

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Area Leader</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Outer South Community Committee</b> <b>Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell</b>	
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## **Outer South Community Committee - Update Report**

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### **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: Councillor Wyn Kidger**

3. Following the appointment of sub group members the Children and Families Sub Group meetings have been set and circulated for the rest of 2019-20.
4. The next sub group meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which is a professionals meeting. Every other Children and Families sub group meeting takes place with Children and Young People in attendance and is co-chaired by a young person.
5. Following a conversation with the Children and Families Champion a meeting took place to discuss the **Youth Summit** for 2019-20. Plans will be taken to the next **Children and Families Sub Group**.

6. The Outer South Youth Summit will be held at Morley Town Hall on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**.

**Environment: Councillor Carmel Harrison**

7. Following a conversation with the Environmental Champion an Outer South Environmental strategy is being devised and meetings will be organised for the rest of 2019-20 to develop and support the strategy.
8. Highlight from the strategy are as follows: The long term aim is “To improve the quality of the air and environment for everyone in Outer South”

In the medium term we will look to:

Increase recycling

Implement steps which reduce pollution

Encourage everyone to reuse resources wherever possible.

This could be that every application for funding from the Outer South demonstrates how it will apply these ideas. Could that be green waste bins at public events, waste stands to discourage single use plastic.

In the short term we will look to promote:

Walk to school one day a week

Environmental champions communicating and sharing best practice via digital platforms.

9. We would like to propose 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 4pm- 6pm for an Outer South Climate Control Workshop to be run from one of the local schools in the Outer South.

**Community Safety: Councillor Andrew Hutchison**

**10. Anti-Social Behaviour Update**

**Ardley and Robin Hood**

- Council tenant currently in court for breach of a suspended possession order due to rowdy behaviour
- Noise abatement notice served for persistent and unreasonable dog barking at a residential property

**Morley North**

- Currently in court for an injunction against an individual who has threatened a number of their neighbours

**Morley South**

- Housing Caution served on a tenant who has been abusive to a neighbour

**Rothwell**

- Currently seeking possession of a council property due to drug dealing

**OPENED / CLOSED July 2019**

Organisation	Active	Closed	Grand Total
LASBT East	167	72	239
LASBT South	154	59	213
LASBT West	139	48	187
Grand Total	460	179	639

Ward	Active	Closed	Grand Total
Ardsley and Robin Hood	10	3	13
Morley North	9	3	12
Morley South	14	8	22
Rothwell	7	1	8
Outer South Total	40	15	55

#### OPENED / CLOSED June 2019

Organisation	Active	Closed	Grand Total
LASBT East	179	50	229
LASBT South	155	52	207
LASBT West	130	93	223
Grand Total	464	195	659

Ward	Active	Closed	Grand Total
Ardsley and Robin Hood	7	4	11
Morley North	6	4	10
Morley South	15	3	18
Rothwell	5	3	8
Outer South Total	33	14	47

#### OPENED / CLOSED May 2019

Organisation	Active	Closed	Grand Total
LASBT East	150	40	190
LASBT South	145	38	183
LASBT West	170	43	213
Grand Total	465	121	586

Ward	Active	Closed	Grand Total
Ardsley and Robin Hood	9	6	15
Morley North	8	2	10
Morley South	7	2	9
Rothwell	7	0	7
Outer South Total	31	10	41

## 11. Police Update

### **Arrests/Charges/Convictions/operations of Note.**

During the months of April to August 2019, we have executed a number of Misuse of drugs act warrants. These are often reliant on community intelligence. A quantity of cannabis has been recovered along with Class A drugs and investigations are ongoing. Further warrants are planned over the coming weeks.

There have been regular deployments of the Pro Laser speeding device across the Outer South area and we continue to advise, educate and where appropriate, bring to justice the worst offenders. We continue to monitor community intelligence at PACT

meetings and feedback from Local Councillors in order for us to respond appropriately and promptly to such repeat problem areas.

Officers have been proactively patrolling hotspot areas and numerous vehicles have been seized for no license /no insurance /no tax.

A number of proactive patrols have been conducted in and around areas raised to us regarding antisocial behaviour particularly around Hembrigg Park, Newlands/Denshaws, Blackburn Court, Morley Leisure Centre, Magpie Lane, Haigh Moor Road. We will be continuing to monitor the areas over the coming weeks. Officers from both Morley and Rothwell NPT's have been conducting hi-visibility Patrols around Tingley Reservoir due to reports of ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area. We will continue to patrol the area and deal with any Anti-Social Behaviour positively. Dispersal powers have recently been used in the Rothwell area to tackle persistent ASB offenders, we will continue to use these powers over the coming months where proportionate and necessary – this provides us with the facility to exclude offenders from an area for up to 48 hours.

Over the last few months multi-agency operations have taken place alongside LCC Housing, VOSA, Off road motorcycles, Licensing, Taxi Licensing, Trading Standards and HM Courts officers.

As a result of one operation 2 business premises in the Morley area have been visited and a quantity of counterfeit cigarettes were recovered. Speed checks were conducted on Britannia Road, A650 and Wide Lane area. 1 vehicle was seized for no insurance and 1 ticket was issued for an expired MOT. Numerous visits to Leeds City Council housing properties were conducted alongside housing operators. VOSA issued 4 immediate prohibitions to unsafe vehicles and 2 delayed prohibitions. Taxi Licensing issued 1 suspension to a taxi. A drugs warrant has been executed on Temple Avenue, Rothwell. A quantity of Class A and Class B drugs have been recovered – enquiries are ongoing.

A male and female from the Morley area were arrested on Saturday 15th June 2019 for Possession with intent to supply a class B drug. The male party had also been arrested for possession of an offensive weapon having had a knuckleduster on him and a bat within the car. A quantity of cannabis was seized. Both have been released whilst enquiries are on-going. The vehicle was also seized as it was untaxed and had an expired MOT.

During July children from Morley Victoria Primary School were out with officers using the speed gun. For those over the speed limit, a “speeding ticket” designed by the pupils was delivered to their home address.

On 12th July Operation #ClosePass took place on the A650 at Drighlifton By Pass. The intention of the operation is to educate road users regarding passing cyclists too closely on the roads. Vehicles pulled in and educated on the #Fatal4 and FPN's issued for not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile phone whilst driving.

On 2nd August following a short pursuit by officers from West Yorkshire Roads Policing Unit officers from Rothwell NPT located and arrested a male for dangerous driving, failing to stop for Police and drugs offences. The suspect was also found to be in a stolen vehicle, which was stolen from a Burglary and now returned to the rightful owner.

During August we worked alongside our emergency services counterparts with our first joint open day at Morley Police and Fire Stations. There was an excellent attendance by the community who observed various demonstrations throughout the day. Visitors had the opportunity to come along and see police & fire vehicles, mini uniforms, fire displays, stalls, face painting, ice-cream van and lots more.

PCSO's have continued to deliver knife crime awareness talks to the children of years five and six. The children were made aware of the dangers of knives, peer pressure surrounding gang culture involving knives and the consequences of carrying a bladed article.

### **Crime Messages**

#### **\*\* Vehicle Crime around Rothwell & Morley \*\***

Over the last few weeks we have noticed an increase of vehicle crime around Rothwell and Morley, where a number of these have been theft from motor vehicles due to being insecure. Please can we remind everyone to make sure your vehicle's are locked and secured and that any valuables are removed. For more information please visit <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/>

### **Community Alert**

West Yorkshire Police has launched a brand new messenger system "West Yorkshire Community Alert" which will enable members of the public to keep in touch with local police updates. Public registration is free and people can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and/or prevention advice direct via email, text or voice message.

The system was made live to the public on Wednesday, May 1, and a number of authors throughout the Force have already been trained up on how to circulate messages.

Officers and staff are being asked to help promote the service to our local communities, and encourage people to sign up. There will also be a campaign on social media.

The public can sign up for local updates from their NPT or Neighbourhood Watch contacts, or join a number of specialised community interest groups such as business watch, dog walkers, motorists or crime prevention etc. To sign up, please visit:

[www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk](http://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk)

## **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson**

12. Employment & Skills provides information twice a year for the Outer South Community Committee. As an update was provided for July's meeting the next update will be available at the end of 2019.

## **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Judith Elliott**

13. Following the appointment of sub group members the Outer South Older Persons Sub group meetings have been set and circulated for the rest of 2019-20.
14. The Outer South Older Person's Sub Group meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
15. The dates have been confirmed for the 2 International Day of Older Persons Events for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Blackburn Hall in Rothwell, 11am till 2pm hosted by Rothwell live at home scheme and their plan is to put on an intergenerational indoor sports day with refreshment, and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at Morley Town Hall, 12pm-3pm hosted by Morley Elderly Action who plan to follow the same format as last year following positive feedback, which will include a school choir, stand up bingo and afternoon tea. A further information session events has been confirmed for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at Ardsley Library in Ardsley Robin Hood for all the older people who can't attend the other venues. It was agreed that the 2 main events would be ticketed and that 10% of the tickets would be held for people who are social isolated and haven't engaged with the neighbourhood networks previously.

## **Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Bob Gettings**

16. The Outer South Community Centre Sub-Group met on Wednesday 28th August. The action log was updated and there was also information provided on the level of regular and one off lettings across all centres in the Outer South Area. Financial information was also provided to highlight the running costs and income levels for all centres over the past three years. Information was also provided on activities being carried out in the three centres leased out to third sector organisations. Questions were raised over pricing policy and in particular the varying rates applied at the venue centres, Blackburn Hall and Morley Town Hall. It was requested that this be included as a discussion item at a future Community Committee meeting. On 29th August keys to Drighlington Meeting Hall were handed over to Drighlington Rugby Club following the completion of the lease of the building on 15th August. The next sub group meeting is scheduled for 7th January 2020 and will be held at Blackburn Hall.

## **Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter**

17. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter will be produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media
18. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page.
19. **Appendix 2**, The Outer South newsletter will be circulated.

## Updates from Key Services

### Community Hubs

#### 20. Hub Report & Success Updates – South & Outer East July – August 2019

Month	Centre	Celebration of Success
August	Rothwell	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August - Leeds Playhouse</b> – an event at the Community Hub with an art installation on display in the outside area of the building to celebrate the end of the Comic Relief funded sessions that have been running since May this year to combat isolation and contribute to the wellbeing of older people in Rothwell. This was a project Leeds Playhouse were running (funded by Comic Relief). The Playhouse have ran workshops such as – dancing for older people and have also ran a poetry writing session with the Rothwell Writers group and our patrons were directed to the sessions the Playhouse on a Thursday morning. Going forward, this will become a self-facilitated group who will continue to work with our partners at the Playhouse.
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Morley	One You Leeds came and set up a stall at Morley Community Hub and were on hand for customers to give them advice on how to live a healthy lifestyle.
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Morley	Community Focus Group was held for the first time. Very positive feedback for the newly refurbished building and the merging of the one stop and library services. Lots of points discussed and new ways to help to promote the activities in the hub through other community groups that the attendees attend within the community.
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Morley	HELM – NHS Roadshow – coming to Morley to speak with customers about a new health app and trying to find out customers would find useful to have on there.
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Morley	Launch of Lego club in the morning and in the afternoon the Board Games club. This will take place every fortnight.
TBC	Morley	Recruitment for Asda office base roles in Morley drop in to be held to give people advice on how to get back in to employment.
August 2019	Morley	Hugs for Bugs event for Children, story and rhyme time session, including crafting and search and find. 14 Children attended.

### Housing Leeds

#### 21. Update for Outer South – Community Committee.

**Environment** Walkabouts are being completed every quarter in Morley, Gildersome, Drighlington and Churwell, path inspections completed annually in second quarter. Officer are competing weekly and monthly garden inspections and targeting their worst areas. Fly-tipping and boundary issues seem to be the most complained about issues regarding environmental.

Walkabouts are being completed every quarter in throughout Rothwell, Tingley, East Ardsley, Oulton and Lofthouse. Officers are completing garden inspection on Annual Home Visits and proactively identifying issues whilst out on estates. Boundary issues seem to be the most complained about issues regarding environmental. Parking issues/driving over grass on Old Hall Road – current funding application in for soil

mounds putting in. There was a successful community clean-up day held on the Winthorpe estate on 20th August; community skips were provided and well used for clearing gardens. HO to inspect gardens following this to ensure no further enforcement action required.

**Community Safety Morley** – few low level disputes relating to noise nuisance and neighbour disputes. Approx. 11 higher level cases with LASBT with housing cautions and Notices being served in order to deter ASB and begin more serious tenancy procedures. Operation Dimeton took place 05/07/2019 Led by Police & Housing which included numerous partnership agencies including WYP, Housing, DVLA (NSL), DVSA, Trading Standards, HMCTS, This was a high profile initiative where all partner agencies came together to tackle Crime & ASB. This initiative will be repeated at least twice a year to send a clear message that Crime and ASB will not be tolerated in the area.

On-going low-level noise complaints continue to be dealt with by HO's and with assistance from LASBAT officer. 2 higher level cases with LASBT – one court case pending. Ongoing issues on Cherry Tree Walk have quietened down in recent weeks but the HO continues to work closely with the Police.

Increase in complaints during school holidays regarding children playing football – dealt with locally. Tasking meeting regularly attended by HO staff to ensure all agencies working together to share information and tackle ASB.

### **Income / Finance**

With the introduction of Universal Credit Morley have 194 UC claims for UC. All Cases verified within target. Current average debt per case £365.00 which is inevitably impacting on income collection. We have specialist Enhanced Income Officers to assist claimants through the process and maximise income.

With the introduction of Universal Credit Rothwell have 209 UC claims. All Cases verified within target. Current average debt per case £54.16 which is has an impact on income collection and arrears figures. . We have specialist Enhanced Income Officers to assist claimants through the process and maximise income. Rothwell staff offer support and manage their own cases to ensure all claims are dealt with efficiently.

## **Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)**

### **22. June and July 2019/ 2020 Report for Community Committee**

**TARA activities:** The OS Tenant Engagement Officer (TEO) attended 19 TARA / Community Group meetings or support meetings in July and August. 5 were in Ardsley & Robin Hood, 7 were in Rothwell and 7 in Morley south and 0 in Morley north wards. (However lots of support was provided for a Morley north TARA via the phone and email). 2 of these meetings were AGMs (which required audited accounts to be presented), 3 were for Annual Support Reviews (which lead to Annual Support Grants being awarded), 5 meetings were for providing other support for TARAs (e.g. help with writing various risk assessments for TARA events and 3 were meetings to support an ongoing community environmental project.)

The TEO has worked on 2 consultations for new TARAs - one in Lofthouse (Ardsley and Robin Hood) and one in Siegen Close (Morley south).

### **HAP activities:**

At the OS HAP meeting on 23rd July 2019 the OS HAP budget was £34,711.91. The Area Housing Manager and local Housing Managers continue to support the OS HAP by attending meetings to provide up to date information about rent collection, voids and Annual Home Visits performance and environmental activities like clean-ups and walkabouts so panel members are clear about what is happening in their area. They also support OS HAP bid processes. Mears' managers attend the OS HAP meetings to provide a report on Responsive Repairs performance. The panel were happy with the reports provided. The TEO is working on 24 bids so far.

At the July OS HAP meeting the 3 bids presented totalled £5,850.00 with match funding in place of £105,515.00. These bids were: OS\_02\_1920: Zip Wire at Hembrigg Park (Morley south). A contribution of £5,000 was requested from Parks & Countryside (with £105,000.00 match funding in place) towards a £110,000.00 project to improve the park in general, the children's play area in particular and install a new zip wire totalling (itself costing £15,000.00.) The panel deferred the bid pending more information, the outcome of the consultation and investigation into whether a different element of the project would find more favour with the panel.

OS\_08\_1920: Deansway Signage (Morley north). A contribution of £535.00 was requested (with match funding of £200.00 in place) for a lectern style information sign on the Deansway estate to explain the voluntary community based environmental activities carried out regularly to improve the flora and fauna of the green spaces alongside pathways. This project attracts support from tenants, residents, local school children and a local scouts group. The panel deferred the bid pending more information about the benefits of the signage and the environmental activities in addition to the outcomes from the consultation carried out as not all responses had been returned.

OS\_17\_1920: New bench at Church Avenue, Gildersome (Morley north). A contribution of £315.00 was requested (with match funding of £315.00 being in place) for a new bench to address health and wellbeing / social isolation issues. As there were issues raised by the consultation regarding historical ASB linked to a previous bench in this location the bid was deferred pending more information about the ASB issue.

OS HAP budget at the end of the 23rd July OS HAP meeting remained at: £34,711.91.

Collaborative working with the Community Committee continues to be an essential objective for the OS HAP. This partnership works well in practice, ensuring tenants and residents benefit from this approach whilst making best use of available funds. The OS HAP and Community Committee look for best value for money as using money wisely remains important to benefit all OS communities.

**Community Payback update from the start of April 2019 – summary of costs linked to referrals and Return on Investment (RoI)**

HAP	No of referrals	Open	Complete	Started	Cancelled	Total contribution to date:	Total number of team days	Overall Return on Investment	% RoI	entitled days	Outstanding
Inner East	33	19	7	2	1	£ 10,369.25	20.5	£6,629.70	63.9%	32	12
Inner North East	38	26	6	3	0	£ 6,836.57	17.5	£5,659.50	82.8%	21	4
Inner North West	12	7	3	0	0	£ 9,489.20	10.5	£3,395.70	35.8%	29	19
Inner South	36	22	2	4	0	£ 9,822.26	4.5	£1,455.30	14.8%	30	26
Inner West	32	23	8	1	0	£ 9,058.09	38.5	£12,450.90	137.5%	28	-10
Outer East	47	29	10	2	1	£ 8,016.65	25	£8,085.00	100.9%	25	0
Outer North East	21	15	4	1	0	£ 6,250.76	13.5	£4,365.90	69.8%	19	6
Outer North West	10	3	5	1	0	£ 7,313.34	5	£1,617.00	22.1%	23	18
Outer South	19	13	5	1	0	£ 7,791.79	8.5	£2,748.90	35.3%	24	16
Outer South East	20	14	4	1	0	£ 8,852.68	10	£3,234.00	36.5%	27	17
Outer West	5	4	0	0	0	£ 8,450.31	0	£0.00	0.0%	26	26
<b>Total:</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>£ 92,250.90</b>	<b>153.5</b>	<b>£49,641.90</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>131.8</b>
Minimum target						<b>£ 148,440.60</b>	<b>459</b>		<b>33.4%</b>		

**The analysis of Community Payback referrals by ward across the city**

Ward	HAP	Number of referrals	Open	Complete	Started	Cancelled	Days Work
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	IE	9	5	1	1	1	5
Gipton & Harehills	IE	21	14	6	0	0	15.5
Chapel Allerton	INE	13	12	0	0	0	0
Moortown	INE	16	8	5	2	0	13
Roundhay	INE	9	6	1	1	0	4.5
Headingley & Hyde Park	INW	2	0	0	0	0	0
Little London & Woodhouse	INW	3	2	0	0	0	0
Weetwood	INW	7	4	1	0	0	2
Beeston & Holbeck	IS	7	3	0	1	0	0
Middleton Park	IS	15	13	0	0	0	0
Riverside & Hunslet	IS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armley	IW	6	4	2	0	0	15
Bramley & Stanningley	IW	7	3	4	0	0	12.5
Kirkstall	IW	19	16	2	1	0	11
Killingbeck & Seacroft	OE	49	29	10	2	1	25
Alwoodley	ONE	11	6	4	1	0	13.5
Harewood	ONE	2	1	0	0	0	0
Wetherby	ONE	8	8	0	0	0	0
Adel & Wharfedale	ONW	4	1	0	1	0	3
Guiseley & Rawdon	ONW	3	1	2	0	0	1
Horsforth	ONW	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otley & Yeadon	ONW	3	1	2	0	0	1
Ardley & Robin Hood	OS	3	2	1	0	0	2
Morley North	OS	3	3	0	0	0	0
Morley South	OS	7	4	2	1	0	3
Rothwell	OS	4	2	2	0	0	3.5
Crossgates & Whinmoor	OSE	3	2	1	0	0	5
Garforth & Swillington	OSE	8	6	1	0	0	2
Kippax & Methley	OSE	6	4	2	0	0	3
Temple Newsam	OSE	5	4	0	1	0	0
Calverley & Farsley	OW	1	1	0	0	0	0
Farnley & Wortley	OW	3	2	0	0	0	0
Pudsey	OW	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals		258	168	49	12	2	140.5

**Compassionate City Awards**

23. The Leeds Compassionate City Awards celebrate the positive work that individuals, community groups and organisations do every day to make their local communities and our city a great place to live, work and visit. Nominations for this year's awards close on 30th September and an awards ceremony will take place on Thursday 5th December. Further information, including nomination forms, will be shared at the meeting. Nominations can also be made online using the following link: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/your-council/compassionate-city-awards>

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

25. 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**

26. 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**

27. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

29. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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