

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and
Weetwood.

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For Information

Inner North West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: - Champion TBC

1. The Youth Activity funding round has been successful for 2019/20. Inner North West children and young people's school consultation held between the 1st to the 7th February 2019. The purpose of the consultation was for children and young people to discuss and prioritise spend of Inner North West Youth Activity Fund 2019/20. Schools were offered to take part in the consultation with the Communities Voice and Influence Team visiting schools that took up the offer. Cllr Prior invited all schools across the area on the 9th January 2019. The Youth Activity Fund consultation activity highlighted the types of activity in order of preference that young people would like to take part in across the area. There was also an opportunity to design their own activities

and suggest different projects they would like for young people in the area. The findings from Inner North West consultation suggest the following youth activity fund priorities for 2019/20 focus on:

- a. Youth activities in a variety of venues both inside and outside with the **majority of activities outside**.
- b. **Activities in the local community** with some opportunities out of the area.
- c. Majority of activities in the **school holidays followed by provision taking place at a weekend** with minimal activities both after school, in the evenings before and after 6pm.

Ensure the activities are, **fun and exciting have opportunities to be with friends and are active**

- a. An emphasis on the top 8 activities when discussing as a group were:
 1. Cooking
 2. Multi-sport
 3. Scrap Art
 4. Do you dare – adventurous outdoor activities
 5. Playschemes
 6. Cycling skills
 7. Drama
 8. Youth Club
- b. Children's top 5 individual preferences for activities were:
 9. Cooking
 10. Sport
 11. Arts and Crafts
 12. Music
 13. Youth Club

Environment: Councillor - TBC

3. The Inner North West Sub Group meeting was held on the 8 April 19. A further meeting took place on the 10 May 19 to discuss the Student Changeover an action plan is in the process of being implemented.
Leave Leeds Tidy - 6 week campaign from 20 May 19. Arranged drop off points St Michael's; Hyde Park Picture House; Woodhouse Community Centre. 24 hour access point at Co-op on Cardigan Rd; Student union clothes; food; laptops; printers; fire rated furniture.
Door to door collection from week of 23 May 19. Community Neighbourhood Team and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team will explore possibility of providing with manual handling training.

Street cleansing

We've got 2 new members of the street cleansing team, 1 x Assistant Chargehand and 1 x Environmental Action Operative. Both are progressing well and have been a great additional to the team.

We've undertaken an array of training with the team such as strimmer, hedge cutter, leaf blower and asbestos awareness training to keep them up to date and multi-skilled.

Installation of 7 new litter bins along A660 from the Arndale Centre to The Original Oak.

Widening of the cycle path, by removing grass encroachment on Clay Pitt Lane between Sheepscar Street and the Lovell Park Road fly over.

Events

17.05.2019 - Action day around Brandon Road, Hanovers and Claremonts alongside the Little Woodhouse Community Association. Litter picking, removing fly tipping and leafleting properties with information regarding bins collections and recycling.

We've hosted the Tour De Yorkshire and half marathon through our wards which went really well.

Currently preparing for the Triathlon and student changeover period.

Enforcement

Unfortunately our reporting tool has not been working so I can't provide specific statistics, however we've recently had a successful fly tipping FPN paid, relating to an offence in Little London.

Our Environmental Action Officers (EAO's) continue to develop positive working relationship with landlords, which will be beneficial for their work throughout the student changeover period.

Graffiti

Our longest member of staff retired at the beginning of May, we are currently advertising for 2 vacancies within the team.

Management of the graffiti team is being handed over to Chris Baird (Team Leader) as of Monday 20th May.

We've supported local community groups including the Unipol lead Blenheim's project and by sourcing equipment for the Headingley Development Trust via the recent government funding.

Community Safety: - Champion TBC

LASBT

At the last round of Community Committee meetings, a briefing was provided outlining the service review for the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT). A number of questions were raised by committee members and responses to these can be found at Appendix 1

4. Little London and Woodhouse are planning installation of 4 CCTV cameras around the area. Letters were sent to residents for consultation. The cameras should be installed in the autumn.

LASBT current Caseloads – Inner North West

- There are currently 53 open cases within the Inner North West area. The ward breakdown is: Headingley – 11; Hyde Park & Little London – 18; and Kirkstall – 24
- The main case type in this area is unsurprisingly noise nuisance which accounts for 28 of the active cases.
- There are 5 cases relating to drug supply/misuse in the inner north west area, 2 of these are in the Kirkstall ward and relate to joint enterprise cannabis cultivation.
- There are 7 cases relating to threats or verbal abuse, 6 of which are in the Kirkstall ward area.

Hyde Park and Little London

- injunction and closure gained in relation to a property in relation to issues around fire safety. The Closure order restricted access to the property, whilst the injunction kept the tenant away from the block. A possession claim has been submitted under Absolute Grounds.
- Joint work with housing, Police and LASBT City Centre team in relation to possible displacement of street users from the city centre to the Marlborough Estate. Residents have been engaged with, and housing have installed a concierge. The issue seems to have ceased, but we are liaising with residents and City NPT around any issues in the area.
- A warrant was executed for seizure of goods at a Council property on Kelsall Place in relation to repeated instances of noise nuisance, and breach of a S80 Abatement Notice.
- S80 abatement notice served on a council tenant of Eltham Rise following complaints of noise nuisance. This notice was substantiated by the use of noise monitoring equipment.

Headingley

- S80 issued relating to noise/rowdy behaviour at an address on Welton Place. This was witnessed by OOH, and we are discussing the case with the Police due to some of the issues raised by their visit

See also “student issues.”

Kirkstall

- 2 S80s issued to council tenants on Old Farm Parade in relation to significant noise nuisance.
- Tenancy action being taken in relation to a council property on Wolesley Road. This case relates to the activities of a number of family members including harassment, general nuisance, intimidating behaviour and criminality in the Burley area.
- Tenancy action is being pursued against a council tenant on Gilbert Close in relation to threatening and intimidating behaviour towards neighbours. A Notice of Intent has been served and the tenant is currently in custody.

- Committal application made in relation to a breach of injunction. The defendant is a transient female drug user with a history of theft in dwelling type offences, and she had been believed to be taking advantage of a vulnerable resident at St Matthias Court.
- injunction gained in relation to hate crime issues on Cragside Wak

Student issues (Inner North West)

- LASBT have a dedicated officer to deal with student ASB issues, whether victims or perpetrators. This officer also liaises with the Universities, landlords, residents and landlord forums
- Planning is underway for the end of the academic terms which is likely to include additional OOH shifts to supplement the existing provision in the student dense areas using committee funding. As in previous years we will look send reminders out to properties with S80 notices in place as well as targeting specific problematic addresses and streets.
- 45 complaints in relation to student properties – these have come in the main via the council's ooh service who attend as noise is ongoing.
- 356 individual s80 (abatement) notices have been served relating to 63 separate addresses. (each occupant receives their own personal notice.
- 2 seizures of noise equipment have been undertaken at student properties on Hyde Park Road and North Grange Road
- Top streets for s80 – Brudenells (avenue/view/road) as well as Estcourt Terrace/Avenue

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care:

Leeds become the first city in the UK to reduce childhood obesity levels.

Leeds has made some incredible progress in reducing obesity levels for our poorest children. This excellent work has been achieved through public health programs like Henry (Health and Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young) as it is so important to tackle the problem early with children. Please follow the link to the article below.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/may/01/leeds-becomes-first-uk-city-to-lower-its-childhood-obesity-rate>
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- ✚ For information on HENRY please contact from the public health children's team; Jackie.Moores@leeds.gov.uk
- ✚ To learn more about the HENRY approach please follow the link; <https://www.henry.org.uk/henryapproach>
- ✚ Maternal obesity; Nicola.Goldsborough@leeds.gov.uk
- ✚ Leeds City Council Healthy Weight Declaration; Deborah.Lowe@leeds.gov.uk

Looking out for your neighbours

“Can you help your community pledge support to a ground-breaking new campaign? Do you live in West Yorkshire or Harrogate? Are you a member of any community groups? Perhaps you go to WI or your kids go to scouts? Maybe you're a member of a local church or volunteer for a charity?

Whatever you get up to, we'd love you to consider how you can help groups or organisations pledge their support to a brand new campaign that launches next month. 'Looking out for our neighbours' aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do

simple things to look out for one another. This could be as simple as meeting for a cuppa, offering a lift or even just saying 'hello'.

The campaign is being led by West Yorkshire and Harrogate Care Partnership and is quickly gaining lots of support. It's already been backed by Jo Cox Loneliness Foundation, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Health Watch, hospitals, councils, housing organisations, sports clubs and many community and voluntary groups, including Dementia UK, Mencap and Age UK.

People can choose how they support the campaign – from displaying posters to supporting it on social media or pointing people to the website www.ourneighbours.org.uk. It's minimal commitment that could make a massive impact.

So, if you'd like to help tackle loneliness in the community you live and/or work in then please let groups organisations know about this work and ask them to pledge their support.

Housing Advisory Panel

5. As of the 1st April 2019 the Kirkstall Ward is now aligned with Armley and Bramley, forming part of the revised Inner West Housing Advisory Panel. The total annual budget for the Inner North West HAP for 2019/20 is £36,000, funded from the Housing Revenue Account. The HAP spending priorities now fall into four themes: Environment & Housing, Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety and Employment & Skills. We will continue to work together with customers and statutory and third sector partners to maximise the impact of this spend across the three Wards. The Inner North West HAP has vacancies for council tenants who would like to get involved and influence decisions. Following a citywide HAP review tenants with less time/commitment have the option of joining as *Friends of HAP* (non-voting member). The Inner North West HAP now has its own facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/HAPInnerNorthWest and for the INW area there is a tenant engagement facebook page www.facebook.com/lee.tenantengagement

6. Community Engagement: Festivals

Little London Fun Day 23rd July

Hyde Park Unity Day – Date not for Publicity

7. The Youth Service

This period has been productive as relationships with young people have been strengthened across Inner North West resulting in increasing numbers seeking youth worker support.

Successes

They have engaged with new groups via detached work across the area and have continued to target those at risk/involved with ASB as well as using the mobile provision as an information space for young people to access support.

Student placements:

A Leeds Beckett University student volunteer has supported provisions during the period and have proved to be a valued addition to our team.

WEETWOOD WARD

Welcome In Youth Café

Young people received the good news that the Welcome Inn Youth Café will be funded for a further year by the Inner North West Community Committee. This provision has been a tremendous success since starting nearly 2 years ago. It has proved to be an excellent partnership piece of work between The Youth Service and Youthpoint that engages with many vulnerable young people with a range of abilities.

Mobile Info Space

The graphic is a vertical stack of colored boxes. At the top is a red box with 'The Youth Service' in white. Below it is another red box with 'Mobile Information Space' in white, followed by 'info and support on any issues affecting you or someone you know' in smaller white text. A light pink box contains the text 'FRIDAYS from 4.30 — 6.30 by Iveson Rise shops from 4.30 then by Silk Mill Drive shops from 5.30'. Below this are three colored boxes: blue for 'Smoking', dark red for 'Education & Training', and yellow for 'Relationships'. Further down are green boxes for 'Sexual Health' and 'Mental Health', and yellow boxes for 'Problems at home or school' and 'Drugs & Alcohol'. A red box states 'A service for young people aged 12- 17 run by friendly and experienced Youth Workers'. At the bottom, a light pink box provides contact details: 'contact: Andrew 378 5071 andrew.derra@leeds.gov.uk' and '*Occasionally we are on foot walking in the community. Look for Youth Worker jackets!'. Logos for 'Leeds City Council' and 'Youthpoint' are at the very bottom.

The Friday mobile provision is an information space where young people can meet Pathways Support staff and access 3-in-1 services and have youth worker support and signposting for a wide range of issues.

Young People's Voice and Influence: Interview Panels

Young person's interview panel – Young people from Weetwood were asked to be part of a panel interviewing for new youth workers. Their input is an essential part of LCC's recruitment and selection and is a great example of youth participation. One young person in particular was praised for his maturity and skill

at interviewing. This was a great outcome as he is known by the police as being problematic and causing a nuisance.

LITTLE LONDON AND WOODHOUSE WARD

Youth Space on Friday evenings at Little London Community Centre is going very well with young people enthusiastically taking part in a varied programme of activities and groupwork. Attendance is increasing and we are supporting young people new to the country speaking very little English, doing ongoing work around anger management, supporting a young person diagnosed with depression, and working around positive choices, and healthy relationships as well as promoting involvement in voice and influence opportunities.

**Case
study by
Andrew
Derra**



(Advanced Practitioner)

JM, 14, M

J has ADHD has struggled to control his behaviour and anger resulting in being excluded from the Little London Youth Space on four occasions for fighting and has also been excluded from school for the same reason. By having a weekly check-in with him, we have given him opportunities to offload any frustrations and explore immediate and longer-term consequences of his actions. The safe space has allowed him to talk openly and youth work interventions have begun to turn his often negative thoughts into positives as well as help him identify triggers for his anger. There has been a noticeable improvement in his attitude and behaviour and he recently said: "I'm going to try not to fight here cos I like coming and I don't want to get banned". At a celebration event J really surprised everyone by taking great care and pride in presenting food, laying the table and organising a group activity so we have tapped into this enthusiasm on other occasions and give him regular praise. As a result he has begun to identify positive behaviours in younger group members and begun to praise them too.

Cllr Brooks responded to a request from two young people who, on behalf of the group, asked for some funding for a reward trip to Laserzone. Cllr Brooks kindly funded £270 MICE and fifteen young people had a great evening as a result.

Dear councillors

we are young people from Little London
 we come ever week we like to come ^{here} ~~here~~ ever week
 we play games, do art, cooking,
 we come here to play games and meet people
 we really like to go on a trip to laser zone
 can we ask for MICE i need to ~~add~~ help
 it will cost 180 pounds for 15 people and 570 for minibus
 we looking to ~~come~~ ^{visit} here from you

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Dear Council,

We are young people that come to this youth club in little london. We also come every single week. It's a really fun place you can play amazing games.

We would like to ask can we go on a trip to laser zone.

Can we please pay a 6,7 pound each person

We would also like to get a minibus.

Your sincerely, Little London

Little London Cooking Project is giving opportunities for young people to develop practical skills and knowledge and gain Leeds Youth Award accreditation. Eight young people undertake weekly sessions in an eight week block and plan menus, budget, and learn about health and hygiene.



Young People's Voice and Influence: Inner North West Youth Summit

Eight young people from Little London attended the summit at Leeds Civic Hall and really enjoyed the opportunity to voice their opinions about life in Leeds and work with elected

members. For most it was their first visit to the Civic Hall and the event has enabled us to explore local issues more within the regular group.



Cllr Brooks: "I'm so pleased young people engaged in local politics".

FORTHCOMING:

We have secured YAF funding for Inner North West which will allow a variety of confidence-building and reward activities for a wide range of young people over the next financial year.

Summer programme:

In conjunction with the ESNW cluster and St. Pauls Church, Ireland Wood we will be delivering weekly sessions during August to complement existing provision and provide additional diversionary youth work for young people, particularly for those at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour.

Community Engagement: Social Media

8. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner North West Community Committee Facebook page.
9. **Appendix 3**, provides information on full list of posts for the last month posted for the Inner North West Community Committee Facebook page.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

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

Risk Management

15. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

18. None.

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

