2023, the approval threshold for small grants has now increased from the 1st April 2023; up to £1,000 per ward. This approach will ensure consistency in terms of administering small grants, in accordance with the committees' minimum conditions.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2024/25

18. The total Wellbeing revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was **£40,341.00** Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of **£87,586.92** which includes allocated, unallocated and underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. **£42,839.66** represents Wellbeing allocated to projects in 2023/24 and not yet completed. The total Wellbeing funding available to the Outer North East Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore **£85,088.26**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.

19. The total amount approved on Table 1 includes all the projects the committee has approved in 2024/25. 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.

20. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining Wellbeing balance of **£70,566.94** A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing 2024/25

NEW FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024/25	£40,341.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£87,586.92
Total	£127,927.92
Less allocated projects brought forward previous year	-£42,839.66
TOTAL WELLBEING FUNDING AVAILABLE 2024/25	£85,088.26

		Ward Split		
		Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
TOTAL WELLBEING AVAILABLE 2024/25	£85,088.26	£24,161.04	£25,964.97	£34,962.25
Funding Applications				
Walton Village Hall Refurbishment	£4,480.88			£4,480.88
Small Grants (Wetherby)	£3,310.00			£3,310.00
Small Grants (Harewood)	£1,722.80		£1,722.80	
Community Engagement (ONE)	£500.00	£166.66	£166.67	£166.67
Wetherby Fly Tipping	£1,480.00			£1,480.00
Wetherby 200	£1,904.00			£1,904.00
WYP Property Identification (Harewood)	£5,220.00		£5,220.00	
WYP Road Safety (Harewood)	£3,015.00		£3,015.00	
Barwick in Elmet - Speed Indicator Device	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	
Total Amount Approved	£26,632.68	£166.66	£15,124.47	£11,341.55
Underspends	£5,545.36	£1,595.47	£2,023.38	£1,926.51
Actual Remaining Balance	£64,000.94	£25,589.85	£12,863.88	£25,547.21

Youth Activities Fund Position 2024/25

21. The total Youth Activities Fund (YAF) Budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was **£40,375.00** Table 2 shows a carry forward figure of **£29,690.43** which includes allocated, unallocated and underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. **£24,987.00** represents YAF allocated to projects in 2023/24 and not yet completed. The total YAF funding available to the Outer North East Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore **£45,078.43**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.

22. The total amount approved on Table 1 includes all the projects the committee has approved in 2024/25. 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.

23. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining Youth Activities Fund balance of **£29,342.43**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2024/25

	£
NEW FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024/25	£40,375.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£29,690.43
Total	£70,065.43
Less allocated projects brought forward previous year	-£24,987.00
TOTAL YAF FUNDING AVAILABLE 2024/25	£45,078.43

		Ward Split		
		Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
TOTAL YAF FUNDING AVAILABLE 2024/25	£45,078.43	£17,125.42	£15,436.75	£12,516.26
Funding Applications				
Leeds Rhinos Multisport Camp	£5,000			£5,000.00
Breeze 2024	£3,800			£3,800.00
Moor Allerton Holiday Play Scheme	£1,000	£1,000.00		
Alwoodley Juniors FC	£936.00	£936.00		
Bardsey Tennis Court	£5,000		£5,000.00	
Moortown West Play Scheme 2024-25	£3,960	£3,960.00		
Tempo FM Radio Academy	£3,716.26			£3,716.26
Total Amount Approved	£23,412.26	£5,896.00	£5,000	£12,516.26
Underspends	£111.70	£0.00	£111.70	£0.00
Actual Remaining Balance	£21,777.87	£11,229.42	£10,548.45	£0.00

Capital Budget 2024/25

24. The Capital budget received an injection in April 2024 of **£3,100.00** with a carry forward of **£23,786.05**. The total Capital budgets available to the Outer North East Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore **£26,886.05**. Members are asked to note the capital allocation by ward and summarised in **Table 3**.

TABLE 3: Capital 2024/25

NEW FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024/25	£3,100.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£23,786.05
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING AVAILABLE 2024/25	£26,886.05

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING AVAILABLE		Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Balance March 2024	£23,786.05	£2,844.72	£11,487.66	£9,453.67
Capital injection April 2024	£3,100.00	£1,033.33	£1,033.34	£1,033.33
Remaining Balance	£26,886.05	£3,878.05	£12,521.00	£10,487.00

25. Since the last Community Committee meeting, there has been no new funding applications for Capital.

Delegated Decisions (DDN)

26. Since the last Community Committee meeting, there has been no projects approved by DDN.

27. The Community Committee are asked to note the following small grants:

- Harewood Ward - Bardsey Village Hall Skip £300.00
- Wetherby Ward - Bramham Christmas Tree £780.00
- Wetherby Ward - Walton Village Hall Winter Activities £1,000

28. Since the last Community Committee meeting there has been one application declined for Alwoodley Leeds Rhinos February 2025.

Funding Applications for Consideration and Approval

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

Wellbeing

30. **Project title:** West Yorkshire Police ONE Road Safety 2024/25
Total project cost: £9,045.00
Amount proposed: Alwoodley £753.75 and Wetherby £753.75
Wards: Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby
Project description: Provision of 270 hours (90 per ward) of additional policing for key hotspots and issues identified through intelligence.
Note: Harewood Ward Member approved £3,015 at the July Committee Meeting
31. **Project title:** West Yorkshire Police ONE Burglary Prevention 2024/25
Total project cost: £8,844.00
Amount proposed: Alwoodley £737.00, Wetherby £737.00 and Harewood £2,948.00
Wards: Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby
Project description: Provision of 264 hours (88 per ward) of additional policing to target and disrupt criminal activity, safeguard homes and businesses and potentially remove burglars from the community.
32. **Project title:** Barwick in Elmet Village Hall Floor
Total project cost: £19,670
Amount proposed: £5,000
Ward: Harewood
Project description: Funds requested towards the full costs of replacing the floor of the village hall. Without the new floor the hall becomes unusable, and the village loses a valuable community asset.
33. **Project title:** St Barnabus Roof
Total project cost: £123,308.63
Amount proposed: £4,000
Ward: Alwoodley
Project description: Funds requested towards the full costs of a new roof. The building is a safe place for families and provides a valuable multi use event and meeting space for a variety of activities and events across the Community.
34. **Project title:** Wetherby Development Fund
Amount proposed: £5,000
Wards covered: Wetherby
Project description: Ringfence monies towards providing environmental projects and improvements.

35. **Project title:** Alwoodley Grit Bins
Amount proposed: £3,000
Wards covered: Alwoodley
Project description: Ringfence monies towards providing grit bins and refills across the ward for winter 2024/25.

Youth Activity Fund

36. There are no new projects for Members' consideration:

Monitoring Information

37. 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.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

39. 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

40. 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

41. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

44. Members are asked to make a decision on and note:

- a. Minimum condition arrangements for 2024/25 (para 14)
- b. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c. Details of the Youth Activity Funding Budget position (Table 2)
- d. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 3)
- e. Funding applications for consideration and approval (para 30 - 35)



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee
(Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby)

Report author: Elaine Matson, Localities Officer

Date: 16th December 2024

To note

Outer North East Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of Report

1. To bring to members attention an update of the work 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's Services

3. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Environment and Community Safety.

4. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Employment, Skills and Welfare.

5. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

6. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Updates from Key Services

Climate, Energy and Green Space

7. The Forestry Team have been busy this quarter due to Storm Lilian, attending to a total 532 reports across the city, 32 of which were in the Outer North East. Whilst the storm was back in August it has generated months' worth of work for the in-house team and external partners.

Storms Ashley and Bert have also generated a small number of incidents to respond to. The teams' current priorities are parks tree inspections. The service has 2 vacancies which are out to advert.

8. The table below shows the statistics relating to completed tree related works, April – November 2024, for the Outer North East.

Ward	Cat 1 (same day)	Cat 2 (7 working days)	Cat 3 (4 weeks)	Cat 4 (13 weeks)	Cat 3a (6 Months)	Cat 3b (12-18 months)
Alwoodley	1	3	0	0	11	0
Harewood	0	0	0	0	12	0
Wetherby	1	0	0	0	4	0
City Wide	26	190	141	71	104	0

9. In the Outer North East, the Technical and Operations and Public Rights of Way teams are working on the following projects:

Alwoodley

- Cranmer Bank. Discussions are continuing with the local community with regards to how the current play area can be improved.

Harewood

- Scholes. The weather has impacted on a delayed start on the new improved play area next to the library is on track to be completed by the end of November.
- Thorner. The drainage issues at Miry Carr (Public Footpath No.19) are continuing and will be addressed when the proposed football pitches are installed. An update with regards to timescales is expected in January 2025.

Wetherby

- Millennium Fields. A consultation event was held on 28th November 2024 both on site and at Wetherby Town Hall to collate residents' views on the field. To date approx. 600 surveys have been completed.

Community Hubs

10. The following activities have taken place at Community Hubs and Libraries in the Outer North East.

Moor Allerton Community Hub

- Digital Health Drop in Session. Took place on 3rd October 2024, in partnership with Alwoodley Medical Centre. Approx 20 people attended. This is a follow up from the successful sessions delivered in the in the summer when approx. 600 people attend. The sessions were arranged to help people to register with PATCHs, the GP online contact system.

- School Class Visits. Took place in October and November. The Librarian provided all children with an introduction to the library and explained how to join and borrow books, the visit allows time for children to browse the shelves and ask questions. The librarian invites all children to talk about the books they like and there is a discussion around the different genres of books they will find around the library.
- Hebocon Robot. An event took place on 28th October 2024 to make the world's best worst robot! 21 children and 9 adults attended.
- Monthly Kids Club. A new monthly kids club started on 4th October 2025, each session has a different activity inspired by books and stories. The first activity was Lego which was based around book characters. A second club was run in November, approx. 10 children attended across both sessions.
- Chess Club. Takes place every two weeks, run in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities and is open to players of all ages and abilities.
- Barclays Bank. The pop-up service continues Mondays and Thursdays.
- Hearing Aid Clinic. Is held on the fourth Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
- Story and Rhyme Time. Delivered weekly on Tuesdays, a fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment. Average attendance is approx. 40 children and adults.
- Neighbourhood Policing. Alwoodley Neighbourhood Policing Team contact point held every three weeks on Tuesdays where PCSOs attend to listen to any concerns and give support and advice.
- Pop Up Job Shop. An advisor is available weekly on Thursdays providing support, career advice and guidance, tips on CV writing and completing job applications and support with preparing for an interview.
- Digital Drop In. Held weekly on Mondays during term time only. Customers receive support with their tablet, smartphone or using the library desktop computers. Average attendance is approx. 2 - 3 adults.

Wetherby Library and One Stop Centre

- Author Event. Held on 3rd October 2024, Emily Kerr, the author of feel-good romantic comedies and the Romantic Novelists' Association Award Winner 2023. 15 adults attended.
- How to Find a Bookworm. A performance and workshop delivered by Libellule theatre company, on 1st November 2024. 20 children and 12 adults attended.
- Story and Rhyme Time. Delivered weekly on Wednesdays, a fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment. Average attendance is approx. 10 children and adults.
- Milner's Solicitors. A free legal clinic held every second Thursday of each month. They offer free legal advice to both businesses and individuals.
- Wetherby Inhouse Readers Group. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. monthly to discuss the chosen book.
- Knit, Stitch and Natter Group. Meet. The group gets together weekly on Thursday afternoons like-minded people who enjoy chatting and sharing their skills.

Boston Spa Library

- Fostering Pop Up. A fostering advisor and foster carer ambassador was on site on 9th October 2024 offering advice and guidance.

Housing Leeds

11. Fuel Voucher Scheme. The scheme which ran successfully last year is available again this Winter. PH Jones Gas Contractor, as part of their Social Value commitments, have partnered with British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) and are able to offer Council Tenants up to £200,000 of free energy vouchers.
12. The value of each individual voucher is £49, and dependent on the resident's individual situation, tenants could receive up to a maximum of three vouchers for the same address which can either be issued separately or in the same transaction.
13. The scheme is only available to existing council tenants who must meet the strict criteria of:
 - Having a prepayment meter (gas or electricity)
 - Have no current meter debt.
14. Tenants do not need to be a British Gas customer to receive the vouchers. Tenants who are eligible for the scheme will need access to a mobile number or email to receive the voucher information, but these can be issued to a family member, or friends contact details, if needed.
15. Housing Services will ensure that the vouchers are used to support the most vulnerable tenants, those who are struggling with their finances or are in fuel poverty. Distribution of the vouchers will be monitored to ensure use across the city and to ensure that the budget is fully spent.
16. Service Possession Proceedings. The notice of Intent to Service Possession Proceedings (NISP) and Warrant Amnesty will be paused over the Christmas period. The last date the Housing team will service a NISP notice will be on Monday 16th December 2024 with the last Warrant Panel held on Thursday 19th December 2024.
17. Income Management. The Outer North East Area Teams covering Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby are continuing to assist residents with any welfare benefits claims and carry out financial assessments where required. In addition, high support is provided to all tenants who may be experiencing financial difficulties. The team also ensure that all residents are maximizing their income and where necessary recovery procedures are escalated.
18. Estate Walkabouts Continue to be undertaken with frequent issues reported including fly tipping, damaged paths, graffiti, abandoned cars, damaged notice board and potholes. Ward members and local resident associations are invited to attend the walkabouts. Partnership working with internal departments continues to ensure appropriate orders are raised and feedback is provided to ward members and residents.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

19. There are 26 current active caseloads across the Outer North East area, representing 18.5% of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) East caseload.

The table below shows the service request figures by ward.

Ward	Total	Type
Alwoodley	12	7 Noise, 3 Threats/Violence., 2 Rowdy Behaviour
Harewood	0	
Wetherby	14	7 Threats/Violence, 2 Hate, 1 Verbal Abuse, 4 Noise

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

20. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) continues to provide essential street cleansing services and support for residents and local groups, in their efforts to keep neighbourhoods clean and green
21. The tables below show the service request figures by ward and committee for 25th Sep - 25th Nov 2024

Ward

Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bulky Waste Collections	92	67	74
Enforcement Fly Tipping	4	10	6
Fly Tipping	29	26	10
Ginnel Clearances	1	0	0
Litter Complaints	3	0	1
Overgrown Vegetation	10	25	9
Road Sweeping	2	4	4

Committee

Service Request Type	
A Board	0
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	0
Abandoned Vehicle	16
Bin not Returned	6
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	2
Damage to Highway	2
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	2
Drainage	0
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0
Housing - Defect	6
Housing - Vacant	1
Illegal Advertising	0
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	0
Litter from vehicles	0
Litter Problems	1
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	2
Nuisance - Light	0
Nuisance - Other	5
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	0
Obstruction	9
Odour - Other	0
Placard	0
Rodents	1
Smoke from Bonfire	7
Smoke from Chimney	3
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	6
Total	69

Public Health

22. The Health and Wellbeing Report Public Health Report is attached at Appendix 1.

Voice and Influence

23. The voice and influence guides for children and young people in the Outer North East area is attached at Appendix 2.

24. For further information please visit: <https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/wish-3/>

Employment and Skills

25. Updates are provided bi-annually with the next update due March 2025.

Ward Member Meetings

26. Ward meetings take place regularly allowing ward members to be kept informed of service area priorities. The meetings provide an opportunity for members to raise any questions with services directly. Officers attend from Housing, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Climate, Energy and Green Space, Highways and Transportation and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

28. 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

29. 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:

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Resources and Value for Money

30. 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

31. There are no legal implications or access to information issues and this report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

32. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

35. None.

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Illegal Money Lending and Loan Shark Activity

Stop Loan Sharks (the England Illegal Money Lending Team) is a national organisation that investigates and prosecutes loan sharks and supports borrowers. It works with partner organisations across the country to do this, including local authorities, healthcare providers, charities, debt advisors and many more.

The IMLT was set up in 2004. Since then, it has supported over 32,000 people, successfully prosecuted 424 loan sharks (leading to total jail terms of over 606 years) and written off at least £91.3 million of illegal debt.

Of those supported by the IMLT in the first half of 2024:

- 42% went without food, fuel or missed rent or mortgage payments in order to repay the loan shark
- 26% had used a food bank and 11% had applied for fuel vouchers from their local authority
- 37% borrowed for household bills
- 27% had borrowed specifically for food, fuel, care of young children or clothing for their family – a larger number of clients than in previous years.

In these scenarios, borrowers are likely to be experiencing poor physical and mental health.

The IMLT's work in the Leeds area in recent months has seen two suspected loan sharks arrested. The team has also received additional allegations of loan sharks operating across the city.

For further information on the team's activity and how they can support in Leeds please contact Trish Cassidy trish.cassidy@birmingham.gov.uk

Local Care Partnership (LCP) Dashboard

Attached is a dashboard giving details of the current priorities and areas of focus within the Local Care Partnerships. The plan is to refresh and circulate this quarterly. We will also be introducing a series of Teams sessions, similar to our Introduction to LCPs session, to give an overview of current activity, share some more detailed examples of what is happening and answer any questions.

The dashboard aims to spotlight specific projects that are currently being shaped or implemented in different Local Care Partnerships. Each Local Care Partnership also has regular meetings that are aimed at supporting partners to share local activity and build connections, therefore the topics covered in an LCP meeting could be much wider ranging than those listed on the dashboard.

Please see dashboard below:



LCP Dashboard Q3
2024.pdf

Community Mental Health Transformation: Citywide Rollout

Community mental health care in Leeds is changing, with all areas of the city set to benefit from early next year. A new model of care and support has been piloted in three areas of Leeds, and original plans had been to extend this further in two distinct waves. But this has now changed, and from February 2025, parts of the new model will roll out citywide.

This means that all areas of Leeds will start to be served by new community teams made up of people from different health, social and voluntary sector organisations. Initial changes will focus on how these teams work together, how patients are triaged, and securing advice and guidance on psychological therapies. Over time, keyworkers will also be introduced so that everyone has a named contact to help them on their journey.

You can find out more by visiting: <https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/transforming-community-mental-health-services/>

Cold Weather Communications

On 1 November, the Cold-Health Alerting system jointly provided by UKHSA and Met Office will go live. As with previous years, stakeholders are advised to sign up to receive the alerts. During alerts, UKHSA will undertake communications at the regional and/or national level to highlight the forecast and the potential impacts on public health.

Visit [Weather-Health Alerting system registration form](#) to sign up to receive the alerts.

The Adverse Weather and Health Plan aims to protect individuals and communities from the health effects of adverse weather and to build community resilience.

To see the plan please visit: [Adverse Weather and Health Plan](#)

Vaccination Programme

The seasonal vaccination programme is underway. UKHSA now publish a weekly update on national flu, covid and other respiratory illnesses.

You can find out more by visiting: [Flu and COVID-19 surveillance report published](#)

The key message is that it is important that those who are eligible get vaccinated as soon as possible, ahead of any winter outbreaks of covid and flu, so that they are protected against serious illness and hospitalisation.

- The booking system for vaccinations are:
 - Flu: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/book-flu-vaccination>
 - Covid: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-vaccination>
- For further information on the Flu and Covid vaccination programme please visit: [NHS England » Flu and COVID-19 Seasonal Vaccination Programme: autumn/winter 2024/25](#)
- The booking system for vaccinations is:
 - RSV vaccine: <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/rsv-vaccine/>
- For further information on the RSV vaccination programme which is for older adults and pregnant women please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-rsv-vaccination-programme>

Quit Smoking Campaign

While smoking rates have declined in recent years, over 5 million people in England still smoke and smoking remains the single biggest preventable cause of preventable ill health and death. Data shows that using willpower alone remains the most common approach to quitting smoking, despite being proven to be the least effective and so this campaign signposts people to the free Leeds Stop Smoking Service. Key messages are:

- With the average smoker spending nearly £3,000 a year on cigarettes, there's never been a better time to quit.
- Cigarettes are the number one preventable cause of death and disease in the UK. When you stop the many health benefits will happen faster than you think.
- It's never too late to stop smoking, and with the right support you're up to three times more likely to quit for good.

Information about the free support in Leeds is available by phoning 0800 169 4219.

VOICE AND INFLUENCE IN LEEDS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

What is voice and influence?

Leeds wishes for you to express your views, feel heard and be involved in decisions that affect your lives (have a voice and influence). This guide will help you:

- Have a greater awareness of the ways you can share your views and ideas.
- Know how to influence change within your school and community.
- Have access to support and training to develop your skills and confidence.



You have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.

(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12)

You have the right for adults to do what's best for you.

(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 3)

You have the right to say what you think about decisions that affect you.

(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12)



Keep updated about voice and influence opportunities in Leeds by following @leedsyouthvoice on Instagram.



Find out more about city wide voice and influence opportunities in Leeds by visiting the Leeds Youth Voice webpage.

What are the benefits of having a voice and influence?

- Develop confidence to have a voice, take action and make a difference.
- Learn new skills to drive positive change such as communication, planning and delivering campaigns.
- Develop an understanding of, and shape, what's happening in Leeds for children and young people.
- Learn about and contribute to improving services for children and young people in Leeds.
- Represent children and young people in Leeds and be a role model to your peers.
- Learn about politics, share ideas and experiences with decision makers, and work with Councillors.
- Meet lots of different people including other children and young people with similar experiences.
- Make friends and have fun!



CITY WIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Leeds Youth Voice Network: “I have enjoyed being involved in meetings, workshops and projects.”

Leeds SEND Youth Council: “I joined to help young people similar to me get the support and help they deserve.”

Leeds Members of Youth Parliament: “I have a deeper understanding of the socio-political climate, developed leadership skills and shaped my ability to campaign and advocate effectively.”

Leeds Children’s Mayor: “I was scared before, now I can speak to loads of people.”

Leeds Youth Council: “I get from this group skills for my CV and new friends with similar interests.”

The Children in Care Council: “At first I was really nervous about joining the group, but now I am so happy I did. It is fun and I enjoy it!”

The Care Leavers Council: “I’ve gained a lot of experience and I feel like I am helping make a difference.”



Contact your elected members, the Leeds Children’s Mayor and Members of Youth Parliament, if you want to learn more or support their campaigns. Email vic@leeds.gov.uk.

Contact the Voice, Influence and Change team to learn more or to get involved in any of these groups. Email vic@leeds.gov.uk.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE OUTER NORTH EAST



Contact your local Member of Parliament (MP) to raise a campaign, or request support for a campaign. Find out who your local MP is by visiting the UK Parliament webpage.



Contact your local Children’s Champions (Councillors) to raise issues that affect children and young people in your local area (find out more about the things they can help with by visiting the Child Friendly Leeds 12 Wishes webpage). Email Cllr Ryan Stephenson at ryan.stephenson@leeds.gov.uk.

Contact your local youth service worker to get involved in activities and opportunities in your local area run by Leeds City Council. Email Lynne Cherry, Lynne.cherry@leeds.gov.uk.

Contact your local youth alliance worker to get involved in activities and opportunities in your local area run by third sector organisations. Email Amanda Sykes, amanda@barca-leeds.org.

