



# **Inner West Community Committee**

Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall

Meeting to be held in Interplay Theatre, Armley Ridge Road, Armley, Leeds, LS12 3LE Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024 at 6.00 pm

### Councillors:

L Cunningham - Armley; A Parnham - Armley; A Smart - Armley;

T HinchcliffeA RaeBramley and Stanningley;K RitchieBramley and Stanningley;Bramley and Stanningley;

H Bithell - Kirkstall; A Rontree - Kirkstall; F Venner - Kirkstall;



**Co-optees** 

Jonathan Butler Bramley & Stanningley Ward

Lorraine Cooper Armley Ward
Stephen Garvani Kirkstall Ward
Steve Harris Kirkstall Ward
Tamsin MacDonald Kirkstall Ward

Stephen McBarron Bramley & Stanningley Ward

Catherine Hyde Armley Ward Mark Rollinson Armley Ward

Joanna Herbert Bramley & Stanningley 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

# AGENDA

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| 2          |                             |                  | APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS   |            |
|            |                             |                  | 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). |            |
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|            |                             |                  | 2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.   |            |
|            |                             |                  | 3 If the recommendation is accepted, to formally pass the following resolution:-  |            |
|            |                             |                  | 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:-' |            |
| 4          |                             |                  | LATE ITEMS  |            |
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|            |                             |                  | (The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)  |            |
| 5          |                             |                  | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS  |            |
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|            |   |                  | 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 Community 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. |            |
| 8          |   |                  | MINUTES - 2ND JULY 2024  | 7 - 16     |
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| 9          |   |                  | MATTERS ARISING  |            |
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|            |                             |                  | The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brings 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.  |            |
| 13         |                             |                  | DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING  |            |
|            |                             |                  | To note the next meeting will be on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024, at 6pm.  |            |
|            |                             |                  | THIRD PARTY RECORDING PROTOCOL   |            |
|            |                             |                  | Third Party Recording  |            |
|            |                             |                  | 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.  |            |
|            |                             |                  | Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice  |            |
|            |                             |                  | <ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |            |

#### INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, 2ND JULY, 2024** 

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Smart in the Chair

Councillors H Bithell, L Cunningham,

T Hinchcliffe, A Parnham, A Rae, K Ritchie,

A Rontree and F Venner

### **CO-OPTEES PRESENT**

Stephen McBarron, Lorraine Cooper, Mark Rollinson, Steve Harris, Joanna Herbert, Tamsin MacDonald.

## 1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no 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 formal late items. However, there was supplementary information for Agenda Item 10 - Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees, which was a revised report, this had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### 4 Declaration of Interests

The following Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 – Finance Report.

- Cllr Ritchie as he is the Director of the Bramley Community Arts CIC who had applied for funding.
- Cllr Cunningham as she is the Director of Armley Action Team who had applied for funding.

## 5 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

## 6 Open Forum / Community Forums

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

On this occasion there were no members of the public wishing to make representation. However, Cllr Cunningham on behalf of a resident of Armley raised concerns in relation to 10 stone steps on Canal Road which required some form of handrails. The resident had attended two previous meetings to raise the same concern, however, this work had not been done. The Locality Officers said they would look into this issue.

## 7 Minutes - 12th March 2024

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, be approved as a correct record.

## 8 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 9 Community Committee Appointments 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor was to note the appointment of Councillor Alice Smart as Chair of the Community Committee for 2024/25 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and to invite the Committee to make appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 / the appendices. Members were also asked to consider the appointment of a Deputy Chair whilst Cllr Smart is on maternity leave.

The Committee proposed Cllr Bithell be nominated as Deputy Chair for the Committee, whilst Cllr Smart is on maternity leave.

It was noted that there were no appointments to the Mary Jane Butler Trust until 2025. However, the Kirkstall Ward Members requested that Cllr Rontree be included in the Membership of the Mary Jane Butler Trust, as the Elected Member for the Kirkstall Ward, replacing former councillor, John Illingworth.

### **RESOLVED** – To:

a) Appoint to the following positions as set out at Paragraph 6 of the report:

| Outside Body / Organisation     | No places | Appointed      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Outside Bodies                  |           |                |
|                                 |           |                |
| Bramley Poors Allotment Trust   | 1         | Cllr K Ritchie |
| Families and Childrens Clusters |           |                |
|                                 |           |                |
| Bramley                         | 1         | Cllr A Rae     |
| ACES                            | 1         | No appointment |

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|                                   |   | request more        |
|                                   |   | information on role |
| Kirkstall                         | 1 | Cllr H Bithell      |
| Local Care Partnerships           |   |                     |
| ·                                 |   |                     |
| Local Care Partnerships           | 1 | Cllr K Ritchie      |
| West Leeds Local Care Partnership |   |                     |
| '                                 |   |                     |
| Armley Local Care Partnership     | 2 | Cllr A Parnham      |
|                                   |   | Cllr L Cunningham   |
| Local Care Partnership (Bramley,  | 1 | Cllr K Ritchie      |
| Wortley, Middleton seat)          | ' | Cili 14 14ttorilo   |
| Community Committee Champions     |   |                     |
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| Employment, Skills and Welfare    | 2 | Cllr T Hinchcliffe  |
| Employment, Okilis and Wellare    |   | Cllr K Ritchie      |
| Children's Services               | 2 | Cllr H Bithell      |
| Children's Services               | 2 | • =                 |
|                                   |   | Cllr A Rae          |
| Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social  | 2 | Cllr K Ritchie      |
| Care                              |   | Cllr A Parnham      |
| Environment & Community Safety    | 2 | Cllr A Rontree      |
|                                   |   | (Environment)       |
|                                   |   | Cllr T Hinchcliffe  |
|                                   |   | (Community Safety)  |
| Corporate Parenting Board         | 2 | Cllr H Bithell      |
| ,                                 |   | Cllr A Rae          |
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- b) Note Cllr Smart as the Chair of the Community Committee for municipal year 2024-25.
- c) Appoint Cllr Bithell as the Deputy Chair of the Community Committee, whilst Cllr Smart is on maternity leave.

## 10 Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committees

The report of the City Solicitor invited Members to give consideration to appointing co-optees to the Community Committee for the duration of the 2024/25 municipal year.

A list of nominated co-optees could be found at Paragraph 9 of the report.

**RESOLVED** - To appoint the following as co-opted members of the Inner West Community for municipal year 2024-25:

## Armley

- Catherine Hyde
- Rhea Bentley
- Lorraine Cooper
- Mark Rollinson

### Bramley & Stanningley

- Jonathan Butler
- Stephen McBarron
- Joanna Herbert

### Kirkstall

- Stephen Garvani
- Steve Harris
- Tamsin MacDonald

## 11 Inner West Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25.

The Locality Officer presented the report and provided the following information:

- Members attention was drawn to Paragraph 15 of the submitted report which set out the 'minimum conditions' for all delegated decisions for the Inner West Community Committee.
- The Community Committee currently has a balance of £76,097.51 A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 1 of the report.
- Members were requested to consider the 18 projects listed at Paragraph 23.
- Since the last meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March the following projects had been approved:
  - Accessible toilets in Bramley Shopping Centre £8,500.00
  - Community events in Armley and Gotts Park (Purchasing of equipment for events) - £2,935.56
  - o Tennis Court Improvements Burley Park £10,876,64
  - Stanningley Park MUGA resurfacing £36,000.00
  - NWCA Strengthening local connections and centre refurb project - £9,160.00
  - o LS12 Creative £6,270.00
- It was noted that no projects had been declined since the last meeting.
- Monitoring information would be requested from all the supported projects and monitoring information would be available in the report to the next meeting.
- The Youth Activity Fund had a remaining balance of £17,001.03. A full breakdown of the projects was available on request. Table 2 showed that total of £25,851.00 has been allocated to projects.
- Table 3 provided information on the amount spent to date and the projects supported.
- Table 4 showed the community skips provided by the Committee.

- The Inner West Community Committee has a capital budget of £1,957.27 available to spend. Members are asked to note the capital allocation summarised in Table 5.
- The Committee was advised there is £13,461.49 currently available to spend in the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL). Table 6 provided information on projects supported from the CIL budget.

#### Members discussions included:

- In relation to an application from WYP Leeds West Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) - Inner West Anti-Social Behaviour, Road Safety and Targeted operations 2024-25. Members requested that the NPT liaise with the Ward Members on areas to be targeted and for information on the operations, so they can feedback to residents.
- In relation to the application from Leedswatch for the Inner West CCTV

   Members requested more feedback on the information being captured by the cameras.
- In relation to Armley Spring Market and Armley Festival 2024 From the Armley Action Team CIC – Members requested information on match funding, stallholders and where attendees to the event were travelling from. It was noted that the event organiser of the Kirkstall Festival had offered to provide assistance and resources for the project.
- In relation to the Bramley Figure Drawing and Portraiture Class it was noted that Cllr Parnham at this point in the meeting declared a nonpecuniary interest as his partner attended the class. He had been advised by his partner that the class was well attended by approximately 20 people from across the Inner West area.
- Cllr Bithell as the Council's Obesity Champion provided more information about the Living in Bigger Bodies project as she had been involved in the work for this project which was the first of its type in the country. It was noted that the project would be held at Milford Rugby Club as it was the view that this was easily accessible from all areas in the Inner West. Interested schools in the Inner West Area would be asked to communicate this project to pupils and families. It was suggested that the Locality Team check if this project could be funded through the Youth Activities Fund (YAF). Armley Ward Members decided to defer for more information about how people would attend this project from the Armley area and requested that information and funding for transport be investigated.
- Cllr Cunningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in the project The V Word: Participation Programme, as she is an ambassador for SHEnanigans, one of the project partners.
- Members were advised that an injection into the Capital Fund was due for 2024, and they would be informed of this.

### **RESOLVED** – To

- a. Approve the minimum conditions as set out in paragraph 15 of this report.
- b. Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)

# c. Consider the Wellbeing proposals for the suggested projects (paragraph 21)

| Project   | Organisation  | Amount requested                                    | Ward  | Outcome   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACTS Project (Active Commitment to Transition Safely)           | On The Verge<br>UK CIC  | £9,900.00   | Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>(Wellbeing)              | Declined  |
| Armley Leisure<br>Centre Youth<br>Space                         | LCC Communities Team (Interplay, Armley Leisure Centre, Barca, New Wortley Community Association, Youth Services) | £5,924.00   | Armley<br>(Wellbeing)                                     | Approved  |
| Community<br>Engagement<br>(Ringfence)                          | LCC<br>Communities<br>Team  | £750.00<br>(£250.00<br>per ward)<br>(Wellbeing)     | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Approved  |
| Youth Summit (Ringfence)  | LCC<br>Communities<br>Team  | £2,250.00<br>(£750.00<br>per ward)                  | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Approved  |
| Kinder Leeds  | Barca Leeds   | £1,250.00<br>(Wellbeing)                            | Bramley &<br>Stanningley                                  | Declined – would encourage to apply for Small Grant |
| Take 3 Parenting Project  | Bramley Cluster<br>Children and<br>Family Services  | £4,160.00<br>(Wellbeing)                            | Bramley & Stanningley                                     | Declined  |
| Bramley Festive Light Switch On Event                           | LCC Breeze  | £7,020.00<br>(Wellbeing)                            | Bramley &<br>Stanningley                                  | Approved<br>£4,000                                  |
| IW ASB, Road<br>Safety and<br>Targeted<br>Operations<br>2024-25 | WYP – West<br>Leeds NPT   | £4,980.00<br>(£1,660.00<br>per ward)<br>(Wellbeing) | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Approved  |
| IW CCTV   | LCC Leedswatch  | £6,000.00<br>(£2,000.00                             | Armley,<br>Bramley  | Approved  |

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|   |   | per ward)<br>(Wellbeing)   | and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall                       |   |
| Armley Spring<br>Market &<br>Armley Festival<br>2024          | Armley Action<br>Team CIC               | £11,500.00<br>(Armley -<br>£8,500.00,<br>Kirkstall -<br>£1,500.00,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>-£1,050.00)<br>(Wellbeing)  | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Approved<br>Armley –<br>reduced to<br>£7,000  |
| Art Camp @<br>Shire Oak<br>Primary school<br>2024/25          | Art Camp UK                             | £4,158.00<br>(Wellbeing)   | Kirkstall   | Approved                                      |
| Empower   | New Wortley<br>Community<br>Association | £5,000.00<br>(Wellbeing)   | Armley  | Approved                                      |
| Dance<br>Through<br>Mental Health<br>and Improve<br>Wellbeing | Purple Rain<br>Dance                    | £5,000.00<br>(£2,560.98<br>from<br>Armley,<br>£2,439.02<br>from<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley)<br>(Wellbeing)   | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Declined                                      |
| Bramley Figure<br>Drawing and<br>Portraiture<br>Class         | Bramley Open<br>Arts Group              | £ 4,250.00 (Armley - £1,416.66, based on 9 attendees, Bramley and Stanningley - £2,046.30, based on 13 attendees, Kirkstall - £787.04, based on 5 attendees) (Wellbeing) | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley<br>and Kirkstall | Approved                                      |
| Living in Bigger<br>Bodies                                    | LCC Youth<br>Service                    | £ 3,780.00<br>(£1,260.00<br>per ward)<br>(Wellbeing)   | Armley,<br>Bramley<br>and<br>Stanningley,                 | Approved –<br>Bramley &<br>Stanningley<br>and |

|  |  |                          | Kirkstall                | Kirkstall Wards Armley – Deferred for more information |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| New Wortley<br>Festival 2024             | New Wortley<br>Community<br>Association                | £1,500.00<br>(Wellbeing) | Armley                   | Approved   |
| The V Word: Participation Programme      | Front Room<br>Productions                              | £4,594.42<br>(Wellbeing) | Armley                   | Declined   |
| Boxercise in<br>Partnership<br>with KVDT | LCC youth Services/ Kirkstall Valley Development Trust | £5,160.00<br>(YAF)       | Kirkstall                | Approved   |
| Bramley<br>Community<br>Arts Festival    | Bramley<br>Community Arts<br>CIC                       | £1,600                   | Bramley &<br>Stanningley | Approved   |

- d. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- e. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- g. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Tables 3 & 4)
- h. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- i. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

## 12 Inner West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update of the work which the Communities Team had been engaged in, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The Committee Champions reported the following: Children and Young People

 Work undertaken by the sub-group investigating the effect on children's education of those living in overcrowded homes or who were homeless was to be discussed by the appropriate Scrutiny Boards.

### Environment

 With the approval of the Committee the sub-group would be looking at parks and greenspaces, and this would be reported back to future meetings.

### Community Safety

• Speeding and data in relation to this would be investigated this year by the sub-group, as this was an issue which has raised concerns in the Inner West area.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care

- The sub-group is currently waiting on data to be released in relation to asthma and obesity which will be a focus area for the sub-group this year.
- It was noted that the smoking cessation sessions at the Wortley Café were well attended.
- Local Care Partnerships seemed to be working effectively.

Members raised concerns in relation to the table on page 47 of the agenda pack which had referred to Travellers as being an offence. The Locality Officer said that this would be addressed.

**RESOLVED** – That the content of the report be noted.

# 13 Community Committee Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships was presented by the Locality Officer and provided an update on the Youth Summit.

The officer highlighted page 66 of the agenda pack and the following points were noted:

- The Inner West Community Committee Youth Summit had engaged with 37 young people.
- The Inner West Community Committee had received 190 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey, which was 4 times more than received in the previous year.

Members comments included:

- Members found it useful to know what priorities were required by young people when making decisions on spending the Youth Activities Fund.
- It was suggested that a report be brought to the November meeting to look at areas of need.

**RESOLVED** - To note the content of the report.

## 14 Date and Time of Next Meeting

**RESOLVED** – To note the next meeting would be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 6pm. The venue was to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm.



# Agenda Item 10





Report of: Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer Highways and Transportation

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

wards)

Report author: Jo Lepelley, joanna.lepelley@leeds.gov.uk 0113 37 89177

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September **To note** 

# **Leeds Streets for All**

Purpose of attending the next community committee meeting on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2024.

- 1. To brief ward members on the Leeds Streets for All consultation findings.
- 2. See if the findings tie in ward members' knowledge of the issues and if there are any gaps.
- 3. Advise how findings will be fed back to residents.
- 4. Discuss next steps.



# Leeds Streets for All

Local Area Transport Plans

Public Responses Report



Armley

Bramley & Stanningley

Kirkstall







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# Section 1: Why have a local area transport plan?

We are developing Local Area Transport plans (LATP) after the city-wide Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy has been developed and approved in October 2021.

An important goal for the City Council is to prioritise streets for all, putting healthy streets at the heart of our Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy. It gives the opportunity for large cities such as Leeds to develop an overall Strategy and then still have a forum where we can put more local-led issues forward and help secure more funding in the future.

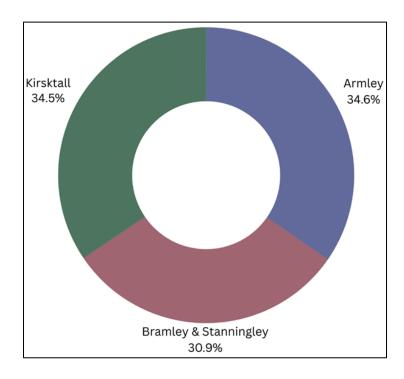
In recent years Leeds has enjoyed a massive increase in the funding available for transport improvements, which has predominantly been spent in the City Centre and on other large highway schemes notably including the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR). This has allowed Leeds to catch up with other cities as significant investment in the City Centre has been long overdue. We now want to focus our efforts on improving travel in our local neighbourhoods.

An online <u>Leeds Streets for All</u> survey, has helped people record what type of improvements they want to see and where in their local areas.

## **The Survey**



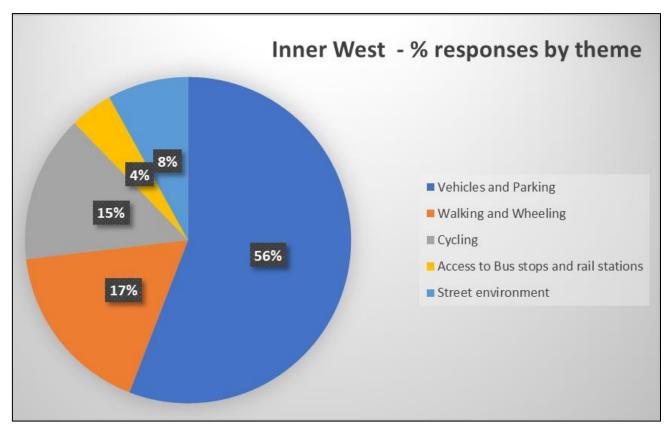
Nearly 2,500 people visited the consultation website of which 235 respondents left 616 comments. These comments were divided equally between the three Wards of Armley, Kirkstall and Bramley & Stanningley (see chart below) with a total of 897 comments analysed in this report.



Most of the comments received are from people who live within the Inner West area, but the many people who travel through the area have also commented.

LCC have developed an accompanied interactive mapping tool to support analysis of the 'Leeds Street for All' scheme which also includes Stats 19 collisions data. This allows you to view the feedback across the Inner West to help build up a picture of what issues people told us.

We have had a range of comments from people of all ages, which this Report looks to develop into a Local Area Transport Plan (LATP).



# Section 2: People were asked to comment on the following categories: -



# WALKING AL WHEELING

# Popular comments on vehicles and parking

- Inconsiderate parking
- Congestion
- Junction layouts
- Noise and pollution
- Speeding

# Popular comments on walking and wheeling

- Difficult to cross the road
- Lack of safe walking routes.
- Obstrutions on pavements
- Footpaths too narrow, damaged with a lack of dropped kerbs



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# Popular comments on Cycling

- Cycle lanes not well connected
- Current provision feels unsafe
- Lack of secure cycle parking
- Cycle paths shared with pedestrians

# Popular comments on accessing bus stops and rail stations in your area.

- Unsafe walking routes
- Unclear/poor strategic signage
- Poor access to the public transport network.
- Inadequate provision at bus stops

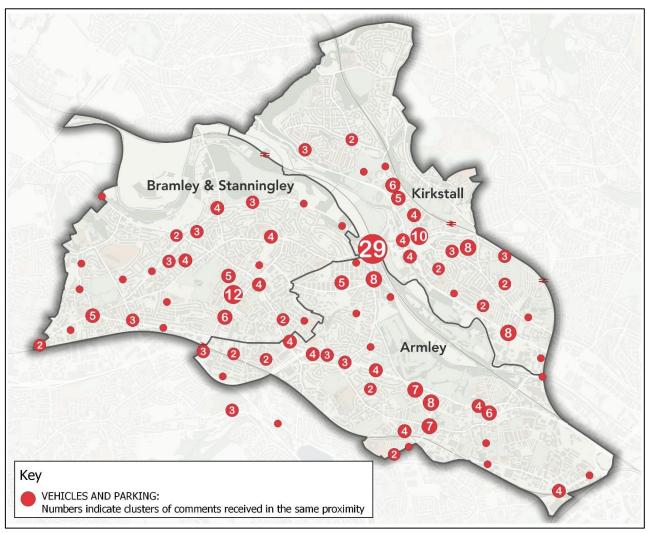


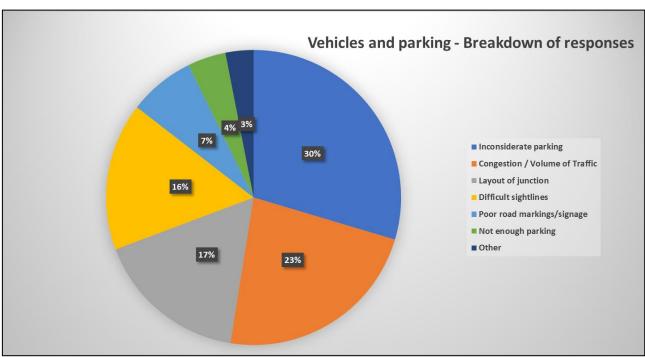
# Popular comments on the Street Environment

- Overgrown shrubs and vegetation
- Anti-social behaviour
- More greenspace and planting

# 1. Vehicles and Parking

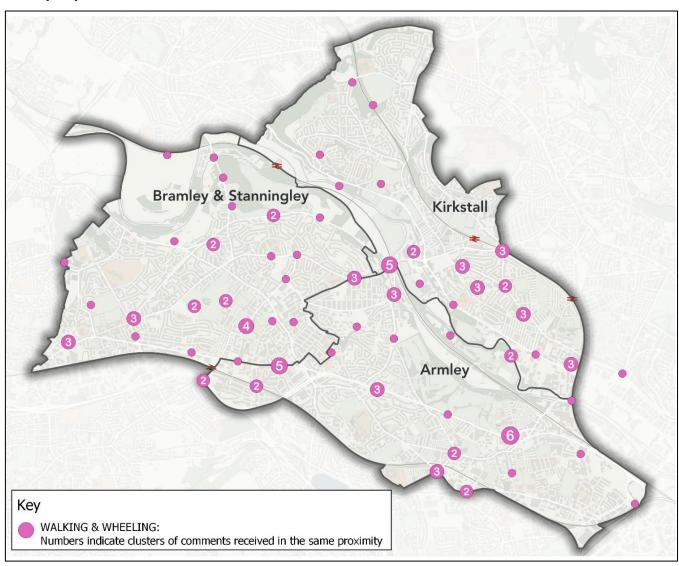
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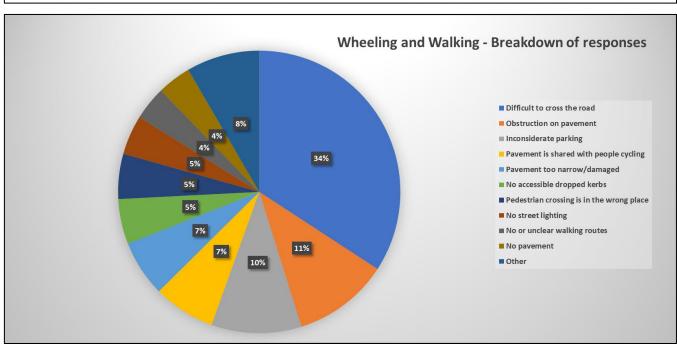




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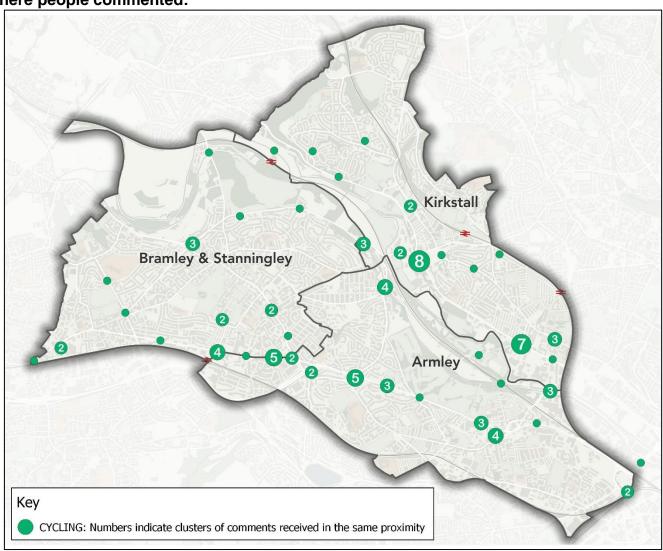
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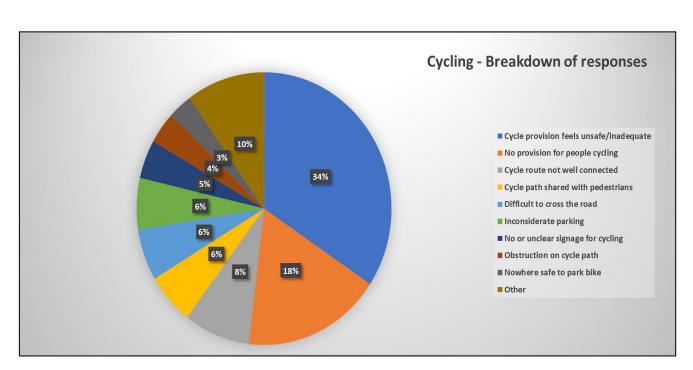




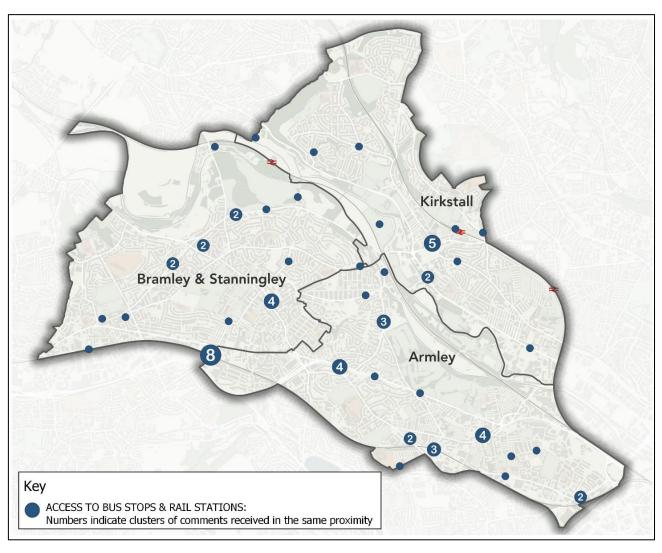
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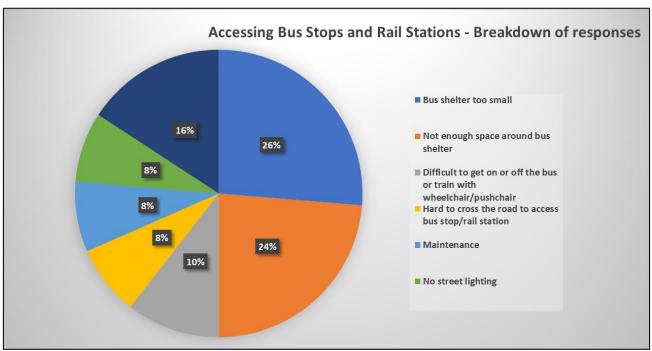
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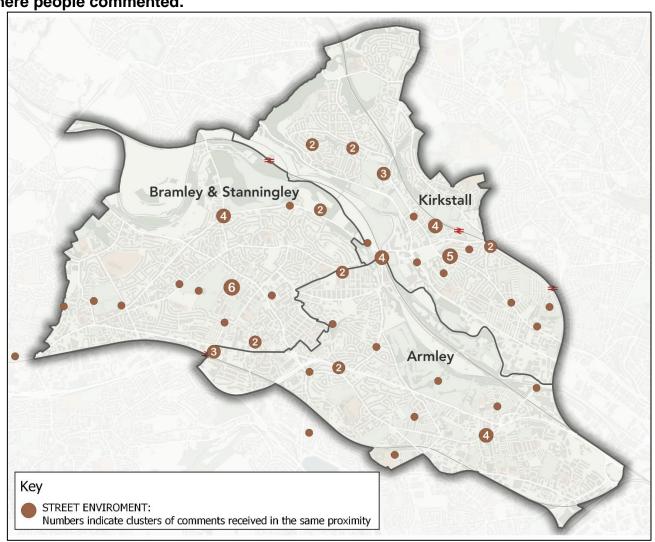


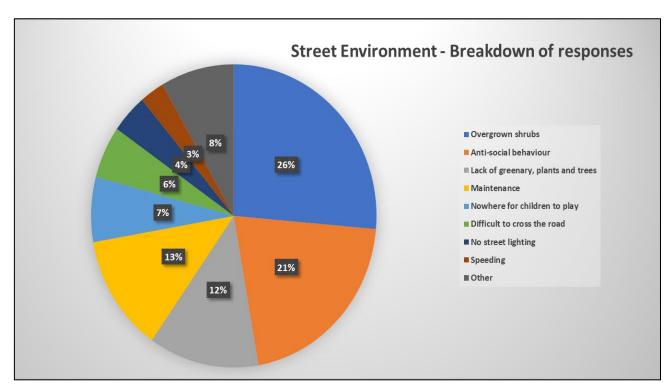
# 4. Accessing Bus Stops and Rail Stations





Where people commented.





# Section 3: What we are already doing in your area.

### **Armley Town Street Improvements**

We have successfully been awarded £2.9 million from Active Travel England funding to revitalise Armley Town Street. Improvements aim to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel cycle or use public transport. Further information can be found via the Commonplace - <u>Armley Town Street | Commonplace</u>

Healthy Streets and Better Places complementary improvements to Armley Town Street.

A scheme that involves several walking, wheeling, and cycling improvements that better connect nearby communities to Armley Town Street:

- Create a safe walking/cycling route from Armley Town Street
- Upgrade footpaths at Armley Moor and Strawberry Fields
- Improved footpaths/junctions from Armley Ridge Road to Moorfield Road.

## Our Annual Programme of Works

Many of these proposed improvements will form part of the various forward district work plans, with the most current included in this year's **Annual Programme of Works.** The works can be viewed on an interactive map, where you can search by street, town and area - <u>Connecting Leeds Annual Programme of Works 2024-2025 (arcgis.com)</u> - Some of the key highway improvements planned for the Inner West are shown in table 1 which are all fully funded and designed ready to deliver in 2024/25 (April to April).

| Pote                                       | Street Name            | Ward                     | Works<br>Category       | Works Description  | Theme                       |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Junction with<br>Carr Crofts               | Tong Road              | Armley                   | Junction<br>Improvement | Road safety works at two side road junctions                       | VEHICLES & PARKING          |
| Junction with<br>Theaker Lane              | Moorfield<br>Road      | Armley                   | Pedestrian<br>Crossing  | Construction of crossing point (check if toucan).                  | WALKING えた                  |
| Stanningley<br>Road to Green<br>Hill Road. | Armley<br>Grange Drive | Armley                   | Street<br>Improvements  | Movement violation camera installation                             | VEHICLES & PARKING          |
| Junction with<br>Broad Lane                | Upper Town<br>Street   | Bramley &<br>Stanningley | Pedestrian<br>Crossing  | Existing zebra crossing upgraded to signalled pedestrian crossing. | WALKING えた<br>& WHEELING えた |
| Junction with<br>Waterloo Lane             | Broad Lane             | Bramley &<br>Stanningley | Pedestrian<br>Crossing  | New zebra crossing   | WALKING えた<br>& WHEELING えた |

**Table 1** – Traffic Engineering forward plan of works 2023/2024

**Important note:** All maintenance and Asset management related queries, including potholes are dealt with via the 'Report an issue with a road of pavement' page – see link here.



Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) in the Inner West.

We are required by National Government to produce a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

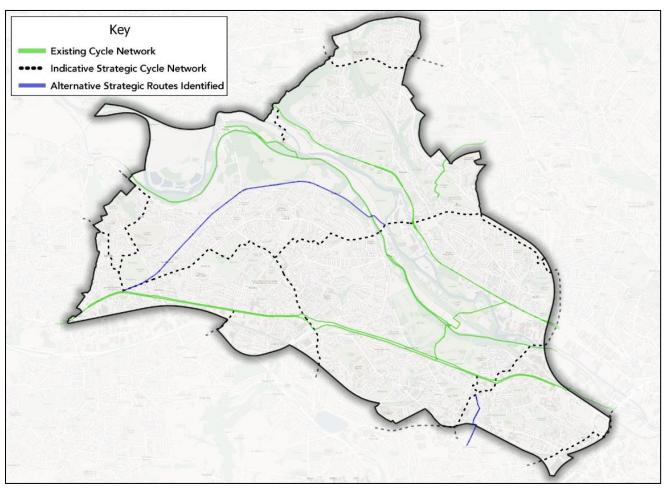
In Leeds we have worked with our partners at the West Yorkshire combined authority (WYCA) to create a longlist of cycle routes that would most effectively strategically link different parts of Leeds, and beyond into neighbouring authorities like Bradford & Wakefield.

Ongoing work will consider the role of Walking. This will involve studies such as that conducted for Armley Town Street where we will consider improvements that can be made to key destinations and centres in local areas across Leeds. This phase of the LCWIP will really benefit from the views expressed in the streets for all consultation

We also will do more work to consider cycling. To supplement the longer distance more strategic routes developed with WYCA. We need to do more work to look at shorter routes that plug vital gaps in our growing network of cycle routes in Leeds. Again, this project will be able to consider the feedback given by Streets for All.

The map below shows existing cycle routes in the Inner West and the indicatively planned strategic routes we have developed in partnership with WYCA.

As we move forward with our LCWIP plans we will seek to develop improved ways of sharing these plans with communities and those interested in our walking and cycling networks.

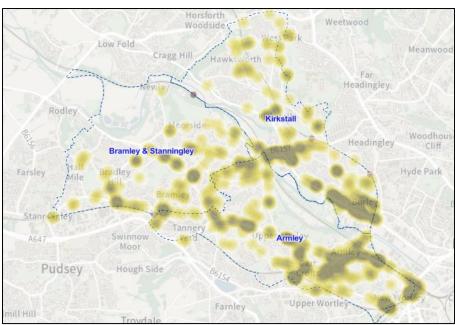


Map 2 - Examples of potential new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans routes in Inner West

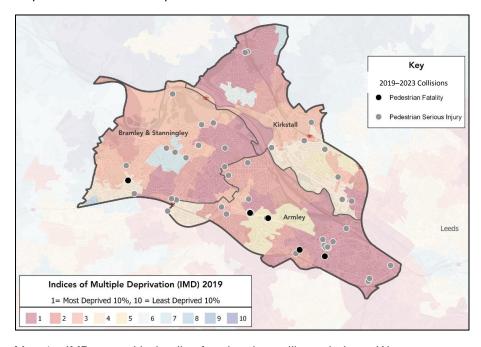
## Road collision data in Inner West

The last 5 years collision data has also been analysed and mapped to see if the location of the responses correlates with existing collision hotspots. The locations where killed or serious injury (KSI) occurred are shown on the mapped below, which also highlight the IMD.





Map 3 - Collision heatmap for the Inner West.



Map 4 – IMD map with details of pedestrian collisons in Inner West.

# Section 4: Proposed list of new transport improvement schemes in Inner West.

Data from the Local Area Transport Plan consultation has been analysed and used to support and shape current transport improvement proposals as well as helping to identify new potential schemes. The intention is to provide a list of shelf ready cycling and walking schemes ready to take advantage of any future funding opportunities.

The following heatmap (figure 2) has been created using all the data provided from the 'Leeds Streets for All' consultation. The concerntrated coloured areas show the locations within the Inner West that have received the most comments. The map provides a visual display of the key locations where people have highlighted issues in the Inner West area.

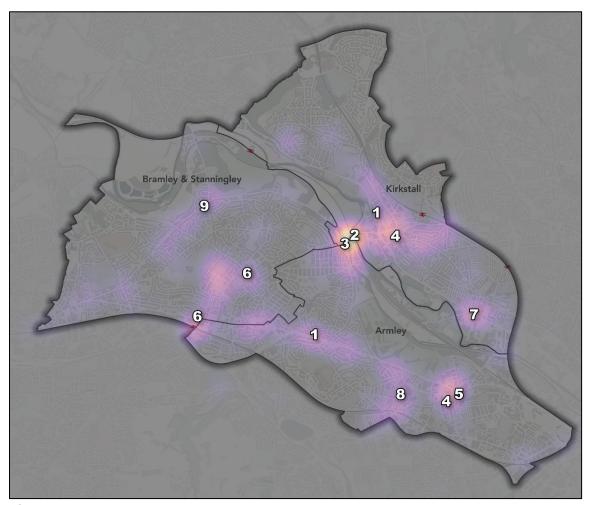


Figure 2 - Inner West survey response heatmap.

| Map Number | Locations  |
|------------|--|
| 1          | A65 Kirkstall Road and A647 Stanningley Road corridors                 |
| 2          | River crossing at Wyther Lane and Kirkstall Bridge Road                |
| 3          | Canal crossing at Board Lane   |
| 4          | Armley and Kirkstall district centres                                  |
| 5          | Junction with Stanningley Road (A647) and Branch Road                  |
| 6          | Bramley district centre, bus interchange and Bramley railway station   |
| 7          | A65 and surrounding roads adjacent to Cardigan Fields Retail Park      |
| 8          | Connections between Armley Town Street, Tong Road and Stanningley Road |
| 9          | Section along Leeds & Bradford Road (NW of Bramley)                    |

### Respondents suggested solutions

A list of potential interventions is shown in table 3. This list is not exhaustive and can only be developed as funding opportunities become available. It's possible some of the issues identified from the survey we are already aware of have been unable to resolve to date.

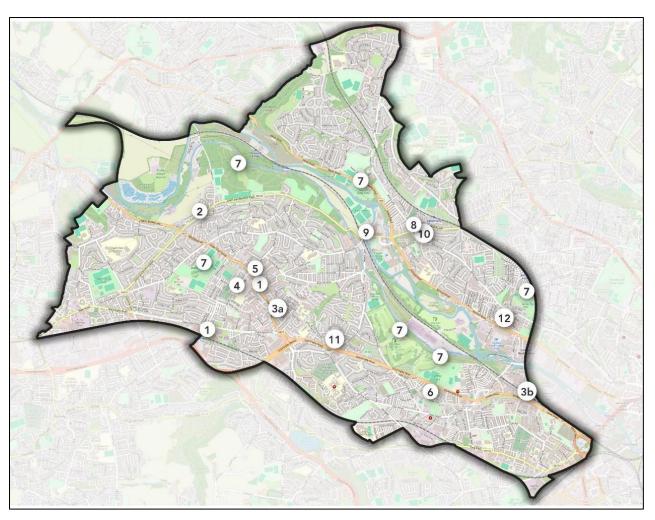
| Suggested solutions   | Theme                         |                              |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Identify new pedestrian and cycle crossing points to improve safety   | WALKING<br>& WHEELING れた      | CYCLING Ø₹                   |  |  |
| Improve access to/and between key transport interchanges i.e. Bramley Bus Station and Bramley Rail Station  | BUS STOPS & . RAIL STATIONS 💬 | WALKING えた。<br>& WHEELING かた |  |  |
| Review feasibility of providing more river/canal crossings for cyclists and pedestrians   | WALKING AL                    | CYCLING Ø®                   |  |  |
| Traffic alleviation at Wyther Lane/Kirkstall Bridge Road  | VEHICLES<br>& PARKING         |                              |  |  |
| District centre improvements – wider footpaths, safer crossings, better public transport access, better lighting, improved public realm and reduced inconsiderate parking | WALKING A & WHEELING A &      | STREET<br>ENVIRONMENT        |  |  |
| Encourage the development of safer local cycling and walking routes to key local destinations   | CYCLING Ø♥                    | WALKING えも<br>& WHEELING えも  |  |  |
| Traffic calming measures to reduce anti-social driving.   | VEHICLES<br>& PARKING         |                              |  |  |
| Consider measures to curb inconsiderate parking on pavements, at junctions, public transport & cycling infrastructure and blocking access to property and                 | VEHICLES & PARKING            | BUS STOPS & 1                |  |  |
| businesses.   | WALKING たと<br>& WHEELING れた   | CYCLING Ø₹                   |  |  |

Table 3 – Suggested solutions

List of potential new schemes identified from the LATP survey in the Inner West

The following list of potential new interventions have been identified from the responses which would improve transport connectivity in the local area. More details on this list can be found in Table 4 below.

It is important the remember that none of LCWIP or the new scheme suggestions are currently funded but the list does provide an indication of what potential types of transport improvement could be prioritised and delivered if future funding opportunities became available. This list isn't exhaustive and should be treated as a guide to show what could be achieved.



| Ref | Proposed intervention   | Type of intervention   | Theme                               | Theme                        | Theme                        |
|-----|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Cycle and walking improvements<br>between key transport<br>interchanges/destinations. | Healthy Streets approach facilitating active and sustainable travel  | Walking &<br>Wheeling               | Cycling                      | Bus Stops &<br>Rail Stations |
| 2   | Review the current speed limit and additional controlled crossing(s).                 | New cycle & pedestrian crossings, consideration of a reduction in the current speed limit.  Vehicles & Parking |                                     | Cycling                      | Walking &<br>Wheeling        |
| 3a  | City Connect connectivity improvements on the Cycle Superhighway route                | Enhanced cycle provision   | Cycling                             |                              |                              |
| 3b  | City Connect connectivity improvements on the Cycle Superhighway route                | Enhanced cycle provision   | Cycling                             |                              |                              |
| 4   | Provide better crossing points to access school and church.                           | cess New zebra crossing and extra informal crossing points. Review parking management. Walking & Wheeling      |                                     | Vehicles &<br>Parking        |                              |
| 5   | Improve pedestrian access to Bramley<br>Shopping Centre and Bus Interchange           | Footpath, junction, crossing, cycling and wayfinding improvements  | Walking &<br>Wheeling               | Bus Stops &<br>Rail Stations |                              |
| 6   | Better connectivity between Armley<br>Centre and A647                                 | Footpath, junction, crossing, cycling and wayfinding improvements  | Walking &<br>Wheeling               | Bus Stops &<br>Rail Stations |                              |
| 7   | Various access improvement to parks   | Improved safety, lighting, pedestrian access, public realm and play areas Walking & Wheeling                   |                                     | Cycling                      |                              |
| 8   | Road junction pedestrian crossing improvements  | Signal phasing improvements  | Walking &<br>Wheeling               |                              |                              |
| 9   | River / canal crossings   | Structures Walki Whee  |                                     | Vehicles &<br>Parking        | Cycling                      |
| 10  | Footpath and crossing improvements to schools   | Pedestrian access improvements   | Walking &<br>Wheeling               |                              |                              |
| 11  | Review safety concerns for people cycling and people waiting for the bus.             | Provide safe bus stop by-pass provision  | Cycling                             | Bus Stops &<br>Rail Stations |                              |
| 12  | Create a better environment for cycling and walking.                                  | Cycle and walking provision  | Cycle and walking provision Cycling |                              |                              |

# Appendix 1 : Proposed schemes – The Local Plan

| Ref     | Proposed intervention  | Type of intervention   | Location  | Alignment with Connecting<br>Leeds Transport Strategy   | Theme                       |
|---------|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1       | Cycle and walking improvements between key transport interchanges/destinations.                                | Healthy Streets approach to encourage people to travel using more sustainable modes.         | Bramley Town Centre and Bramley Rail Station.                                     | <ul><li>Safer walking and cycling<br/>routes (quiet streets).</li><li>Safer Streets</li><li>Improved access</li></ul> | WALKING えた<br>& WHEELING れた |
|         |  |  |   | between public transport interchanges - Improved pedestrian   | CYCLING Ø®                  |
|         |  |  |   | access - Healthier streets approach   | BUS STOPS & ; RAIL STATIONS |
| 2       | Review the current speed limit and additional control crossing.  | Installing cycle & pedestrian crossings and consider a reduction in the current speed limit. | Leeds & Bradford Road.  | <ul> <li>Safer Roads (manage vehicle speeds</li> <li>Improved pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities.</li> </ul>    | VEHICLES<br>& PARKING       |
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|         |  |  |   |   | WALKING<br>& WHEELING れた    |
| 3       | City Connect connectivity improvements on the Cycle Superhighway route   | Enhanced cycle provision   | A647 / Lower Town Street /<br>Stanningley Road (Roundabout)<br>to Bramley Centre. | Increase safe cycling infrastructure provision.   | CYCLING Ø®                  |
|         |  | Enhanced cycle provision   | A647 / Armley Road Retail Park  | Increase safe cycling infrastructure provision.   | CYCLING Ø®                  |
| 4       | Provided better crossing points to access school and church (investigate ways to provide safe crossing points. | Upgrade current raised table into informal crossing point.                                   | Hough Lane, Bramley   | <ul><li>Safer Roads</li><li>Pedestrian crossing improvements</li></ul>  | WALKING &                   |
|         |  | Install a new zebra crossing   | Hough Lane, Bramley   | <ul><li>Safer Roads</li><li>Pedestrian crossing improvements</li></ul>  | WALKING & & WHEELING 1      |

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|   |   | Review current parking enforcement measures.                      | Hough Lane, Bramley                                 |   | Parking management and policy   | VEHICLES<br>& PARKING                            |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 5 | Improve pedestrian access to Bramley Shopping Centre and Bus Interchange                                  | Footpath, junction, crossing, cycling and wayfinding improvements | Bramley Shopping Centre and<br>Bus Interchange      | - | Safer walking and cycling routes (quiet streets). Safer Streets Improved access between public transport interchanges                                       | WALKING かと<br>& WHEELINGから                       |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | BUS STOPS & , 1111111111111111111111111111111111 |
| 6 | Better connectivity between Armley<br>Centre and A647   | Footpath, junction, crossing, cycling and wayfinding improvements | A647 / Theaker Lane / Moorfield                     | - | Safer walking and cycling routes (quiet streets). Safer Streets Improved access   | WALKING えと<br>& WHEELING れた                      |
|   |   |   |   |   | between public transport interchanges   | BUS STOPS & , TOPE , RAIL STATIONS .             |
| 7 | Various access improvement to parks (Gotts Park, Armley, Bramley Fall, Bramley, Kirkstall Abbey, Burley). | Gotts Park, Armley, Bramley Fall, pedestrian access, public       | Various   | - | Investment in greenspace Improved access to green space for recreation. Promote healthy lifestyles  | WALKING えた<br>& WHEELING れた                      |
|   |   |   |   | - |   | CYCLING Ø₹                                       |
| 8 | Road junction pedestrian crossing improvements  | Signal phasing improvements                                       | St Annes Lane / Kirkstall Lane                      | - | Safer Roads<br>Pedestrian crossing<br>improvements  | WALKING ALS.                                     |
| 9 | River / canal crossings Stru  | Structures  | Wyther Lane / Kirkstall Bridge<br>Road / Broad Lane | - | Review current transport<br>network provision.<br>Increase safe cycling<br>infrastructure provision<br>Safer walking and cycling<br>routes (quiet streets). | WALKING えた                                       |
|   |   |   |   | - |   | VEHICLES &                                       |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | CYCLING Ø®                                       |

| 10 | Footpath and crossing improvements to schools                             | Pedestrian access improvements              | Kirkstall Hill / Beescroft Street | <ul><li>Safer walking and cycling routes (quiet streets).</li><li>Safer Streets</li></ul>                                       | WALKING えた<br>& WHEELING れた   |
|----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 11 | Review safety concerns for people cycling and people waiting for the bus. | Provide safe bus stop by-<br>pass provision | Various                           | <ul><li>Bus stop infrastructure design</li><li>Safer cycling and</li></ul>  | CYCLING Ø®                    |
|    |   |   |                                   | pedestrian routes   | BUS STOPS & 🎁 RAIL STATIONS 🛒 |
| 12 | Create a better environment for cycling and walking.                      | Cycle and walking provision                 | A65 / Cardigan Field Retail Park  | <ul> <li>Review current transport<br/>network provision.</li> <li>Increase safe cycling<br/>infrastructure provision</li> </ul> | CYCLING Ø®                    |
|    |   |   |                                   | minastructure provision   | WALKING<br>& WHEELING かと      |

Table 4 – Potential list of new transport improvement schemes.

## Sources of Funding

All areas of Leeds (including Inner West) benefit from the Maintenance and Traffic Signal funding, which is already allocated separately across Leeds. Information obtained from the Leeds Streets for All' surveys will be shared within highways to help.

The main source of available central funding is from the City Region Sustainable Transport Fund (CRSTS). The £830 million City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (across West Yorkshire) is aimed at providing an integrated and inclusive transport network which was made possible thanks to the West Yorkshire Mayoral devolution deal.

West Leeds has also been successful with winning Levelling Up Funding (LUF) and we are developing a scheme on Armley Town Street. The Armley scheme will also benefit from Creating Healthier Streets funding which is a part of the CRSTS.

The Active Travel Fund (ATF) has more of a single focus on sustainable travel is also being used in local areas. All these funds are designed to invest in transport schemes which improves people everyday lives. Table 5 below illustrates this funding, and how we may attain more.

|  | City R                      | egion Sustianab | Other Potential Funding Sources |                 |             |                             |  |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
|  | Transformational<br>Schemes | Safer Roads     | Heathly Streets                 | Traffic Signals | Maintenance | Active Travel<br>Fund (ATF) | Bus Service<br>Improvement Plans<br>(BSIP) |
| VEHICLES & PARKING                       | Х                           | Х               |                                 | X               | х           |                             |  |
| WALKING & WHEELING                       | х                           | Х               | Х                               |                 |             | х                           |  |
| CYCLING Ø®                               | х                           |                 |                                 | X               | x           | x                           |  |
| BUS STOPS & , ☐ ,<br>RAIL STATIONS ; ☐ , | Х                           |                 | Х                               |                 |             |                             | Х  |
| STREET<br>ENVIRONMENT                    | Х                           |                 | Х                               |                 |             | Х                           |  |

**Table 5** – Examples of main funding sources available

It's also possible for targeted funding to be made available from central government that could cover any of the 5 themes to support specific initiatives in line with national policy. Some funding has already been received via the Network North which has £19.8M overall, to cover a wide variety of difference transport initiatives. More is expected in the coming months.

## **Useful links:**

- Network North Levelling Up.
- Street improvement project puts Leeds neighbourhood on path to bright future,
- Active Travel Fund: local transport authority allocations GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Leeds Vision Zero 2040 Strategy

## Section 5: What happens next?

Further discussions with LCC project officers, Exec Members, and Ward Councillors to:

- 1. Determine how to present the results via an evaluation report and common webpage formats.....
- 2. Assess how the LSFA online consultation can enhance current Highway & Transportation reporting processes for improved local interventions
- 3. Explore LSFA's potential to integrate Transport policy objectives into local schemes to support our Transport Strategy goals
- 4. Note: A dedicated working group has been established to evaluate the existing process for member conversations, reporting and monitoring highway and transportation issues, with a view to potentially creating one single solution.



# Agenda Item 11





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

Report author: Patrick Mulcahy

Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 For decision

## **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 2024/25.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 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 Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to

- 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 such 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.
- 16. As has been the case at the beginning of previous municipal years, the Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.
- 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 & 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 £1,000.00 per ward. This approach will ensure consistency in terms of administering small grants, in accordance with the committees' minimum conditions.
- 18. As has been the case at the beginning of previous municipal years, the Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.
- 19. 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 2024/25**

- 20. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2023/24 was £110,114.00. Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of £104,638.03 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. £82,737.95 represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2023/24 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2023/24 is therefore £132,014.08. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
- 21. 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.

22. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of £29,045.57 A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

**TABLE 1: Wellbeing revenue 2024/25** 

|  | £           |      |          |     |          |      |          |
|--|-------------|------|----------|-----|----------|------|----------|
| Balance brought forward from previous year 2023/24       | £104,638.03 |      |          |     |          |      |          |
| Less projects brought forward from previous year 2023/24 | £82,737.95  |      |          |     |          |      |          |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25                                 | £132,014.08 |      |          |     |          |      |          |
| -  |             |      |          |     |          |      |          |
| Ward Projects  | Total:      |      |          | I   |          | 1    |          |
|  |             | Arm  | ley      | B&: | 5        | Kirk | stall    |
| Per ward carry forward + new allocation                  |             |      |          |     |          |      |          |
| Small Grants and Skips                                   | £6,484.34   | £    | 970.00   | £   | 1,803.33 | £    | 3,711.01 |
| Bramley Moorside Youth Group (Moorside Tara Rent)        | £1,470.00   | £    | -        | £   | 1,470.00 | £    | -        |
| IW Generalist Advice Service                             | £21,947.00  | £    | 7,315.66 | £   | 7,315.66 | £    | 7,315.68 |
| Kirkstall Art Trail 2024                                 | £4,000.00   | £    | -        | £   | -        | £    | 4,000.00 |
| Kirkstall Festival 2024                                  | £8,000.00   | £    | 1,500.00 | £   | 1,500.00 | £    | 5,000.00 |
| Kirkstall School Transition Club                         | £2,215.00   | £    | -        | £   | -        | £    | 2,215.00 |
| Wellbeing in Nature                                      | £8,241.00   | £    | 2,747.00 | £   | 2,747.00 | £    | 2,747.00 |
| Accessible Toilets in Bramley Shopping Centre            | £8,500.00   | £    | -        | £   | 8,500.00 | £    | -        |
| Hanging Baskets Day                                      | £2,000.00   | £    | 2,000.00 | £   | -        | £    | -        |
| Inner West ASB and Road Safety Operations 2024-25        | £4,980.00   | £    | 1,660.00 | £   | 1,660.00 | £    | 1,660.00 |
| Armley Spring Market & Armley Festival 2024              | £9,550.00   | £    | 7,000.00 | £   | 1,050.00 | £    | 1,500.00 |
| Art Camp @ Shire Oak Primary School 2024-25              | £4,158.00   | £    | -        | £   | -        | £    | 4,158.00 |
| Bramley Community Arts Festival 2024                     | £1,600.00   | £    | -        | £   | 1,600.00 | £    | -        |
| Empower  | £5,000.00   | £    | 5,000.00 | £   | -        | £    | -        |
| New Wortley Festival 2024                                | £1,500.00   | £    | 1,500.00 | £   | -        | £    | -        |
| ALC Youth Space  | £5,924.00   | £    | 5,924.00 | £   | -        | £    | -        |
| Bramley Figure Drawing & Portraiture Class               | £4,250.00   | £    | 1,416.66 | £   | 2,046.30 | £    | 787.04   |
| Bramley Festive Light Switch on Event                    | £4,000.00   | £    | -        | £   | 4,000.00 | £    | -        |
| Total of schemes approved 2023/24                        | £137,735.95 | £41  | ,505.33  | £59 | 9,150.25 | £37  | 7,080.37 |
| Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)                       | £29,045.57  | £5,6 | 92.05    | £8, | 057.63   | £15  | ,295.89  |

## Wellbeing and Capital projects for consideration and approval

23. The following projects are presented for Members' consideration from 24/25 budget:

1) Project Title: Leeds 12 Youth Boxing Project

Organisation: The Ministry of Boxing

Total Project Cost: £1,650.00

Amount requested from YAF: £1,650.00

Wards Effected: Armley

Project Description: The grant will allow The Ministry of Boxing to continue offering basic boxing training sessions at Armley Leisure Centre throughout the coming year as

was the case in 2023/24. One qualified coach from The Ministry will lead the session weekly at 15.45 on Thursdays the duration being one hour. The project involves a one-hour session most weeks of term time at ALC and four 90 minute sessions during school holidays at The Ministry located one kilometre from ALC. Participants will be those aged ten through fifteen at the start of September 2024 i.e. school years six through eleven. The absolute maximum number of participants with one person training is sixteen.

2) Project Title: Inner West Christmas Lights

Organisation: LCC Communities Team / Leeds Lights

Total Project Cost: £6,238.00

Amount requested from Wellbeing: £6,238.00 (Kirkstall - £3,000.00, Bramley and

Stanningley £3,238.00)

Wards Effected: Bramley and Stanningley, Kirkstall

Project Description: The grant awarded will be used to fund; Bramley and Stanningley - 8 x standard motifs @ £260 each + 1 staff member to switch on lights £102 (Monday to Saturday) & Lights for 15ft tree £528 & security deposit for 15ft tree lights £528 (deposit is returnable) - £3,238.00. Kirkstall - £3,000.00 towards Christmas lights, KVAG to fund the rest.

3) Project Title: West Yorkshire Fire Youth Intervention's Programmes

Organisation: West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Total Project Cost: £3,294.08

Amount requested from Wellbeing: £1,647.04

Wards Effected: Armley

Project Description: Around April 2023 we were approached by Castleton Primary school in Armley for support with some of their young people who were known to be on the fringes of criminal behaviour and exploitation. They explained that, due to the age of the young people being below 10 and lower than the age of criminal responsibility, other agencies/partners wouldn't work with them on a 1:1 or small group basis. We developed a personal development package called 'Re Action' to engage with the 4 young males and help them to understand risk, choices, consequences and values to apply to their futures. From May to August 2023 we trialled the sessions and approaches, resulting in a successful pilot that the school and parents saw a noticeable different in the young people. As a service we are keen to continue the positive interventions and prevention messages to this age group of young people to support diversionary tactics from the criminal justice system and maintain our duty holder responsibilities under the SVD agenda.

4) Project Title: Armley Christmas Lights

Organisation: LCC Communities Team / Leeds Lights

Total Project Cost: £5,859.50

Amount requested from CIL: £2,339.50

Wards Effected: Armley

Project Description: The grant will be used to fund the Armley Christmas Lights along

town street. The funds will be spent on 10 rope lights and 5 motifs.

24. Since the last Community Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, 0 projects have been considered and approved by DDN

## **Declined Projects**

- 25. Since the last Community Committee on 12th March 2024, 1 project has been declined.
  - Community Remembrance & Reflection Garden Yorkshire Air Ambulance £716.00 (238.66 per ward)

## **Monitoring Information**

- 26. 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.
- 27. Monitoring will be provided in the next report.
- 28. We have agreed to support activities that make people and place feel safer, we have done this by promoting a well-known community location as a safe space for local young people. We have improved young peoples knowledge of different topics, through issue based sessions such as healthy eating, smoking and vaping, drugs and alcohol and other topics. Young people in the area have also built closer relationships, making the area feel more like a community to different individuals.
- 29. Another aim was to support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired. We did this by giving young people the chance to learn new sports, with qualified practitioners, developing their skills around different sports, and possibly sports they haven't tried before, in a more flexible and pressure free environment.
- 30. We agreed to promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities, we did this with a programme that has helped support young people in the community to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours by promoting sexual health, minimising the misuse of drugs, alcohol & tobacco and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour.

#### Youth Activities Fund Position 2024/25

- 31. The total available for spend in Inner West Community Committee in 2024/25, including carry forward from previous year, is £83,067.63.
- 32. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of £31,761.00 has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.
- 33. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of £12,650.03 in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

## **TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2024/25**

|  |                     | Ward Split<br>8-17 Population      |                                 |                                       |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | Total<br>allocation | Armley<br>2,629<br>Young<br>People | B&S<br>2,745<br>Young<br>People | Kirkstall<br>1,657<br>Young<br>People |
| Income 2024/25   | £                   | £                                  | £                               | £                                     |
| Carried forward from previous year   | £52,406.63          | £20,259.25                         | £20,275.15                      | £11,872.23                            |
| Total available (including brought forward balance) for schemes in 2024/25 | £83,067.63          | £30,479.59                         | £30,495.48                      | £22,092.56                            |
| Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year                | £40.125.00          | £15,102.00                         | £19,953.60                      | £5,1560.00                            |
| Total available budget for this year 2024/25                               | £42,825.03          | £15,377.59                         | £10,541.88                      | £16,932.56                            |

| Projects 2024/25                  | Amount requested from YAF | Armley     | Bramley &<br>Stanningley | Kirkstall  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Armley Basketball Project         | £ 3,120.00                | £ 3,120.00 | £ -                      | £ -        |
| Bramley Youth Clubs               | £ 1,200.00                | £ -        | £ 1,200.00               | £ -        |
| DAZL Bramley Dance Programme 2024 | £ 3,861.00                | £ -        | £ 3,861.00               | £ -        |
| Breeze in the Park Event 2024     | £ 11,400.00               | £ 3,800.00 | £ 3,800.00               | £ 3,800.00 |
| LS12 Creative                     | £ 6,270.00                | £ 6,270.00 | £ -                      | £ -        |
| Armley Youth Clubs                | £ 750.00                  | £ 750.00   | £ -                      | £ -        |
| KVDT Boxercise                    | £ 5,160.00                | £ -        | £ -                      | £5,160.00  |
| Remaining balance per ward        | £12,650.03                | £2,996.59  | £1,680.88                | £7,972.56  |

## Small Grants & Skips Budget 2024/25

TABLE 3: Small Grants 2024/25

| Project   | Organisation/Dept                            | Amount requested |
|---|--|------------------|
| Leeds Summer DalesBus 2024                                  | Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company | £1,000.00        |
| Summer Holiday Targeted Provision                           | Youth Service WNW                            | £2,910.00        |
| Kirkstall Planters  | LCC Communities Team / The Arium             | £770.00          |
| Community Participation and Learning Programme – Inner West | Leeds Irish Arts Foundation                  | £1,146.66        |
| Bramley Play Day 2024                                       | BARCA  | £900.00          |
| Kinder Leeds  | BARCA  | £400.00          |

| Total spent so far 2024/25: | £7,126.66 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|

**TABLE 4: Community Skips 2024/25** 

| Location of skip   | Date                  | Total<br>amount |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bramley Parochial Church Council   | TBC                   | £260.00         |
| Sandford Road, LS5 3BU - On the grass verge in front of the playground, Gilbert Close, LS5 3BX - On the grass, halfway down Gilbert Close, nearest house No 63 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | £397.68         |
| Total spent so far 2024/25:  | £657.68               |                 |

## Capital Budget 2024/25

34. The Inner West Community Committee has a capital budget of £1,957.27 available to spend. Members are asked to note the capital allocation summarised in **Table 5**.

**TABLE 5: Capital 2024/25** 

| Date                         | £1,957.27 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Remaining Balance April 2024 | £4,892.83 |
| Capital Injection 2024       | £         |
| Capital Injection 2025       | £         |
| Balance remaining            | £1,957.27 |

| Capital Spend 2024/25                     | Total amount |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Community Events in Armley and Gotts Park | £2,935.56    |  |
| Capital Balance Remaining                 | £1,957.27    |  |

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2024/25

35. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is £13,461.49 currently available to spend.

TABLE 6: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2023/24

|   | £          |
|---|------------|
| Remaining Balance March 2024            | £69,498.13 |
| Injection 1                             | £          |
| Total Available in 2024/25              | £69,498.13 |
| Tennis Court Improvements – Burley Park | £10,876.64 |
| Stanningley Park MUGA Resurfacing       | £36,000.00 |

| NWCA – Strengthening Local Connections & Centre Refurb Project | £9,160.00  |
|--|------------|
| Total Spend 2024/2025:   | £56,036.64 |
| Remaining Balance 2024/25                                      | £13,461.49 |

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

37. 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**

- 38. 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**

39. 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

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

## **Risk Management**

41. 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

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

## Recommendations

43. Members are asked to note

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 21)
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- d. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- e. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- f. Details of the Small Grants & Skips budget Budget (Tables 3 & 4)
- g. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- h. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

## Agenda Item 12





Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

[Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Kirkstall]

Report author: Patrick Mulcahy

Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 To note

## **Inner West Community Committee Update Report**

## **Purpose of report**

- To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
- 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 A Rae (as lead) and Cllr H Bithell

3. The Children and Young Person Sub-Group have decided that the next topic of interest is Vaping in U18s. A meeting with Public Health colleagues will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

## **Environment: Champion Cllr A Rontree**

4. The Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group meeting dates that have been finalised are 9th October 29th January and 15th May. Agendas are currently being discussed between Champions.

## **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Update**

## **General Staffing**

- 5. There has been a temporary change in Area Mangers at the West CNT, to cover the Service Manager Role at the Household Waste & Recycling Centres & bring sites until 31st March 2024. The Temporary Area Manager currently in place will be changing shortly due moving to another post in a different service.
- 6. The Team Leader role for the area is still vacant, the Area Manager will be the point of contact for any Partners and Ward Members until the position is occupied. All service requests should be sent to the generic email address as this is always monitored and can be actioned until a new Temporary Area Manager is in place.
- 7. There are several vacancies in the team that are pending approval from Corporate Vacancy Control Challenge Panel.

## **Street Cleansing and Enforcement**

- 8. We have had 3 successful prosecutions for waste in gardens with fines and remedial orders put in place. This tells the perpetrator to clear up the garden. If breached it is a contempt of court, rather than an offence under the ASBCP Act 2014. LCC could also do the work in default.
- 9. The Graffiti Team continue to remove any offensive graffiti tags and in most cases within 48 hours, any requests for service must be sent to WNWAction@leeds.gov.uk. There has been recent significant increase in offensive graffiti in the area and crews have been issued with a graffiti kit so can remove small scale graffiti on select surfaces proactively without having to wait for another team to attend. If the team cannot remove it the specialist team will attend to remove it.
- 10. We have supported various Action Days throughout the area with the most recent being August 2024. The team have moved appropriately 10 tonnes of waste from the last 3 action days.
- 11. There is still a large amount of work being completed across the West of Leeds by the various Litter Free Groups and this is really appreciated. We continue to support this work by providing the purple bags which are delivered by CNT staff to the nominated bag holders and collecting the waste when left. We now have smaller purple plastic bags available to use which prove ideal for children, these can be requested with full size bags in the usual way.
- 12. Despite it being the summer months, some arrangements have started to be made for upcoming events such as Leeds Abbey Dash, Light switch on and the annual De leafing programme.

## **Parks and Countryside Update**

- 13. Work on the Cragside Rec play area has started.
- 14. Burley Park Improvements are in progress.
- 15. Stanningley Park MUGA resurfacing is still awaiting start.
- 16. Armley bowling green bench has been installed.
- 17. Jailey Fields All additional information has been submitted for the funding agreement with Veolia and service is currently trying to get a quicker payment so work can start sooner.
- 18.£10,251.84 funding has been released from S106 for Rodley Park improvements but still awaiting confirmation from Members about where the other half of the funding is coming from, this is for some new play equipment within the existing park aimed at younger children.

## Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champions Cllr K Ritchie & Cllr T Hinchcliffe

## Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

- 19. The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of June 2024, in the Inner West Community Committee area is 11,615. This is an increase of 142.9% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 200 claimants on the previous month.
- 20. The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Inner West Community Committee area and by ward.

|                       | Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs |        |        |              |           |       |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|--|--|
|                       | March                               | n 2020 | May    | 2024         | June 2024 |       |  |  |
|                       | Number                              | Rate*  | Number | Rate*        | Number    | Rate* |  |  |
| Leeds                 | 35,450                              | 6.8%   | 88,802 | 17.1%        | 90,295    | 17.3% |  |  |
| Inner West            | 4,782                               | 9.9%   | 11,415 | 11,415 23.6% |           | 24.0% |  |  |
| Armley                | 2,203                               | 12.8%  | 5,206  | 30.3%        | 5,299     | 30.8% |  |  |
| Bramley & Stanningley | 1,474                               | 10.1%  | 3,439  | 23.5%        | 3,494     | 23.8% |  |  |
| Kirkstall             | 1,105                               | 6.7%   | 2,770  | 16.8%        | 2,822     | 17.1% |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

## <u>Universal Credit (Not in Employment)</u>

- 21. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2024, in the Inner West Community Committee area is 7,443. This is an increase of 129% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 77 claimants on the previous month.
- 22. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in Leeds, the Inner West Community Committee area and by ward.

Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs

|                       | March 2020 |       | April  | 2024  | May 2024 |       |  |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|--|
|                       | Number     | Rate* | Number | Rate* | Number   | Rate* |  |
| Leeds                 | 23,631     | 4.5%  | 55,008 | 10.6% | 55,352   | 10.6% |  |
| Inner West            | 3,244      | 6.8%  | 7,366  | 15.2% | 7,443    | 15.4% |  |
| Armley                | 1,547      | 9.1%  | 3,491  | 20.3% | 3,555    | 20.7% |  |
| Bramley & Stanningley | 952        | 6.5%  | 2,075  | 14.2% | 2,073    | 14.1% |  |
| Kirkstall             | 745        | 4.6%  | 1,800  | 10.9% | 1,815    | 11.0% |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

## **Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision**

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

|                       | Accessing Services  |             | Into                | Work        | Improved Skills |             |  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
|                       | 2023/2024 2022/2023 |             | 2023/2024 2022/2023 |             | 2023/2024       | 2022/2023   |  |
|                       | (Apr - Mar)         | (Apr - Mar) | (Apr - Mar)         | (Apr - Mar) | (Apr - Mar)     | (Apr - Mar) |  |
| Inner West            | 1,423               | 1,543       | 333                 | 359         | 416             | 308         |  |
| Armley                | 775                 | 788         | 176                 | 218         | 198             | 133         |  |
| Bramley & Stanningley | 294                 | 308         | 72                  | 55          | 92              | 70          |  |
| Kirkstall             | 354                 | 447         | 85                  | 86          | 126             | 105         |  |

## During April 2023 to March 2024:

- 13,513 people accessed the Service, 1,423 of whom were residents from the Inner West
- Supported 3,094 people into work, 333 of whom were residents from the Inner West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in construction, health and care, including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 4,300 people to improve their skills, 416 of whom were residents from the Inner West.

## **Leeds Employment Hub**

- 24. A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.
- 25. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Armley, Hawksworth and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Bramley Community Hub, Thursday 09:00 17:00.

## **Community Learning**

26. Community Learning provision continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted

- partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
- 27. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 730 courses delivered at 74 community venues in Leeds, with 3,596 residents starting a course. In the Inner West Community Committee area, 38 courses were delivered at 9 venues. 366 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 34 courses delivered on-line.
- 28. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <a href="https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk">https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk</a>

## Multiply

- 29. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children.
- 30. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 77 courses delivered at 48 community venues in Leeds, with 657 residents starting a course. In the Inner West Community Committee area, 6 courses were delivered at 5 venues. 83 residents have started a course. Courses include Count Me In and Household Budgeting for Parents.

## **Community Engagement**

31. Engagement with a number of community organisations within the area during this period to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 109 community engagement activities taken place during this period across the city supporting 3,062 people, of these 41 activities have taken place within the west of the city engaging with 642 people.

## **School and College Engagement**

32. There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and college, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 108 School and College activities across the city supporting 7,160 young people, 1,173 parents and carers, and 357 teachers. Of these, 33 events have taken place within the west of the city engaging with 2,688 young people, 410 parents and carers, and 80 teachers.

## **Events delivered between January and July 2024**

- Scape Accommodation Recruitment information sessions were delivered at
  City Centre Hub in July 2024 to support recruitment into roles for
  Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives and Receptionists, 50
  people attended. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the
  recruiter through informal interviews. Those who demonstrated potential were
  invited to a second interview, moving one step closer to securing a position, all
  attendees and candidates were signposted for support throughout the process.
- Connecting Schools to Hospitality programme matched six schools with hotels across Leeds, a total of 90 students participated in the programme, offering a flexible schedule of 3-4 visits to either the school or hotel. The activities included masterclasses in mocktail making, cooking classes, bedmaking, and other skills development opportunities. The programme concluded with a Celebration Event on 8th July 2024 at Leeds City College Printworks campus, where students who showed exceptional passion or enthusiasm were recognised with an award.
- SEND Next Choices Event took place on 25th June 2024 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 70 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities along with other specific support. 2,000 young people attended and the feedback was very positive.
- Recruitment to Health and Care Careers 25 Information / Assessment
  Sessions were delivered in 6 venues across the Priority Wards and the City
  Centre, 178 people attended. These sessions supported recruitment to roles
  within Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner, Administrative,
  Primary Care Navigator, Pharmacy Apprenticeships and Facilities Technician
  roles.
- Seasonal Gardeners Recruitment Events were held in May and June 2024 at various community hubs. The sessions aimed to provide support for the recruitment of Seasonal Gardeners, a key initiative for maintaining the city's public spaces, 80 residents attended the sessions.
- Tech Careers Launchpad workshop took place on 26th May 2024 at Accenture, City Centre for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 38 people attended.
- Tech Careers Launchpad specific for WILD (Women In Leeds Digital) took place on 16th May 2024 in the City Centre. Part of the series of Tech Launchpad, delivered in partnership with AND Digital and other digital organisations to deliver a workshop for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 60 people attended.
- Global Banking School Business, Accounting & Digital Jobs Fair was held on 19th April 2024 at Great George Street. Delivered a presentation about Apprenticeships within this sector and promoted our upcoming events, 45 people attended.
- Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad took place on 13th March 2024, hosted at HAYS Tech Recruitment, delivered in partnership with Northcoders. The event

- welcomed guest speakers who discussed some of the 'routes into tech' including Apprenticeships, bootcamps and tech academies to help attendees understand the various options available to them. 40 people attended the event and around 40% of people attending were female, with attendees including students, graduates, career changers, people out of the labour market.
- Hospitality Sector Jobs Fair was held on 23rd February 2024 at Park Place Jobcentre, over 200 people attended. The event was a huge success with many employers commenting on the quality of candidates.
- Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair took place on 5th February 2024. Visitors could find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers across all sectors. 119 exhibitors attended on the day to offer information, advice, guidance, and live vacancies. 11,000 visitors had the opportunity to find out about Apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, higher and degree Apprenticeships as well as hear from apprentices about their journeys. There were 17 presentations, attended by approximately 250 people that ran throughout the event providing an insight on various topics including STEM, Green Apprenticeships, the power of work experience, a day in the life of an apprentice and how to submit a successful application form.
- Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair Community Event to raise awareness and signpost to the citywide Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair at Leeds Direct Arena was delivered at Dewsbury Road Hub on the 30th January 2024. The event increased the profile of the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair within the Priority Wards enabling the opportunity for people to ask questions and find out in more detail about Apprenticeships and the range of sectors who were exhibiting at the Fair.
- Careers in Catering recruitment information and interview sessions took place on 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support the promotion of Kitchen Assistant posts in schools across the city.
- Digital Skills bootcamps delivered 22nd January 29th March 2024 in partnership with Microsoft and UA92. The options included Cloud skills and Data Analysis, with no prior tech skills required, aimed to help boost people's skills and employment prospects.
- Social Care Recruitment Event in partnership with We Care Academy recruitment sessions took place at Vale Circles on the 19th January 2024.
   Advisors attended the events supporting the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city.

## **Planned Events and Activities**

- West Leeds Care Recruitment supporting the recruitment to the pilot with Be Caring and Springfield to the new Community Health & Wellbeing Care Workers. Events have been arranged at the following venues throughout August 2024:
  - 5th August 2024 Armley Community Hub
  - 7th August 2024 New Wortley Community Centre
  - 8th August 2024 Armley Community Hub
  - 12th August 2024 Armley Community Hub

- 14th August 2024 Bramley Community Centre
- 19th August 2024 New Wortley Community Centre
- 20th August 2024 Farnley Community Centre
- 28th August 2024 Swinnow Community Centre
- Recruitment to Health & Social Care Information and/Assessment Sessions will be
  delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub in line with planned
  pre-employment courses that will start in September 2024. The sessions will continue
  to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult
  Social Care, Careers in Care within the NHS, Administrative and Primary Care
  Navigator roles.
- Leeds Digital Careers Fair is scheduled to take place on 24th September 2024, at the
  Leeds First Direct Arena. The Fair aims to connect visitors with the vast opportunities
  available within the digital and tech sectors, contributing to the growth of Leeds as a
  digital hub. Preparations for the Fair are well underway, with a focus on building upon
  the success of the previous year's event, which had over 4,000 attendees. The Fair
  serves as a crucial platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase
  their companies, and identify future stars in the digital landscape.
- Reducing Reoffending Offer as part of the early release scheme introduced to alleviate capacity pressures within the prison estate, Employment & Skills will be conducting an information session for individuals due to be released on 10th September 2024. The session will be delivered to the first cohort on 5th September 2024 and is tailored for those residing in the Leeds area, providing them with essential guidance on employment opportunities, skill development, and support services available upon their release. The aim is to facilitate a smoother transition back into the community by equipping participants with the tools they need to secure employment and build a stable future. Further sessions will be delivered up to December 2024.

## **Employer Engagement**

- 33. Within the last year the Service has supported 385 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
- 34. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 5,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

## **Community Safety: Champion Cllr T Hinchcliffe**

35. The Environmental and Community Safety Sub-Group meeting dates that have been finalised are 9th October 29th January and 15th May. Agendas are currently being discussed between Champions.

## LeedsWatch

36. An update will be provided every 6 months as per the agreement with the service.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

37. An update will be provided for the next meeting.

## **West Yorkshire Police**

## Armley

| Armley Ward (E05011385)           | Current<br>6 Weeks | Previous<br>6 Weeks | Change | 01<br>Jan 24 –<br>12<br>Aug 24 | 01<br>Jan 23 –<br>12<br>Aug 23 | Change | Same<br>6-week<br>period<br>(2023) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Arson                             | 3                  | 8                   | 5      | 23                             | 23                             |        | 0                                  |
| Burglary - business and community | 4                  | 5                   | 1      | 27                             | 43                             | 16     | 12                                 |
| Burglary - residential            | 32                 | 31                  | 1      | 133                            | 121                            | 12     | 22                                 |
| Criminal Damage                   | 56                 | 49                  | 7      | 267                            | 371                            | 4      | 61                                 |
| Robbery                           | 7                  | 4                   | 3      | 30                             | 47                             | 17     | 10                                 |
| Shoplifting                       | 30                 | 32                  | 2      | 185                            | 302                            | 117    | 72                                 |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 26                 | 32                  | 6      | 141                            | 99                             | 42     | 35                                 |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 11                 | 20                  | 9      | 80                             | 88                             | 8      | 14                                 |
| Total                             | 169                | 181                 | 12     | 886                            | 1094                           | 208    | 226                                |
| ASB                               | 58                 | 48                  | 10     | 230                            | 269                            | 39     | 64                                 |

## **Bramley and Stanningley**

| Bramley Ward (E05011387)          | Current<br>6 Weeks | Previous<br>6 Weeks | Change | 01<br>Jan 24 –<br>12<br>Aug 24 | 01<br>Jan 23 –<br>12<br>Aug 23 | Change | Same<br>6-week<br>period<br>(2023) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Arson                             | 2                  | 1                   | 1      | 11                             | 10                             | 1      | 1                                  |
| Burglary - business and community | 3                  | 5                   | 2      | 24                             | 16                             | 8      | 4                                  |
| Burglary - residential            | 54                 | 46                  | 8      | 154                            | 147                            | 7      | 35                                 |
| Criminal Damage                   | 25                 | 40                  | 15     | 167                            | 173                            | 6      | 31                                 |
| Robbery                           | 6                  | 4                   | 2      | 19                             | 18                             | 1      | 2                                  |
| Shoplifting                       | 13                 | 35                  | 22     | 205                            | 208                            | 3      | 45                                 |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 11                 | 22                  | 11     | 102                            | 80                             | 22     | 25                                 |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 9                  | 16                  | 7      | 45                             | 62                             | 17     | 7                                  |
| Total                             | 123                | 169                 | 46     | 727                            | 714                            | 13     | 150                                |
| ASB                               | 28                 | 64                  | 36     | 201                            | 226                            | 25     | 64                                 |

## Kirkstall

| Kirkstall Ward (E05011402)        | Current<br>6 Weeks | Previous<br>6 Weeks | Change | 01<br>Jan 24 –<br>12<br>Aug 24 | 01<br>Jan 23 –<br>12<br>Aug 23 | Change | Same<br>6-week<br>period<br>(2023) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Arson                             | 1                  | 3                   | 2      | 9                              | 32                             | 23     | 2                                  |
| Burglary - business and community | 5                  | 4                   | 1      | 26                             | 36                             | 10     | 6                                  |
| Burglary - residential            | 13                 | 9                   | 4      | 86                             | 77                             | 9      | 10                                 |
| Criminal Damage                   | 28                 | 30                  | 2      | 150                            | 162                            | 12     | 26                                 |
| Robbery                           | 4                  | 5                   | 1      | 16                             | 12                             | 4      | 2                                  |
| Shoplifting                       | 72                 | 75                  | 3      | 418                            | 264                            | 154    | 52                                 |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 22                 | 35                  | 13     | 127                            | 51                             | 76     | 19                                 |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 15                 | 10                  | 5      | 61                             | 61                             |        | 9                                  |
| Total                             | 160                | 171                 | 11     | 893                            | 695                            | 198    | 126                                |
| ASB                               | 39                 | 33                  | 6      | 185                            | 144                            | 41     | 29                                 |

# Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champions Cllr K Ritchie and Cllr A Parnham

## **Armley Local Care Partnership (LCP)**

- 38. This Multidisciplinary Health and Well Being team is currently working on new priorities for 2024-25. The priority is low level mental and emotional health issues working with partners to identify work streams and take evidence-based action. A starting point for this is the document Armley Rise which is a brief guide for LCC Hub staff to signpost residents experiencing stress to people, places and activities which can help lift their mood and maintain it. There is also one for Bramley and one that covers Kirkstall. For more information on the LCP Mental & Emotional Health Subgroup. For more information please contact: ruth.salthouse@nhs.net
- 39. The next area of focus is likely to be obesity across the life course.

## **West Leeds LCP**

40. This local care partnership which covers Bramley is also likely to focus on obesity as it is a city wide. It is also currently refreshing its objectives and will be covering asthma and mental health as areas of targeted activity. For more information or if you would like to get involved, please contact: rachel.shaw36@nhs.net

## **Emotional Health Guides for Inner West**

41. A series of simple experimental guides have been developed for Inner West to aid LCC Hub Staff in the correct sign posting for residents experiencing emotional health issues. They are Bramley Rise, BLQ Rise (which also covers Kirkstall) and Armley Rise.

## **Priority Neighbourhoods**

## **Jailey Fields Play Space Update**

42. Oak Road Recreation Ground in the New Wortley area of Armley is set be the focus of an exciting project to create new play facilities for local young people and bring

much needed investment to the area. Leeds City Council has announced a £75,000 scheme to introduce new play equipment, a nature trail and improvements to existing infrastructure, following a successful funding bid to the Veolia Environmental Trust and contributions from Armley Ward Councillors. Known locally as Jailey Fields - due to its proximity to HMP Leeds - Oak Road Recreation Ground is seen by residents as a community asset with open greenspace, a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and path circuit, giving people access to nature and providing opportunities for play and exercise.

- 43. Passionate locals have been calling for improvements and championing the potential of Jailey Fields for many years with New Wortley Residents Association (NWRA) and New Wortley Community Association (NWCA) acting as advocates for this strong community voice. Young people on the NWCA Youth Board also carried out consultation in 2022 on their ambition to 'Make Jailey Fields a Park'.
- 44. In the summer of 2023, the Jailey Fields Play Space Project Partnership was formed to undertake community consultation, design a proposal and co-produce a funding bid. The partnership included council officers from Parks, Communities Team and Active Leeds, as well as representatives from New Wortley Residents Association and New Wortley Community Association. Local residents and young people were consulted across a number of months through a range of ways including engagement at New Wortley Festival 2023 and through an online survey, helping to inform the design and gauge support for the project. Consultation sessions were also undertaken with Year 3 students at Castleton Primary School and with NWCA Youth Board, who all contributed to a video for the funding bid showing their support and ideas.
- 45. The project design proposes a mix of play equipment for a range of ages, including swings, slide, climbing equipment, agility play trail and see-saw. In addition, refurbishment of the existing youth shelter will be carried out and benches installed. Wider use of the greenspace will be promoted through a nature trail element, combining play with learning about the natural environment and wildlife.
- 46. To avoid disrupting use of the park over the summer school holidays, a start date in September was identified with the work expected to take approximately 2 months. Further community engagement that will inform some of the finer detail of the scheme has continued to take place through the summer, building the excitement and keeping the local community at the heart of the project. Get ready New Wortley, Jailey Fields Play Space is coming soon!

## West Leeds Amateur Rugby Club

47. Work is almost complete on an exciting construction project at West Leeds Amateur Rugby Club. When complete, the project will have considerably enhanced the club's facilities as well as creating a much needed community asset. The project has been made possible through the passion of Sam Horner from the club with partnership support from LCC Parks and Communities Team officers, and funding from the Rugby

World Cup Legacy Fund, Biffa Award, and Ward Based Initiative (WBI) funding from Armley Ward Councillors. The development has seen the temporary changing room block encased in a permanent structure which includes additional storage areas, a kitchen area and a large community hall space that will support not only the club's sporting activity but will also be available for community use and private function hire adding another valuable community asset to |the Armley Ward. There are still some finishing touches to come and some further stages planned, but the club hope to have the facility in operation by the autumn.

## **Armley Town Street Consultation**

- 48. In July a public consultation was launched regarding proposals that aim to improve the safety and the design of Armley Town Street, reallocating the space to work better for shoppers, pedestrians and bus users. The proposals follow a successful £2.91m funding bid to Active Travel England and months of engagement with stakeholders to design a scheme that could be put to the public for consultation.
- 49. As well as the online survey, a drop-in event was held on 8th August at Interplay Theatre in Armley with information and displays showing the proposals and officers present to answer questions. The consultation closed on 22nd August and all the responses and data will now be collated and considered. Further updates will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

## **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

50. The Communities Team has been making use of further funding streams to enable more project to secure amounts of funding to allow projects to continue despite cuts to Wellbeing and YAF, one of these funds is the UKSPF and this fund is aimed at social action projects and has supported Armley Action Team's Armley Festival (£6,998.55), SHEnanigans, SheSafe Project (£6,000.00), Interplay Theatre's Wythers Way project (£10,434.00) and New Wortley Community Association's Empower project (£12,691.98) in Armley ward.

## **Leeds City Council Youth Service**

- 51. The WNW team continues to deliver over 45 sessions per week with most aiming to give young people something positive to do as opposed hanging around the streets. Ongoing challenges around young people's involvement in anti-social behaviour have been jointly managed through our involvement in area tasking and partnership opportunities. The WNW Youth Service Team continues to respond to issues highlighted in PWA Tasking Meetings by delivering mobile sessions in areas with reported youth nuisance. The WNW Team continue to work closely with the neighbourhood policing teams with some very positive intervention and partnership.
- 52. This quarter Leeds West Early Help Intervention team and Leeds Youth Service delivered a further 3 cohorts of the 90 Minute Project. The focus for the 90 Minute project is about tackling increased youth ASB and informing young people on gang culture, drug awareness, peer pressure & grooming, consequences of crime, underage drinking & disrespecting of public spaces.

- 53. The WNW Youth Service Team were leased to support Leeds Pride with the mobile provision units engaging positively with more than 700 young people and adults during the event.
- 54. Centre based provision in Armley, Bramley and Kirkstall remain well attended with the addition of exciting new projects such as the year 6 transition programme, Hawksworth Youth Project and Youth Space at Armley Leisure Centre.
- 55. We continue to work with partners to provide sporting opportunities including the Tuesday Armley Basketball Project with LDMA at Armley Leisure Centre.
- 56. We continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders to establish new pieces of work that meet the changing demands of young people. This quarter 15 young people signed up to a 10-week Skills Builder Achieve Project as part of the Next Steps NCS Programme. Each week young people took part in an exciting activity aimed at equipping them with the necessary skills to build confidence ready to make the next step into employment of further education. Youth workers worked with young people to devise a diverse and creative programme. Sessions included a visit and lecture at Leeds Beckett University, hospitality workshops delivered by NACRO and Leeds Cookery School, training in the retail sector by St Lukes Charity, Citizen Accredited First Aid Course, a tour of Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, a team building day at Carlton Lodge Activity Centre and a skills and employability workshop.
- 57. Several young people from Inner West Leeds formed part of a group that took part in a drama project run in collaboration with ITV. The aim of the programme was making the film and tv industry more accessible to those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and to reduce class inequality in the screen industry. During the 4 weeks young people worked with cast members and the casting team and even got the opportunity to record in ITV Studios.

## **Town Centres Update**

58. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator, (NCC,) met with the Capable Guardians' Crime Reduction Officer and Armley Action Team officer to discuss how visits are undertaken and if more regular visits were possible. This was agreed and it was also agreed to meet with Forward Leeds to develop reporting techniques. At the August Bramley Business Group meeting, NCC advised the Capable Guardian patrols in Bramley Shopping Centre have now ended. Shoplifting remains a big problem to Bramley, businesses across Leeds and the entire UK. It was emphasised businesses should report every single incident as this will raise police records showing the need for extra interventions. The weekly email circular to businesses in Armley, Bramley, Kirkstall and other areas of the city continues and recent examples are attached.

## **Updates from Key Services**

## **Community Hubs**

- 59. The service continues to go from strength to strength helping the customer across inner west however is not without its challenges.
- 60. To assist with the financial challenge and following a customer consultation we have recently undergone a review of our opening hours with two sites within the area slightly reducing their hours. Bramley now only opens 10 1 on a Saturday and Armley now closes at 5pm rather than 7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 61. Despite this we are still able to help several customers. Since January Armley has dealt with 31,620 Customer Service and Library enquiries, Bramley has dealt with 12,324 and Hawksworth 1,192. This is in addition to all the other events and activities that have taken place.
- 62. We are currently providing the summer programme which in addition to the Healthy Holidays hosted by Armley, has included hosting the Hebocon event at Armley where families were able to take part in a mini robot wars event making their robots from old toys, and a makey makey sound collage at Bramley. Both these events have tied into the summer reading challenge which this year has seen an increase in participations with all sites in the area having an increase in signups compared to 2023
- 63. The Job shops continue to see an increase in footfall with helping people who comes into the centres in finding work. In addition to the Job Shops at Armley and Hawksworth Wood we also do a pop up at Bramley Community Hub on Thursdays.
- 64. We continue to work with several partners, some of whom are currently doing surgeries within the hubs including, Money Buddies, NWCC, Barca and many more. In recent months we are pleased to have been able to add Better Leeds Communities to this list at Bramley Community Hub.
- 65. The wellbeing hub at Armley continues to be a success, this is a space that has been designated to work with the NHS to provide some of their services such as Maternity and 0 19 Children's Health where there is a need for extra space in the community. The demand for the space is increasing so we are currently looking at the possibilities of other space being used.
- 66. We continue with our regular events with each hub hosting weekly story time and digital drop ins where our librarian team are on hand to provide advice and assistance on all things digital. In addition to our social zones where there is a structured activity placed each day with the help of our partners, we are also hosting weekly groups for ABCD promotion, Mental health support, ESOL sessions, Collective Art, Sewing, Men's Mental Health Art Group, LGBTQ and What's your Game? Games groups.
- 67. Work is continuing on the development of a Family Hub at Armley Community Hub and Library, the purpose of family hubs is to bring together multiple organisations to make it easier for families to get the help they need, as the hub is developed we will keep you up to date with any changes that are taking place.

## **Housing Leeds**

## **Annual Tenancy Contact Update**

- 68. We are now in third and final year of the ATCI/NTCI pilot Programme. Process continues to go well within Inner West. We have in the region of 4K visits to undertake this year and all teams are currently on target or above target at the current stage.
- 69. As anticipated, it is getting harder to access as the year progresses, but we will look to take enforcement action through legal services to help gain access. It's important we do escalate these cases; these are the properties we haven't been able to access over the three years and in some cases longer.
- 70. We continue to pick up support and safeguarding issues highlighted from these visits and have put some important intervention in place for these residents.
- 71. Inner West are in a really good position and local teams have plans in place to achieve the targets set. To date Inner West have completed 1390 successful visits across the three wards since April, an increase of 618 since our last report.

## **Walkabouts**

- 72. Local Teams should have now sent out invites to all ward Councillors and those residents who want to attend the walkabouts and block sweeps with their respective Housing Officer.
- 73. If other residents are interested in getting involved, then please contact your local Housing Office and we can pass your details through to the correct Housing Officer.

## Waste

- 74. We continue to see an increase of side waste around our high-rise flats and low-rise flats.
- 75. A polite reminder that resident should use the chute where possible and use the smaller bags i.e., regular and often.
- 76. For any larger items please utilise the bulky waste teams to remove these items or visit our Get rid of unwanted items (leeds.gov.uk) website. If you don't you are leaving yourselves open for enforcement action.
- 77. Residents are often leaving waste and its attracting vermin we are doing our bit, please do yours.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

78. All teams continue to work together with LASBT, West Yorkshire Police and 3rd party organisation to help tackle and reduce crime related activity and Anti-social behaviour within Armley.

79. We still encourage all residents to report all Anti-Social Behaviour breaches by calling the Police and Leeds City Council. Residents can do this by reporting all Anti-Social Behaviour breaches by calling 0113 222 4402 (Weekdays, 9am to 5pm, except Wednesdays when we're open from 10am), Outside of office hours (6pm – 3:30am and weekends) – call 0113 376 0337 or reporting this online via Report antisocial behaviour or hate crime - leeds.gov.uk If you've been a victim of crime you should report this to the police on 101, or 999 if it's an emergency.

## **Armley Update**

- 80. Armley currently have 18 active cases across the ward which the most common theme being noise nuisance in our high-rise blocks.
- 81. We have seen a notable reduction in rough sleepers within our high-rise flats just off Town Street. This has been through partnership working with local policing teams and LASBT to identify who these individuals are and taking appropriate action.

## **Bramley Update**

82. Bramley currently have 4 active cases, the main theme being noise nuisance and neighbour disputes. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) currently have 27 active cases across the area handling more serious perpetrators of ASB.

## **Kirkstall Update**

83. Kirkstall currently have 10 active cases, the common theme being noise/neighbour dispute. Housing Officers continue to work these cases to a resolution, the best result being that tenants retain their homes. Most cases are dealt with at a local level, unfortunately where situations escalate, LASBT take over the case to carry out enforcement activity.

## **Tenancy Engagement Offer**

- 84. Following the dismantling of the Housing Advisory panels. The team who used to work in this department have been restructured which has seen our former Tenant Engagement Officers (TEO), Paul Densley, move to the stock condition team. We have now been allocated Rukhsana Mahmood as our new TEO and Rukhsana is keen to meet ward members and resident alike. We are still waiting on what the new role will look like, but Rukhsana will be the person to go to if you or other residents wish to set up any tenants and resident groups or wish to join the Housing Leeds tenant voice panel. The tenant voice panel will allow you to
- Consult with tenants and residents on services, policies and procedures.
- Help hold us to account on our performance.
- Make sure our engagement activity helps improve services.
- Help design services to meet the needs of customers.

#### **Tenant Portal/Golden Thread**

85. The tenant portal pilot has gone well, and we are keen to see this progress and get more residents digital! All new residents are given the log in details at sign up and is open to existing residents via an online registration.

When you register to manage your tenancy online you can;

book a non-emergency repair

- view the details of any repairs you've had done in the last 28 days
- view your up-to-date account
- download a statement
- view information about your tenancy
- request permission for a range of items such as keeping a pet or making alterations to the property
- 86. Those existing residents who do wants to make use of the new tenant portal can do so by contact their local Housing Office who will be able to provide you with the required details and help you through this process or register online: Manage your tenancy online (leeds.gov.uk)
- 87. In addition to the tenant portal, Resident who reside in High Rise building across the Inner West Wards can access the High-Rise Building Safety portal as well.
- 88. My High-Rise Building Safety is where you can find important safety information about your flat and block. This information is how we keep you, your neighbours, and your block safe. Within the hub you can:
- View building and fire safety information
- Raise building safety concerns.
- Request information and records in other formats
- My High-Rise Building Safety | Leeds City Council

## **Area Updates/Good news Stories**

## **Armley**

- 89. Work has been completed on a children's play area in between the Clyde blocks, this has incorporated thermoplastic markings for children to play on.
- 90. The Reema Programme (Raynville's) continues to go well, and residents are engaging in quality conversations in looking at rehousing and how we can help them with this. We are ahead of our target for rehousing these customers.
- 91. The lift upgrade works at Westerly Croft and Rise remains on course for completion by the targets set. The Right-hand side lifts are now complete. These lifts will service all floors once completed.
- 92. Housing Officer income working hard to support tenants in financial hardship to maximise their income, tapping into food parcels and fuel vouchers. Food parcels now kept on site locally for delivery to those customers who cannot travel.
- 93. Planned works have started a new project to change the locks to the communal doors on our A1F flats to help improve access and fire safety.
- 94.NWCC [New Wortley Community Centre] carried out a kids play day, the HO for the block introduced herself to tenants and engaged with service partners during the day and the other HO's undertook ATCI's in the blocks Clyde Grange and Clyde Court.

## **Bramley**

95. Bramley Care Bears, People for Places and Housing are linking up in September to complete a garden makeover day. Gardens have been identified for the most vulnerable residents in the area, and volunteers will be attending to assist with grass

- cutting, garden hedges and more. We are still in the planning stages of this, and we are excited for the event to take place.
- 96. Bramley housing team assisted several residents with the cost-of-living crisis via the allocation of the Housing Support Fund (HSF). The Housing Officers worked hard to identify some of the most vulnerable residents that meet the criteria for HSF. Funds were issued to help clear rent arrears and assist families and vulnerable people financially.
- 97. Housing continue partnership working with the police and LASBT to discuss problematic areas to combat this as a collective and ensure resources are distributed into the area. We have been working with capable guardians for patrols in hot spot arears.
- 98. Housing have been working closely with two Housing Officer Income officers, making referrals to support tenants with income checks and assisting them to apply for the appropriate benefits. Housing have also been offering several food parcels/vouchers to the community for residents that are struggling financially.

## Kirkstall

- 99. Final snagging works now almost completed to Moor Grange Court high rise block which has included full external insulation programme and works to heating and walkways.
- 100. Housing Support fund allocated to those most in need across the ward.
- 101. Recruitment required for one team leader and two FTE and one 21 hours housing officer post.
- 102. Scheme justification forms continue to be submitted to our capital delivery team to attract investment across the area.
- 103. On target to achieve appropriate level of successful annual tenancy check ins. Work going on to organise team efforts across the whole area to see as many tenants as possible this year.
- 104. Local team continue to support the development of tenants participation at Claytons high rise.
- 105. We continue to let out garages across the area increasing revenue for the Council.
- 106. The team continue to highlight environmental project work and referring to Community Payback to complete, saving money and ensuring this valuable service is utilised.
- 107. Work ongoing to ensure waste is effectively removed from high rise blocks across the area.

## **Community Engagement: Social Media**

 Appendix 1 provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook Page.

## **Corporate Considerations**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

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**

- 3. 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**

4. 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

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

## **Risk Management**

6. 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**

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

## Recommendations

8. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.
Background documents<sup>1</sup>
9. None.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.

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# Inner West Community Committee FACEBOOK highlights

5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## **Inner West Community Committee**

Since 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **2 new followers** and now has a total of **1,930 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 **5**<sup>th</sup> **June 2024** is the post promoting the Breeze in the Park summer schedule. It has received 6 likes and shared 3 times and has reached a total of 958 people.

The following below are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the **5**<sup>th</sup> **June 2024**. Alongside this are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

## 1st Place - Breeze in the Park summer schedule

Breeze in the Park summer schedule Post: 958 people had this post delivered to them with 10 likes, comments and shares.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Leeds Funding Support Network

**Leeds Funding Support Network: 667** people had this post delivered to them. There were **8** likes, comments and shares.



Leeds Funding Support Network Meeting, on zoom. 9/7/24, 1pm -2.15pm

Join us if you take part in fundraising for your community/voluntary or not-for-profit organisation in Leeds and hear about skills support from local businesses and UKSPF funding for cultural projects which support community cohesion in Leeds.

The group is particularly aimed at small groups new to fundraising or for group members/workers new to fundraising and/or who want to develop their fundraising knowledge and skills as well as more experienced fundraisers who will generously share their experiences.

Our speakers will include:

- Luke Dennison, Business Engagement Lead at Participate will tell us about Skills Volunteering (utilising the skills, knowledge and expertise of business professionals around e.g. fundraising, marketing, pro-bono legal support etc) as well as Team Volunteering (to do something practical for your organisation such as decorate a community building or space).
- Harriet Childs, LCC, will tell us about UKSPF funding for cultural projects in Leeds to support
  community cohesion find out more about this funding at: Now Open | UKSPF funding for
  cultural projects to support community cohesion Doing Good Leeds
  We will be meeting via Zoom, please e-mail kaye.wilson@val.org.uk for the link.

## 3rd Place - Leeds Citizens' Panel

**Leeds Citizens' Panel: 261** people had this post delivered, with **4** likes, comments and shares.



Would you like to have your say and help influence decisions being made in Leeds?

If you are 18 or over and would like to participate in consultations and surveys you could join the Leeds Citizens' Panel.

Leeds City Council runs the Citizens' Panel to find out what people in Leeds think about a variety of topics and issues ranging from the Council budget and local events, through to changes to highways and cycle lanes. There are currently over 2,500 people who take part in the Citizens' Panel.

Consultation and engagement is about giving people access to information and the chance to have a greater say and influence over what happens in their community and the services they use. Sharing your views helps decision makers, Council leaders and elected members understand what is important to you.

If you would like to join the Leeds Citizens' Panel and have the opportunity to take part in consultations and surveys, please complete a short form at <a href="https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/cp-application/">https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/cp-application/</a>

The majority of consultations are online surveys, though you can indicate on the form if you would like to be invited to face to face workshops.

