

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Outer West Community Committee
[Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley]

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Outer 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:

Environment: Champion TBC – Update from Baz Ali & Lee Hayward

3. Farnley & Wortley

We have been utilising CCTV in areas in order to try to capture Fly Tipping within the wards throughout Farnley & Wortley. At present we haven't been successful with this and it would appear that a lot of people have become wise to NOT discarding items with personal details on them when bags of waste are deposited.

The team have helped all ward Councillors with regards individual service requests as well as requests for bins to be placed in certain areas which they have identified.

We continue to help residents/community groups who have been carrying out community litter picks by loaning litter picking tongs and also issuing refuse bags which we have then removed and disposed of once filled.

Our crews who are trained in the use of mechanical cutting equipment continue to proactively and reactively maintain ginnels and public areas around the Farnley and Wortley ward cutting these and clearing the waste away to help open up these areas and hopefully help residents feel safe.

The new permanent crew for Farnley/Wortley continuing to work at getting on top of what were problem areas and we seem to have seen a reduction in calls for service around Butterbowl etc. as we are able to get to jobs sooner.

We still work closely with housing and have been cutting and clearing many void properties so that tenants can move in and have a manageable garden to attend to.

Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley

We continue working to a seven day schedule as agreed with ward members. We proactively remove fly tips and have a few fly tipping cases moving forward to prosecution. We are exploring ways to deter fly tippers. We are working with ward members to promote proper disposal of waste to the residents of Leeds.

We have been working with a lot of volunteer groups when they wanted to carry out community litter pick. We have loaned them litter pickers. provided gloves, litter bags and arrange to dispose the collected waste.

Worked with the Pudsey Pacers before and after the race on the clean-up.

We worked with Highways to carry out edging in the Harley estate. Very good feedback from residents on how well it looks.

We have de-littered the side grass verges on the Stanningley bypass and Ring Road Dowson's corner to Rodley.

We work closely with the in bloom groups to combine resource to ensure we have a very thorough presentation when the judging takes place.

We supported our colleagues working on the Tour De-Yorkshire cycle race.

Community Safety: Champion TBC – Update from Claire Smith

4. 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**.

5. Farnley & Wortley
Problems with youths on the Heights and Farrow's area in Wortley has led to 1 adult injunction, 2 youth injunctions, an Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Warning for a youth and an Acceptable Behaviour Contract for a youth being put in place along with tenancy action being taken against those who are LCC tenants. Breaches of the adult injunction are currently being pursued through the courts.

Possession action being pursued in relation to drug supply issues at a property on the Buttwerbowl's. Notice of Intent to Seek Possession issued whilst we await outcome of criminal proceedings.

Youth injunction being sought against a teenager linked to ASB and criminal damage in the Bawn area. Referral to Youth Offending Service also done.

Tenancy action and possibly an injunction (evidence dependant) being looked at for an adult linked and a youth injunction on the Bawns in relation to threats and damage.

Injunction being sought against an adult due to persistent ASB and aggressive behaviour towards staff and other residents at Cottingley Springs.

6. Pudsey

Possession being sought on a tenancy in Fartown due to breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order and persistent ASB issues.

Tenancy action taken on an address on the Acres Hall's in relation to report of noise and drug use issues.

3 ongoing cases in the New Street area with allegations and counter allegations being made of drunken behaviour, fighting, noise nuisance and drug use at 3 properties. Tenancy action has been taken against 2 of the properties on the evidence available whilst the occupants of the 3rd have been spoken to. Area is being monitored.

LASBT are also linking in with Housing staff to carry out a door knock exercise in the Valley Road area in relation to concerns over Criminal Damage and drug concerns in the area.

LASBT were also involved earlier in the year in a multi-agency approach to deal with youth nuisance at the Pudsey bus station and surrounding areas. All youths that were identified as being involved in ASB issues were visited at home to make their parents aware and a warning letter issued. This appears to have reduced the problem significantly and the case for the bus station has now been closed off.

7. Calverley & Farsley

Long standing case in LS28 where the person involved has mental health issues but is causing a nuisance to local residents with their behaviour. Undertaking in place with the courts but this has been breached. Action Planning meeting held with Housing and support to look at what action is required to manage this issue.

Possession being sought on a tenancy on Smalewell's due to persistent noise issues and recent aggressive behaviour. Injunction already in place and NISP now issued.

8. To date we have the following live cases

1 Calverley & Farsley

16 Farnley & Wortley

5 Pudsey

9. 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.
10. Within the Community Committee area, there are 888 people claiming UC as of March 2019. 395 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), as of March 2019 which is a 41% (285 people) decrease compared to the same period last year.
11. There are 2,780 people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), as of August 2018, which is an increase of 2% (45 people) when compared to the same period last year.
12. From April 2018 to March 2019, within the Community Committee area there have been 809 residents accessing Jobshops and Employment and Skills programmes, with 232 supported to secure employment and 411 to improve their skills.
13. 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. 198 residents from Outer West have engaged or have completed this programme, 26% (52) 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.
14. The annual Apprenticeship Fair – took place at Leeds Arena in March. There were 134 exhibitors, 400 live vacancies and over 6000 visitors.
15. 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, 8 people from the outer west attended local sessions.
16. 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.
17. 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

18. Leeds become the first city in the UK to reduce childhood obesity levels.
19. 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

20. 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
21. 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.

22. Looking out for your neighbours

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

24. 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

25. The date of the last Pudsey & Swinnow forum was Tuesday 16th April 2019 at Swinnow Community Centre.
26. An update was provided by the Forestry department around the work they are able to carry out and why.
27. Highways were also in attendance who listened to local residents concerns about the area in regards to parking on footpaths and traffic.
28. Housing also provided an update on the work they have carried out in the area.
29. The last meeting held for Tyersal forum was 30th April 2019 at Tyersal Club.
30. Leeds City Councils planning department provided an update about the plans to build new homes in the Community and how the effects of this would be managed in terms of public transport and access.

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership: - Update from Rukhsana Mahmood

32. The last meeting of the NIP was held Thursday 11th April 2019. and the next one is to be planned for July.
33. Easter Activities
This financial year OW HAP funded Easter Activities for parents and children at Hillside Community Hall delivered by Farnley Children's Centre which were a great success and reported back to the NIP that there were many new families from the area that engaged and attended the sessions.
34. International Women's Day 8th March
International Women's day celebrations were organised by Tenant Engagement Officer in partnership with LCC Human Resources It was held at Hillside Community Hall in order to encourage local residents to attend.
Local resident from the Heights opened the event by sharing how she had been involved Housing Leeds through a Parenting programme which then led on to her joining the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel and is now studying at University. Local residents were invited and a range of stalls providing activities and information attended.
le 100% Digital, One You, Neighbourhood Action, Jobs & Skills, Children's Centre etc
Some of the elderly residents enquired about the digital access that is available on their SMART phones, others were interested in in the one your health initiative and one local resident has now stopped smoking since attending the event.
35. Youth Project
Youth services were successful in securing funding to run a youth project from Hillside Community Hall. The aim of the Youth Project is to provide a safe place for all young people to enjoy social and leisure activity that is stimulating, diverse and engaging for youth aged 11- 17yrs.
36. Outdoor Emergency First Aid Course
Outer West HAP have funded the Outdoor Emergency First Aid Course for young people to be delivered by Youth Service. The first aid course has started and is for for 12 young people aged 14 plus who live on the Heights and Bawns Estates.
37. Bawns & Heights Fun Day Due to the success of last year's first ever fun day in the area. The Community Committee and Outer West HAP have each funded the event to be held this year on Tuesday 13th August. Preparations are ongoing for this year's event in partnership with a wide range of agencies and local business etc.
38. Digital inclusion Tenant Engagement Officer in partnership with Armley Helping Hands set up a pop up stall in the foyer of the Heights Tower blocks to engage with tenants and raise awareness of the services provided and support available to tenants to access services online. Only a handful of residents engaged with the pop up session. One tenant the very same day went to access the services provided by Armley Helping Hands.

39. BARCA voluntary sector organisation

BARCA are looking to deliver services in the Heights & Bawns area under their umbrella of the Better Together Programme re Health & Wellbeing activities.

40. Premises

There are no appropriate venues to run activities from in the area. At present the Hillside Community Hall is used for the Bawns estate.

The premises that were occupied by Armley Juniors on Heights Lane are now vacant and were viewed by BARCA but they are not in a position to take on the responsibility for these at present.

One of the major obstacle is having an appropriate venue to run activities from in the Heights & Bawns estate.

41. The 4 week Emergency at Work Accredited First Aid Course is going really well with the young people due to finish 27th June 2019. The course was for 12 young people and 11 are due to complete having attended all 4 weeks.

Updates from Key Services

Housing Leeds - Update from Sophie Roberts & Jag Kundhi (Housing Manager Pudsey & Wortley)

42. Pudsey

The Housing Officers have recently completed the first set of walkabout for 2019/2020. The walkabouts give both staff and those who attend an opportunity to influence the wider environment. Last year these walkabouts identified issues in the Valley Road area, particularly with excessive amounts of rubbish, overgrown vegetation and damage to properties. The Housing Officer has worked hard to improve the area, she has worked closely with colleagues in the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. This has now resulted in the area looking much better aesthetically and ongoing work to continue to improve the area. The local lettings team have worked closely on the allocations in the area to ensure appropriate and suitable allocations are made whilst being in line with the lettings policy. We intend to do a door knock in the area in the next few weeks to discuss anti-social behaviour with residents including how to report. We also intend to look at providing information on how to dispose of rubbish correctly.

43. Calverley and Farsley

There is an active residents group at the Marsden Court Sheltered Complex. The group look after the garden area at the complex and take great pride in this. Previously the group secured some garden furniture via HAP funding. Over time the group have continued to develop as has their gardening. Most recently the group requested a lawn mower via HAP. This has meant that in addition to the grass cutting the group are able to keep the grass in pristine condition. The group work hard to maintain the high standards in the gardens and this year the group will be entering Farsley In Bloom.

44. Farnley & Wortley

An environmental project on the Bawns estate has now been completed, installation of new fencing, gate and A frame. This was to protect the grassed area where the Multi Games Area is and to prevent joy riders from accessing the grassed area and causing damage. This made the area look good and provide a safe area for the families to take their children and play / use the facility. This project was also match funded by the local ward members, Housing advisory panel and the area office. We have completed all of the environmental walkabout for the first quarter. Anti-Social Behaviour on the heights has reduced but there are still ongoing problems where we are working with LASBT and West Yorkshire Police tackling this issues and taking tenancy action where appropriate.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

46. 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

47. 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

48. 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

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

Risk Management

50. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

53. 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.