

Report of: Area Leader

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

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Inner West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Champion TBC

3. The Inner West Children and Young People Sub Group met on Monday 11th February 2019 at West Leeds Activity Centre.
4. An update was provided by the Leadership & Management Lead, Children and Families on Secondary School Attainment in the Inner West area. Leeds school results dipped slightly in 2018 (being 65th out of 151 authorities), but are still above average.
5. Public Health also updated on the National Child Management Programme. From 2016/17 data, 1 in 3 children are overweight when leaving primary school and following this finding by the school, their parents get a letter to inform them.

6. Children in the 1% most deprived areas are also more likely to be obese for a variety of complex reasons and the sub group were keen to explore these issues in more detail.
7. In all 3 Inner West wards, the % of overweight children was slightly higher than the Leeds national average, at Reception and Year 6 measurements.
8. The Inner West Youth Summit Report was discussed briefly, with agreement that planning needs to start much earlier next time, we need to get more groups involved and try to attract more high schools. 2 provisional dates in October have been suggested.
9. The next meeting of the sub group is on Tuesday 4th June 2019, at Fairfield Community Centre.

Environment: Champion TBC – Update from Chris Chamberlain

10. Bramley / Stanningley and Kirkstall

We have over the last year formulated some excellent relations with some community groups and regularly meet with them to either leave them bags/equipment and remove any filled bags and support the community litter picks. Equipment has been provided. New bins have been installed across the zone at the requests of residents or Cllrs: Summerfields/Astons/Gilberts/Kirkstall Hill/Vespers/Leeds & Bradford Road/Fairfields We have taken part in community events (latest was Fairfields), and introduced our new machine

We have arranged Payback complete several tasks to help improve the area: Bell Lane/Fairfields/Vesper Road/Woodbridges/Gilbert Close/Sandfords/St Catherines Drive

We have had successful prosecutions in the Kirkstall area for waste in gardens and Flytipping.

We have worked closely with our housing colleagues and taken part in numerous walkabouts and dealt with issues that have arose accordingly. Broadleas/Talbots/Snowdens/Lea Farms/ Hawksworths/ Normans/Ganners CCTV installations to catch offenders (rear of Rising Sun) in the zone.

11. Armley

Increased number of Environmental Action Officers from 1 to 2. We have a vacancy for a 3rd officer to be shared between Headingley and Armley which will be recruited in over the next couple of months. 2 new EAOs will be joining the team and working in Bramley and Armley.

Street cleansing operatives trained in using mechanical cutting equipment, we now have a multifunctional team. We have added a new Assistant Chargehand to the team but are still carrying a Chargehand vacancy. Currently have 1 member of staff on lught duties.

Numerous Community litter picks supported through provision of equipment, collection of waste and support on the day.

Actions days completed in New Wortley and Armley (Ley Lane, Salisbury's, Aviaries and Nunningtons)

Ongoing support to the New Worley Core group – 4 new bins installed around the area Fully participated in the Armley Town Team project which has seen an overall improvement around Town St. Enforcement action taken to get some rear yards cleared.

Back Nunnington St / Back Aviary Rd identified to run the Love where you Live' scheme managed by Hubub who are a charity working alongside Groundworks to secure a safer, cleaner and better environment for families. The project will include environmental improvements to the back streets which will encourage residents, landlords and 3rd party involvement. The project will run over the summer and will include installing hanging baskets, murals etc.

Street cleansing schedule working well and we are now looking to implement a ginnels schedule to

Numerous Legal notices, fines and 2 pending prosecutions for waste containment issues on and around Town St. and Stanningley Road.

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) work ongoing – some good results around the Cedars relating to reducing the amount of side waste. We have now moved areas to cover the Avairies and Nunnington's area resulting in numerous notices being issued, 2 fpn's (1 paid, 1 now pending prosecution)

Ongoing investigations into some serial fly tipping in and around Armley and wider area into Pudsey.

Some environmental works completed in partnership with our housing colleagues to improve some of the areas and waste issues around the high rise blocks. This has included letter drops and visits

Community Safety: Champion TBC – Update from Claire Smith

12. 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.***

13. LASBT current Caseloads – Inner West

There are currently 55 open cases within the Inner West area. The ward breakdown is:

Armley - 17

Bramley & Stanningley – 21

and Kirkstall – 17

The main case type in this area is threats/actual violence which accounts for 15 of the active cases. Whilst 9 of these cases are in the Bramley/Stanningley ward, none of the cases are linked,

There are 8 cases relating to drug supply/misuse in the inner west area, mainly unconnected bar 2 of which are in the Kirkstall ward and relate to joint enterprise cannabis cultivation. Cannabis is the main drug issue in this area's cases, however there are 2 of note, 1 relating to class heroin (kirkstall) and 1 relating to MCAT (Bramley)

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion TBC – Update from Liz Lawrenson

14. Leeds moved onto the full Universal Credit (UC) digital claiming platform on the 10th October 2018. This means that new claims by all those who would previously have claimed JSA or Employment Support Allowance (ESA), are now for UC. The Government has now begun a process of transition and migration to complete the roll out of UC for existing claimants, and is expected to take until 2022 to complete.
15. Within the Community Committee area, there are 1,390 people claiming UC as of March 2019. 660 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of March 2019 which 35% (355 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.
16. There are 3,820 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of August 2018, which is 6% (265 people) decrease when compared to the same period last year.
17. From April 2018 to March 2019, within the Community Committee area there have been 1,474 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 412 supported to secure employment and 688 to improve their skills.
18. The Personal Work Support package (PWSP), requiring those unemployed residents in receipt of Council Tax Benefit to attend Jobshops for additional job search support, is working well. From October 2015 to end of March 2019, a total of 3,843 residents have started on the programme, 29% (1,122) have secured employment. 549 residents from Inner West have engaged or have completed this programme, 28% (151) of whom have secured employment. This programme has been remodelled and the new offer, My Work Pathway, focuses on intensive 1-1 support for 12 weeks with an additional 3 months in work support available. Delivery commenced on 4 December 2018 across 4 Hubs, City Centre, Dewsbury Road, Compton and Armley.
19. The annual Apprenticeship Fair – took place at Leeds Arena in March. There were 134 exhibitors, 400 live vacancies and over 6000 visitors.
20. Hospitality Big Bash – an event was held at the Leeds Town Hall in February to promote opportunities within the Hospitality sector. 1500 people attended the event and were able to chat to businesses and training providers about current recruitment

opportunities. This event was then followed up with a number of local Echo events cross the city, 5 people from inner west attended local sessions.

21. NHS – sbwa for Clinical Support worker recruitment was held at the New Wortley Community Centre, 12 people attended, of which 4 from the Holdsworth and the Clyde Approach Priority Neighbourhood.
22. A targeted place based approach recruitment event for the NHS Estate and Facilities Team eg security, portering and ward housekeeper positions took place in Lincoln Green in April, 124 people attended the sessions 11 people from the West North West, of which 1 from the Holdsworth and Clyde Approach Priority Neighbourhood.
23. The following work has been undertaken within schools. Careers events have been held at Leeds West academy, Abbey Grange, Pudsey Grangefield and Farnley Academy. A Community engagement event for apprenticeships was also held at Crawshaw Academy.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion TBC – Update from Jon Hindley

24. Leeds become the first city in the UK to reduce childhood obesity levels.
25. 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

WNW Health and Wellbeing Partnership group

26. The last meeting held in February had a presentation on Careview the social isolation app from Jon Hindley Public Health. Next steps are to find further funding to develop and widen the project. For information contact Jon Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

27. Officers from Barca presented on the Better Together contract and also Patient Empowerment Project, the social prescribing offer currently in West Leeds. Contact Rachel Shaw for Better Together Rachel.hln@barca-leeds.org or Josie Gilbert for PEP Josie.gilbert@barca-leeds.org The group then networked to increase partnership opportunities on these and other areas of work. The H&W partnership is an opportunity to share information across the 10% most deprived areas either by attending the meetings or via the distribution email list.

Looking out for your neighbours

28. "Can you help your community pledge support to a ground-breaking new campaign?"

29. 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.

Community Engagement: Forums

Armley Forum

30. The Armley Forum met on Tuesday 19th March at Armley Community Hub.

31. A defibrillator is being bought from wellbeing funding and will be sited in Armley. Suggestions for locations have been invited from the public. Whilst defibrillator training is not essential, there was considerable appetite for an awareness session at the Hub, from Forum members. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will deliver this session, which also includes CPR. It will take place immediately before the next forum meeting at 5pm at Armley Community Hub. Publicity will be sent out to the prior to the session, so that local residents and colleagues working in the area are kept informed.

32. Local updates were also received from Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Housing and by West Yorkshire Police.

33. The next meeting of the forum is on Tuesday 16th July, 2019 at Armley Community Hub.

Bramley & Stanningley Forum

34. The Bramley Forum last met on the 30th March 2019 and discussed the following:

35. PCSO's Taneesha and Gavin provided a policing update to the meeting on behalf of Inspector Sarah Towers. It was reported that there had been a reduction in ASB and burglaries due to recent arrests. This was the result of recent recruitment and a number of operations that had been carried out locally. The new contact point was being operated from Costa Coffee in the Bramley Shopping Centre and Officers are available on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm.

36. Presentations were also received from Amanda Sykes from Barca who provided information about a number of initiatives and projects being run by the organisation including the work undertaken with children & young people.

37. Fran Graham attended the forum to inform residents of the range of services and activities on offer to elderly residents at Bramley Elderly Action (BEA). Fran showcased the BEA, 3 monthly newsletter which is circulated to all members. Philip McConnell and Gemma Dooley were also in attendance to promote the activities of Broadleas Better Community.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday the 18th July.

Bramley Our Place Partnership – Broadleas and Fairfields

38. The Bramley Our Place Partnership was brought together to develop a local improvement plan for Bramley, focusing on the Broadleas and Fairfields.

The partnership is continually developing a work programme against the 3 identified priorities which will be underpinned by community engagement. These include;

- Children & Young People
- Community Safety & Environment
- Jobs & Skills, educational attainment (increased employment and more of the community in learning)

The last partnership meeting took place on the 5th June and attendees heard of new initiatives being developed by the sub group structures which had been set up in alignment to the 3 themes mentioned above. The meeting theme of this session focused on Childhood Obesity colleague in Adults & Health who delivered a series of

presentations to the partnership. Given the complexity of childhood obesity, it requires an holistic viewpoint using a whole systems approach to identify gaps to develop an action plan.

The 3 sub-groups will continue to meet quarterly and work coherently to develop localised projects in line with the priorities of the partnership.

Community Engagement: Social Media

39. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner West Community Committee Facebook page.

Priority Neighbourhoods – Update from Rachel Marshall

40. The New Wortley Core Team continues to meet every 6 weeks to bring together partners, monitor progress against agreed actions and ensure there is a collective, joined up approach to work taking place within the priority neighbourhood. Sub groups aligned to the core priorities consider the Neighbourhood Action plan on a particular theme with barriers and larger issues to progress flagged back to the Core Team for a more strategic approach. The Core Team have recently held a workshop to some of the recent developments to draw your attention to are listed below.
41. The Jobs & Skills subgroup has been looking at progression routes from training in the New Wortley area. There are a number of different organisations planning and delivering training in different venues and improving linkages and routes will have a positive impact on the individual experience and longer term engagement. New Wortley Community Centre are building in 4 weeks of mandatory training for volunteers at the centre which will be delivered by Leeds City College.
42. A new group has been set up at NWCC – The Social Club, predominantly aimed at the 55+ age group. It was agreed that Jobs & Skills and DWP would support a skills audit of people who attend this new group in order to establish a baseline understanding of skill levels and identify possible training / engagement opportunities.
43. The Safer Cleaner Greener Sub Group meets 6 weekly and is progressing a localised action plan. Some of the key developments include a focus on community engagement through Cuppa with a Copper Surgeries which plan to timetable a range of other services to collaborate on a rota basis. Marketing merchandise is being explored to publicise support services and other modes of marketing communications via the local schools pupil post. Monthly clean up days are being planned until September and a further Multi- Agency action day to be held in the coming month. An action plan is being considered to address the top 5 families / households causing local issues of concern.

44. One of the key successes has been a recent operation by Leeds West Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Leeds District Serious Organised Crime Unit where large amounts of suspected Class A drugs and cash were found in a series of police raids and 2 subsequent arrests. This was a real attempt at clamping down on the organised supply of cocaine and heroin which has been fuelling crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.
45. Under the Health & Wellbeing theme, New Wortley Community Centre will be holding a Wellbeing Weekend on the 6th July. The aim of the event is to promote physical activity and positive mental wellbeing across all the age groups. There will be a range of activities to try and information stalls from different providers in and around the centre.
46. The Children & Young Peoples Partnership are meeting next month to discuss plans for a free and open to all Sports Fair to be held at Dixons Unity Academy later in the year. Active Leeds are leading on the project and are keen to get local primary schools involved. Discussions with various partners are also taking place to identify what activities are available for young people over the summer holidays with an ambition to pull this together and produce a flyer for schools and other local venues.

Local Centres Programme – Update from Peter Mudge

47. Armley Town Street is developing an increasingly positive feel as the businesses, police, council and community develop every stronger partnership working to advise people of what an increasingly attractive place it is to shop and socialise. In addition to being selected as the cities prime choice to develop a town centre model for the rest of the UK under the national Future High Street's project, Town Street is also preparing a Business Improvement District proposal whereby businesses agree what they want done to further improve Town Street and then pay an annual donation to see their dreams achieved. More large planters are coming to Town Street thanks to financial support from Ward Members and this will enable trees to be placed along the street which should provide transformational change.
48. Cllr Heselwood arranged for Bramley businesses to meet with the Council's local centres manager to progress with getting a town team set up. This will provide ongoing improvements to the trading areas to make it ever nicer and more attractive for local people.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs – Update from Charlotte Batty

49. Happy Holiday events for children will be run over the 6 week summer holidays. We are planning on running 4 sessions per week in Armley, Bramley & Hawksworth Wood. Locations are yet to be confirmed. Both Active Leeds and Libraries will be providing activities for all sessions and lunch and snacks will be provided free. We will also be looking at working with partners and hopefully will have a large number of volunteers to help us run the events. Following the success of the events in Armley at Christmas

and Easter I am really pleased to have the opportunity and the funding to run events across Inner West.

50. Cinema equipment – I am in the process of purchasing the equipment, testing and setting up a system to allow the equipment to be loaned out. It is taking a little longer than anticipated for a number of reasons, but it is important we get it right to be able to deliver some great events.

51. Armley – We will be having an extensive refurbishment to the OSC, Library & Jobshop which will be rebranded as a ‘Community Hub & Library’, this will entail a 6 to 7 month programme in two phases (1st phase will be the new part of the building and 2nd phase will be the older part). We will remain open during the refurb. The refurb will allow us to offer a wider service to the community which will look to encourage customers to engage with a number of different events as well as accessing vital services in a building fit for purpose. I will update the Armley Councillors in more detail. We are hoping the works will start in July.

52. ESOL classes will be extending to a third session in September. These are very popular and delivered by Leeds City College.

53. Bramley – We are looking at extending the Job Shop offer in Bramley to two day per week from the beginning of June. Also the Working Wardrobe is now in place in Bramley (in addition to Armley’s) for customers to have clothes to attend interviews and the customers can keep the clothes if they wish. This is free of charge.

54. Womens Lives are now delivering a weekly drop in session.

Housing Leeds – Update from Maddie Edwards & Paul Densley

55. Inner West HAP

Budget for 2019/20	£54,466.78	
Carry Forward from 2018/19	£10,192.19	Match funding issues with one project meant £6,500 was redirected into the IW budget.
TOTAL 2019/20 BUDGET	£64,658.97	

Approved Budget Spend 2019/20	£11,200.87	
Available Budget	£53,458.10	

HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Other funding confirmed/given in kind	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Inner West Total	12	4	£22,221.00	£11,200.87	17.32%

First meeting of the ‘new’ IW HAP took place 13 May 2019:-

- New Chair and Vice-chair elected.

- Bids were approved to support the installation of a CCTV camera overlooking Cragside Rec (£5,000) and to reposition a bollard at Landseer Drive to prevent motor vehicles transgressing the greenspace (£200)

N.B. The other two approved bids were approved at the last meeting of the 'old' IW HAP to support community festival days for New Wortley (£2000) and Bramley (£4000).

Plans to deliver the Festivals for Armley (20 July) and Bramley (18 Aug) are progressing well.

56. COMMUNITY PAYBACK

HAP	Number of referrals	Open	Complete	Total number of team days
Inner West	27	22	4	18.5

Next IW HAP meeting 15 July 2019.

57. Performance information and good news stories from the Kirkstall, Armley, Bramley & Stanningley Wards. Performance data relates to week 9 of the financial year 2019/20.

58. % of completed Annual Home Visits:-

Kirkstall 24.31%

Bramley & Stanningley 28.48%

Armley 24.23%

Target is 100% completion by the end of the financial year

59. Lettings:- Number of properties let to date.

Kirkstall 24

Bramley & Stanningley 33

Armley 41

60. Walkabouts:-

Kirkstall 12 walkabouts have been completed to date

Bramley & Stanningley 11 walkabouts have been completed to date

Armley 9 walkabouts have been completed to date

61. Good News Stories

Kirkstall:-

The concierge team were assigned to work during the night at Queenswood Heights to manage a group of people who were creating anti-social behaviour, they were also tasked with preventing a group of rough sleepers from entering the block. The ASB reduced and a positive outcome was achieved.

Spent Approach – Old Garage Site which is no longer in use was overgrown, Community Payback cleared the area, a meeting is planned with GM contracts to assume future maintenance of the site.

62. Bramley:-

Removed Ivy from Snowden Crescent that was beginning to grow into properties and breaching the damp proof course.

Removal of self seeders throughout Snowdens estate – colleagues in Cleaner neighbourhoods are due to carry out further work

Action day with partners and 'relaunch' of community centre on Fairfield's 10 Apr19

Delivered environmental education training for pupils at Hollybush Primary – and thereby provided role models in the world of work as per our Our-Place commitment.

63. Armley:-

Obtained a partial closure for anti-social behaviour in a particular tenancy which prohibits any visitors to the address, this was granted last week and should see a reduction in ASB at Raynville Court.

CCTV footage shows a tenant accessing the fire switch on the lift, as the evidence was captured on CCTV, WYP are considering criminal charges for endangerment to life.

Work started by Community Payback to clear/tidy no mans land around Westerly blocks.

Financial health check event was held Tuesday 28th May at Armley HUB, a number of partners attended including (Green Doctor, BLC, Christian Against Poverty, Money Buddies, White Rose Energy, Trading Standards and the enhanced team) the aim was to promote good financial health amongst residents.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

65. 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

66. 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

67. 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

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

Risk Management

69. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

72. 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.