

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

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 Cllr J Pryor

1. The Youth Activity funding round has been successful for 2019/20.
2. A meeting has taken place with ward members to discuss the Youth Summit which will take place in January. Voice and & Influence team are looking into the confirmation of a venue.

Environment: Champion – Cllr A Garthwaite

3. The Inner North West Sub Group meeting was held on the 8 April 19. The next meeting will be on the 15 October 19.

Student Changeover meeting has been arranged for 16 September for services to plan ahead for the following year.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

The service request figures in the table below cover the period from 18th March to 6th July 2019 (data inputting had not been completed up to 25th July at the time the report was processed).

Ward	Headingley & Hyde Park	Little London & Woodhouse	Weetwood
Total number of service requests	587	469	326

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Enforcement service requests			
Domestic waste issues	22	12	6
Waste in gardens	18	8	7
Fly tipping cases	11	19	23
Commercial waste issues	4	5	5
Litter problems	5	2	3
Abandoned vehicles	2	1	7
Street cleansing service requests			
Fly tipping	280	236	75
Litter	20	18	15
Housing Void Gardens	0	3	4
Housing Communal Area Maintenance	1	4	2
Housing Vulnerable Gardens	0	2	0

Since March there has been a number of high profile spectator events within the area, including The Tour De Yorkshire, Half Marathon, Triathlon and Cricket World Cup. Additional resources were provided to ensure any waste created from these events was removed promptly.

The Student Changeover period ran smoothly, with lots of positive feedback on a swift response to rectifying waste issues (following figures are for Headingley & Hyde Park and Little London & Woodhouse wards).

From Sunday 23rd June to Friday 5th July the refuse wagon used by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team collected a total of 122 tonnes of waste. This is additional to the regular scheduled Waste Management refuse collections and the extra collections Waste Management made during this period.

From 24th June to 6th July Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) caged vehicles collected a total of 74 tonnes of waste. As a comparison during the previous month from 20th May to 1st June vehicles had collected a total of 15 tonnes of waste. Therefore the team collected almost 5 times more waste than normal. Headingley Development Trust – provided the equipment

Combining the above figures the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have removed 196 tonnes of waste during our busiest 2 week period of student changeover.

Work with community groups continues, action days with resident groups have been held, including with The Little Woodhouse Community Association (LL&W) and on Silk Mill Drive (Weetwood) and Iveson Drive (Weetwood). Graffiti removal kits were provided to the Headingley Development Trust for their project in the centre of Headingley with local businesses, they have now distributed more of these kits with local groups as the project has progressed. The groups include; Ash Road Area Residents Association, Vineyard Church (Bennett Road), Cardigan Triangle Residents Association, Beckett's Park Residents Association, Little Woodhouse Community Association and North Hyde Park Residents Association.

LASBT

There are currently 56 open cases within the Inner North West area.

The ward breakdown is:

Headingley & Hyde Park - 18

Little London & Woodhouse - 8

Weetwood - 7

Kirkstall - 23

The main case type in this area is unsurprisingly noise nuisance which accounts for 17 of the active cases

Little London & Woodhouse

Ongoing 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. Closure orders gained in relation to ASB in the communal areas of Holborn Towers. There are 2 orders, one that closes the communal areas to non-residents, and one that relates to a specific flat within the block.

Headingley & Hyde Park

See also Student issues and proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

Kirkstall

Closure being considered in relation to a property on Latchmere Drive in relation to rowdy behaviour, violent offences and alleged drug supply

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. Possession application is with Legal Services

Injunction gained relating to a male in Clayton Grange for harassment/threats of violence.

Weetwood

- Closure order gained and then extended in relation to a property on Silk Mill Approach – papers have also been served in relation to possession proceedings.

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 start of the academic terms which is likely to include additional Out Of Hours shifts to supplement the existing provision in the student dense areas using committee funding.
- In relation to student noise issues, In Quarter 1, LASBT have issued: 30 Noise witnessed letters issued and noise abatement notices to 41 addresses equating to 174 named notices
- A large house party occurred on Granby Road which resulted in the tenants being served with an abatement notice, and then made subject to a closure order
- A largescale street party organised by University of Leeds students occurred on Hessle View which resulted in a large number of complaints. Abatement notices were served and breached, the police had to assist in dispersing the party using a large number of officers and a dog unit. The music equipment was seized.
- A further street party was planned for the Hessles area and LASBT were able to intervene using community protection warnings and abatement notices. The street event was cancelled, however a house party still took place which caused nuisance – follow up work is ongoing
- Work is ongoing to identify and engage with companies who openly advertise and provide sound systems for “house parties” – previously Community Penalty Warnings (CPW) have been used to good effect.
- CPWs are also being considered for the top 5 problematic landlords i.e. those who we have regular complaints about their tenants and specific properties.

Proposed Public Space Protection Order (PPSPO)

This has been considered that it will bring together the existing Headingley and Little Woodhouse PSPOs in relation to street drinking; expand the area, and use enhanced prohibitions to cover a number of behaviours. These behaviours include street drinking, group related nuisance, carrying out street party events and use of psychoactive substances. This impacts Headingley/Hyde Park ward in the main, and to a lesser extent Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood. Ward members are consulted and work is ongoing to meet deadline for Safer Leeds Executive Board.

Employment, Skills and Welfare : Champion Cllr C Knight

4. Update to be provided in next Community Committee meeting.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr N Walshaw

5. Inner North West Health and Wellbeing Network – What is it?

The INW HWB Network is a partnership consisting of deprived neighbourhood based organisations taking an organic, asset based approach to improve service delivery and engage further with communities around health and wellbeing programmes. The core function of the Network is to strengthen partnerships through the form of networking, sharing ideas, contacts, resources and information, presentations, establishing common grounds and making links between services to allow enhanced quality and collaboration to take place across the area.

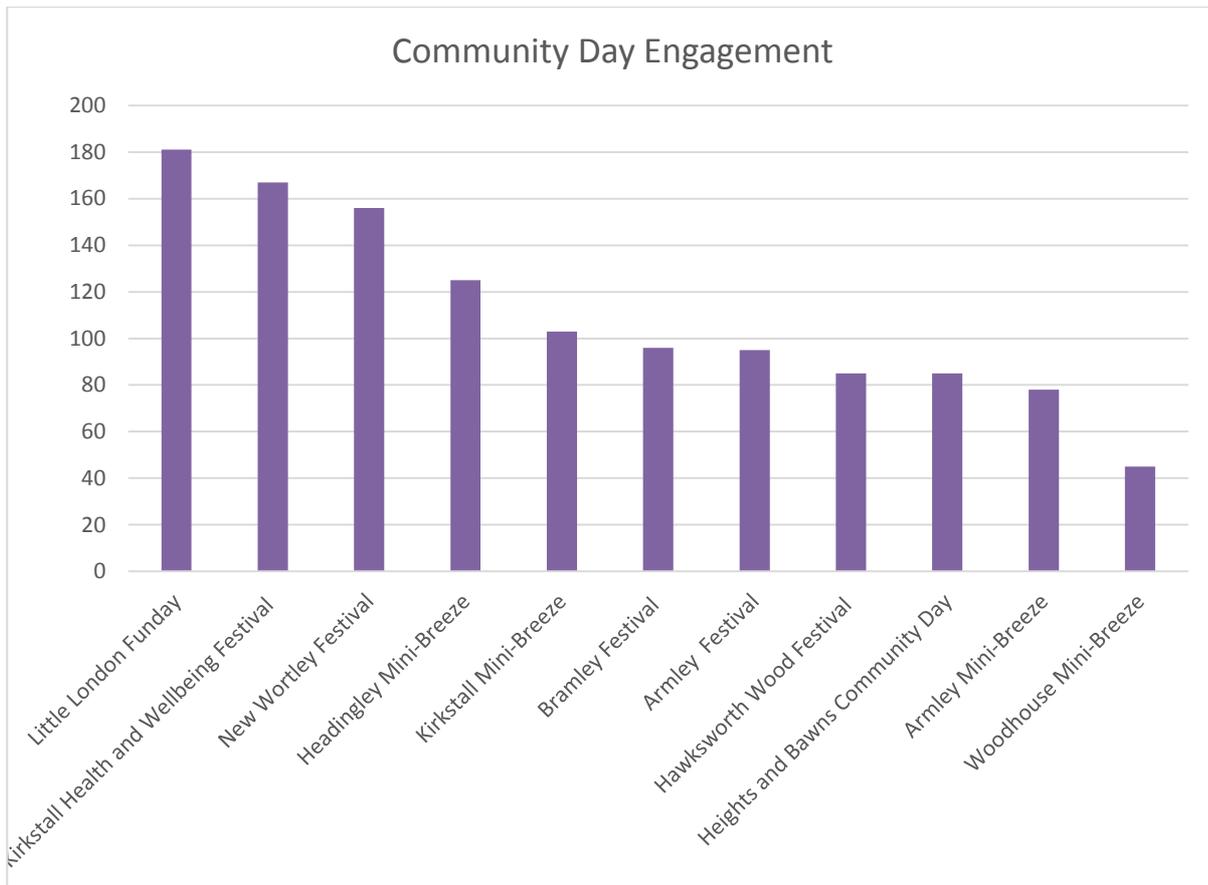
What happened?

WNW A wider partner speed networking event took place in July at Armley Leisure Centre. Partners had the opportunity to speak individually to all other attendees and then contact details were shared after the event and also the option of being added to the WNW Health Wellbeing Partnership distribution list was offered. 27 people attended from across all sectors, feedback was positive with some new contacts and joint working opportunities identified.

Referrals and signposting to health and wellbeing services at this summer's Little London Community Day

This year's weekend event was very successful as usual and has seen numbers and its importance grow over recent years since it was effectively re-established in the area. Drawing from all INW areas it is very well attended. This meant that our community wellbeing services and third sector organisations who attend every year saw an increase in referrals into services that improve and protect the mental and emotional health of some of our most vulnerable citizens such as the LCC commissioned Better Together contracts. One You Leeds which helps people manage their weight, get more active and stop smoking also saw an increase in information requests and signposting. The graph below illustrates the importance of this fantastic fun community day for local residents.

Most successful community days in terms of engagement to community and health and wellbeing services.



One You Leeds

Summer Nutrition campaign 2019 – 22nd July – 22nd August

The aim of the summer nutrition campaign is to raise awareness of healthier meal options for adults in Leeds by delivering a local level campaign. There are 500 copies of OYL Recipes Cards as well as outreach activity on offer to support people to engage and consider healthier options.

OYL will be offering free Eat well and Cook well support, guidance on ways to cook more and eat better through outreach activity and opportunities on the One You Leeds website and links to the NHS guidance and apps.

Key Messages: How will YOU eat well this summer? The lengthening days and warmer weather provides a great opportunity to cook and eat well with friends and family. How will you eat well this summer?

Facilitated by Reed Momenta, a range of campaign materials will be available through these key channels:

- Web advertising: Paid and organic content promoting easy ways to cook and eat well and a One You Leeds homepage campaign takeover.
- Marketing Materials: Free recipe cards to support the campaign

Getting Involved

We are really keen to raise awareness of Eat Well this summer with people who might benefit from taking part. Some suggested ways to get involved.

1) Talk about the campaign

The key is to make the most noise about Eat Well this summer. People can be directed to speak to a Health Coach at One You Leeds to maximise their chances of success. Signpost to oneyouleeds.co.uk for more information.

2) Promote the campaign through newsletters, websites and communication channels.

3) Hand out / display copies of the promotional materials

FREE copies of our marketing materials can be requested by emailing christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk

4) Embed the campaigns messages in any activities, events, courses and workshops that you deliver.

5) Support the campaign on social media

Follow @ One You Leeds and Like on Facebook to get involved. There is a lot of content that can be shared.

8) Share with us what you are doing to promote the campaign so you can inspire others

Email christine.lunn@reedmomenta.co.uk with details

Smoke Free Side-lines

Public Health have been working alongside Active Leeds and West Riding FA to introduce a smoke free side-lines initiative across the city. The initiative aims to create better health promoting environments, protect children and young people from tobacco smoke and provide them with a smoke-free environment at sport facilities.

Smoking is a significant cause of preventable deaths in Leeds and contributes to increasing health inequalities. Smoking is understood to often be a childhood addiction with evidence showing most adult smokers start smoking at a young age with 66% of smokers starting before they are 18. Young people are most at risk of becoming smokers themselves if they grow up in communities where smoking is the norm.

Smoke-free Side-lines is aimed at sports clubs and leagues and looks to support adults involved in sport and physical activity to understand their responsibility as positive role models. It is about promoting a sports club as a healthy and inclusive place, where the wellbeing of all, but particularly children and young people, is a priority.

It is planned to launch the Smoke-free side-lines initiative in Leeds (and other West Yorkshire areas) in September 2019, coinciding with the new football season and school year. Bespoke digital infographic posters are currently being developed for each local authority in West Yorkshire to support and promote the initiative.

For more information please contact; Paul.Lambert@leeds.gov.uk

Housing

6. Performance data relates to week 18 of the financial year 2019/20.

Number of Universal Credit Cases:-

Cumulative figures from October.

The numbers are based on housing office area data and not Ward based data for the Headingly & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse areas, these show as Little London.

Weetwood 119 claimants, average rent arrears per case = £44.82

Little London 276 claimants, average debt per case = £123.12

The number of new claimants are increasing, 395 claimants who are LCC tenants in the Inner North West Community Committee area.

Rent Collection: Financial week 18

Little London – 95.79%

Weetwood - 95.27%

The APAs are due to be paid on week 19 (managed payments for universal credit claimants)

Arrears:-

Little London - £297,987 3.19%

Weetwood - £152,688 3.41%

There is no target for rent arrears, however this figure should be as low as possible, the aim is to deliver an improvement on the previous financial year, thus reducing rent arrears debt in the Wards.

Notices of Intention to Seek Possession served for rent arrears:-

Little London - 68

Weetwood - 32

There is no target set for Notices to be served.

Annual Home Visits completed:-

Little London - 41.92%

Weetwood - 50.44%

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

Lettings Number of properties let to date.

Little London - 41

Weetwood - 19

Walkabouts: - financial year 19/20

Little London – 46

Weetwood - 20

Good news stories will be presented in the next report.

Housing Advisory Panel

7. 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

8. Community Engagement: Festivals

Little London Fun Day 23rd July

Hyde Park Unity Day 3rd August

9. The Youth Service

We 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.

The after-school mobile at Ralph Thorseby is a successful session with young people seeking support on a range of issues, including relationships, health, confidence, bereavement, family issues, and accessing 3-in-1 services. A group of young people in Yr7/8 are being targeted for early intervention to minimise their risk of asb involvement during the summer and we actively promote positive choices with them, particularly around behaviour/school.

Support has been given to older young people who have been struggling at college and at risk of dropping out and this has had a positive impact on several who identified their strengths and interests and as a result had the confidence to change courses and remain EET with a number benefitting from referrals to the Pathways Support Team.

Little London & Woodhouse

Youth Space on Friday evenings at Little London Community Centre is going well with young people enthusiastically taking part in a varied programme of activities and groupwork.

Attendance has become high and reached capacity as we begin transition ready for the next academic year 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.

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 and have created an invitation for elected members to come and enjoy a meal one evening with them.

Mobile provision is offering support to young people in the Burley Lodge area and engaging with those at risk of anti social behaviour.

Weetwood

Welcome In Youth Café – this provision is much-needed by local young people and is well attended, delivered in partnership with Youthpoint. Vulnerable young people with a range of abilities take part and the provision is a good example of partnership working.

The Friday **mobile provision** is an information space where young people can meet Pathways Support staff and access 3-in-1 services. New groups of young people across the area have been engaged with.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A group from Little London went to Herd Farm Activity Centre at half term and had a great day overcoming their fears on the Giant Swing and working well together in teams to complete the assault course as well as getting quite competitive over archery.



Starting the Summer holidays with an activity day at Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre, 25th July, trying out kayaking, indoor caving and paddleboarding.



Partnership work with the Safer Schools Officers :

We co-worked an activity day on 1st August at LSAC for young people from Weetwood identified by Ralph Thorseby and Lawnswood Safer Schools Officers. They were chosen due to lower confidence, or already being involved in low-level asb and the activities were to develop positive behaviour choices with follow-up work to take place particularly for two individuals whose behaviour was quite challenging.



Little London Community Day:

The Youth Service were pleased to support the annual Little London Community Fun day and enjoyed taking the coconut shy to the event. The day was extremely busy with youth workers engaging with hundreds of young people and giving out more than 100 coconuts.

(Pictured - Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP trying to win a coconut)



Community Engagement: Social Media

- 7 **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner North West Community Committee Facebook page.
- 8 Future update reports will also include the Inner North West Community Committee Newsletter. The newsletter will be provided twice a year for the December and March Committee meetings.

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.