

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

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 Cllr Amanda Carter

3. The Outer West environment sub group was held at Pudsey Town Hall on 10th September 2019.
4. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team updated sub group members on their leaf sweeping schedule and agreed to consult members prior to work beginning to discuss hot spot areas. They also spoke about their involvement in Housing estate walkabouts and fly tipping.
5. Parks & Countryside then updated subgroup members on a range of work been carried out by them in the Outer West including potential improvement work to Western Flatts

Park, Pudsey Park Development Plans and Improvement to access at Calverley Woods.

6. Waste Management then spoke about actions that are been considered to reduce missed bin collections in the Outer West, especially around the Bawn estate.
7. Housing then provided an update on their estate walkabouts and the work they are carrying out in the area such as re-painting railings on the Heights & Bawns.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th December at 2pm at Farnley Hall, on the agenda is a discussion with Parks & Countryside on the delivery of the Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Strategy consultation.

Community Safety: Champion Cllr Amanda Carter – Update from Insp Sarah Towers

9. West Neighbourhood Policing Team are currently operating out of Weetwood Police Station, due to the refurbishment of Pudsey Police Station; the work is anticipated to take several months. During this time, the same level of service will be provided in all of the areas by the same staff, and there should be no impact on the local Communities.
10. Inspector Sarah Towers is due to move from her current role on the 1st November and will be replaced by Inspector Phil Gill, who has most recently been a Response Inspector at Elland Road, but who has a background in Neighbourhood Policing.
11. We have also welcomed PS Nathan Goodwin to Team 3 from a Response posting at Elland Road.

Outer West Priorities

12. West Neighbourhood Policing Team have continued to work towards the following Ward Based Priorities over the last few months.
13. Pudsey - Youth related Anti-Social Behaviour in the Town Centre and surrounding areas / Residential and Commercial Burglaries
14. Farnley/Wortley – Anti-Social Behaviour on the Heights Estate and more recently the Whincovers
15. Calverley/ Farsley - Youth related ASB in Farsley/ Off Road Bikes and Quads / Residential and Commercial Burglaries

Pudsey

16. The Team have continued to work with partners from the Anti-social Behaviour Team, Housing, Council, Youth Services and Education, to address issues with youth related ASB in Pudsey Town Centre. We are aware, that there have been issues around the Bus Station and some residential locations within the Town Centre, and we have been directing resources to the area where possible. Work is currently ongoing with a range of Partners to look at enhancing youth provisions locally; to provide young people with interesting, relevant and appropriate activities to undertake.
17. During the summer months we had significant resources from our team deployed into the area and we successfully utilised Dispersal Orders on several occasions. A number of arrests were made for a variety of offences, and follow up work undertaken by staff from Education and the Anti-social behaviour team to try and prevent the same individuals causing issues again.
18. There has been an increase in the number of Commercial Burglaries over recent weeks, across the Pudsey and West Leeds area. The offenders have targeted Hairdresser's and Schools amongst other properties. At this time 2 arrests have been made, and a number of vehicles believed to have been involved in the offences have been seized. At the time of writing, the number of offences has reduced, but we are continuing to monitor this on a daily basis. Our Crime Prevention Officer and PCSO's have also been out providing advice to Local Businesses.
19. In recent months we have located a number of Cannabis Farms, at addresses in the Pudsey area. A number of arrests have been made, but we still need Community Intelligence to help us identify addresses where this type of activity is taking place.

Farnley/ Wortley

20. The Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Behaviour committed by a small group of individuals on the Heights Estate, has continued to be an issue. Police, Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Team Officers have been dealing with the issues and the offenders. Many of the offenders are now subject to Injunctions with strict conditions, and we continue to enforce these where evidence is available.
21. More recently, there have been significant reports of Anti-Social Behaviour on the Whincover Estate. On occasions we have had reports of up to 30 people present in the street, and on more than one occasion, Police Officers and PCSO's have been attacked with Fireworks and other objects. A full Multi-Agency response to this issues has been implemented and we are currently in the process of identifying those persons who are the most significant risk, and will be seeking to work with Education and Families. We will continue to work in this location on a daily basis.

Calverley / Farsley

22. We are aware, and continue to address issues with Youth related ASB in Farsley. There are a couple of residential locations which have been mostly affected and Officers from the Police have been working with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Housing and local Councillors to address this. It is apparent that some of the young people are not from the local area, and have been visiting friends from elsewhere. We will monitor this situation over the coming weeks and will utilise ASB powers to prevent further issues should this become necessary.
23. Off Road Bikes/ Quads – Continue to cause concern primarily in Calverley. We have had some coverage by the Leeds Off Road Bike Team, but this has been limited due to resourcing. We believe the Bikes to come mainly from the Bradford area, and are seeking to work with our Bradford colleagues to target the key offenders.
24. Burglary Residential – There have been a couple of offences recently overnight in the Calverley area, but not to the same levels as we have experienced previously. Going back 2 months ago, there were 2 young males arrested in the area for Conspiracy to commit Burglary. Last week, we had 2 offences, but Officers have been working extended tours to try and combat this and we have had no more reports this week.

Children and Families: Champion Cllr P Carlill

Peer Inspections

25. There were three inspections carried out in the summer across the peer inspection programme. The inspections also include mystery shopping with young people taking part as well as interviewing the lead person for the activity.
26. Multi Activity Camps at Pudsey Leisure, Tuesday 13th August, Dazl Dance at Swinnow Community Centre, Friday 23rd August 2019 and West Leeds Activity Centre, Climbing Wall in Tyersal, Friday 23rd August.
27. A full report from the peer inspection programme will be available at the end of October and will be shared with all areas across the city.

Youth Summit

28. The Outer West Youth Summit event took place at Leeds Civic Hall on Wednesday 2nd October where young people learnt about democracy, met the Lord Mayor and had the opportunity to choose what activities they would like to be delivered in their locality.
29. The event was a great success, with six schools from across Outer West attending along with young people who came with The Youth Service.

30. A full report will be provided in due course.

Community Engagement: Forums

31. The Pudsey & Swinnow Forum took place on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7pm at Swinnow Community Centre.

32. Leeds City Councils Pudsey Housing Manager was in attendance to discuss garage sites that are available to let and to encourage residents to attend Estate Walkabouts and consider work that could be funded through the Housing Advisory Panel.

33. West Yorkshire Police also attended to discuss crime reduction and how reporting crime can help Senior Police Officers decide where to send their officers.

34. The next Pudsey & Swinnow Forum meeting is scheduled for 25th February 2020 at Swinnow Community Centre, starting at 7pm.

35. The date of the next meeting for Tyersal Forum is 29th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Tyersal Club.

36. Officers from Leeds City Councils Parks & Countryside team will be in attendance along with West Yorkshire Police.

Community Engagement: Social Media

37. **Appendix 1**, 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

38. The partnership meeting was held in September and we have a number of new partners join the meetings.

39. Youth Services sessions on a Friday Night at Hillside Hall are well attended and the numbers are increasing.

40. BARCA voluntary organisation now have a small team working in the area under the Better Together programme.

41. Your Back Yard voluntary sector organisation has now started work in the area after securing funding. The overall aim of the project is to;

To develop and deliver a programme of activities and interventions aimed at improving peoples physical health, and well-being, across the Heights and Bawns area, for all ages and sectors of the community,

The key outcomes will be

Improving people's physical health

Improving well being

Reducing isolation and loneliness

Reducing digital exclusion

Bring people together, improving community cohesion

42. In order to improve the environmental appearance of the Bawn estate Housing Leeds with the support of Ward Councillors identified areas on the estate that required some attention to uplift the physical appearance. The painting of railings and handrails on the estate were identified as a starting point. Housing Leeds secured the painting of railings & handrails on the Bawns estate in two phases. Phase 1 Bawn Avenue and Phase 2 Bawn Gardens. Housing Leeds painting contractor 'Mitee Property Services' agreed to undertake the work free of charge as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility contribution to Leeds. The painting work has started on phase 1 Bawn Avenue and the difference is visible already.

43. Police & Housing have met in preparation to Bonfire Night and that if anything is left on the streets that poses a risk to report this and the Cleaner Neighbourhood teams will do regular estate inspections and clear items.

Outer West Housing Advisory Panel – update from Rukhsana Mahmood

44. The Outer West Housing Advisory Panel meet to consider the funding of environmental and community projects and services that benefit Housing Leeds Tenants, in the wards of Farnley/Wortley, Calverley/Farsley & Pudsey. The HAP is represented by three ward members, Councillors Peter Carlill, Cllr Patricia Smith and Cllr Ann Blackburn.

45. Funding Priorities:

To enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including those that address littering, dog fouling and overgrown shrubs and trees. To support projects that give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of health & wellbeing including mental health & social inclusion. To support community cohesion projects and engagement projects that address social problems ie ASB, burglary, drugs and domestic violence. To support projects that assist tenants affected by Universal Credit and other welfare reforms, budgeting, numeracy & literacy skills, jobs and skills projects.

46. The Outer West Housing Advisory Panel has 8 tenant members and has 3 vacancies to fill. The panel have Co-opted 1 member and 2 friends of HAPS these are local tenants or residents who are happy to share ideas and comments about funding application or HAP priorities but who aren't able to attend face to face meetings. This is in the spirit of broadening membership, removing barriers and giving more tenants and residents the opportunity to make a contribution.
47. Following the HAP review last year there is a move towards the use of social media to promote the works and gain potential bids from the wider community. We continue to recruit HAP members across the city and, it is hoped, social media will play a strong role in this process and in appealing to our younger tenants. Each HAP area now has its own officer run HAP Facebook page. All consultations link into this and the page advertises for bids and panel members.
48. One of the final changes linked to the HAP review was about sharing more relevant local housing information – an update about local housing teams' activity or performance that HAPs could better relate and respond to. For example thinking about an environmental project in a certain area if walkabout feedback was highlighting a recurring issue.
49. We will be sharing material at the Outer West HAP meetings over the next couple of months about the Big Leeds Climate Conversation.
50. We have started sharing with HAPs some updated budget monitoring sheets – keeping all the details we previously shared, but adding a summary to show HAP spend against each priority. In order to be able to better track the spending against each priority as shown below.

Budget Summary Sheet 2019/20		Totals	2019/20 Budget Expenditure	HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Other funding confirmed/given in kind	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
	Budget for 2019/20	£ 41,388.95	19.12%	Environment & Housing	5	3	£ 1,451.60	£ 4,021.12	10.38%
	Carry Forward from 2018/19	-£ 2,641.19		Health & Well-being	7	5	£ 700.00	£ 3,387.00	8.74%
	TOTAL 2019/20 BUDGET	£ 38,747.76	% available	Community Safety	1	0	£ -	£ -	0.00%
	Approved Budget Spend 2019/20	£ 7,408.12	80.88%	Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	£ -	0.00%
	Available Budget	£ 31,339.64		Outer West Total	13	8	£ 2,151.60	£ 7,408.12	19.12%

Housing - update from Sophie Roberts (Housing Manager)

Pudsey

51. The Pudsey Team have recently completed all of quarter two walkabouts. We looked at the walkabout process and look at ways we could improve the process and it was recognised closer working was needed with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. The

team now try and attend all walkabouts, this gives both teams the opportunity to identify work on the patch but also to prevent any work being raised to the incorrect teams. This piece of work has improved the working relationship between both teams greatly. As part of the walkabout the Housing Officers look to identify any potential HAP bids (Housing Advisory Panel) This year HAP has agreed to a gate being installed on a block of flats in the Pudsey area. The green space was constantly getting fouled on and this was preventing the grass being cut. In order to prevent this funding to install a gate to stop the fouling was applied for and was successful. The teams continue to identify such pieces of work to improve the environment.

52. The Pudsey Team are also looking at ways of linking in with Swinnow Community Centre. The Housing Manager and Team Leader recently met with the centre to look at ways of working together for the benefit of both the community centre and residents living in the area. The Housing Office are in the process of looking at a HAP bid to fund an activity at the centre which would be of benefit to Housing Leeds's residents.

Calverley and Farsley

53. Marsden Court in Farsley have an active residents group, as part of the work the group they complete they have a gardening group. The group applied via HAP for garden furniture and also a lawn mower. Recently the group entered the In Bloom competition and won gold. This was excellent recognition for the hard work that the group put in.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

55. 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 Policies and City Priorities

56. 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

57. 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

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

Risk Management

59. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

62. 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.



Outer West Community Committee
FACEBOOK highlights
 4th September 2019 – 18th October 2019

Since 4th September 2019 the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page has gained: **62 new page 'likes'** (and currently has) **1094 followers**.

There are two things to note in general:

- 'reach' is the number of people the post was delivered to
- 'engagement' is the number of reactions, comments or shares

Engagement tends to be a better way of gauging if people are interested and have read the posts because they wouldn't have interacted with it otherwise. For example, a post might reach 1,000 people but if they all scroll past and don't read it, the engagement is 0 and it hasn't been an effective way for the Community Committee to communicate.

Having said that, all posts can be read without any further interaction!!

By far the most popular post since the 4th September was the post regarding Youth Space club in Farnley.

- **has been shared 2 times**
- **has reached a total of 980 people**

The following are screenshots of the most popular three posts since the 4th September. Alongside it are the figures for how many people were 'reached' and how many people 'engaged' with the post.

1st Place – 980 people had this post delivered to them and it had **64** post clicks, with **14**likes, comments and shares.



Performance for your post

980 People Reached		
14 Likes, Comments & Shares		
11 Likes	5 On Post	6 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares
64 Post Clicks		
5 Photo views	0 Link clicks	59 Other Clicks
NEGATIVE FEEDBACK		
0 Hide post	0 Hide all posts	
0 Report as spam	0 Unlike Page	

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts



2nd Place – 849 people had this post delivered, with **42** post clicks. There was also **8** likes, comments and shares.

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Pudsey & Swinnow Community Forum!
A resident meeting for people who live or work in the Pudsey & Swinnow area.
The meeting is chaired by your local councillors.... See more

What's happening in Pudsey & Swinnow
Join the conversation and have your say

Tuesday 8th October 2019, 7pm at Swinnow Community Centre, LS13 4RF.

On the agenda...

- **HOUSING**
- **HOUGH SIDE SCHOOL UPDATE**
- **POLICE UPDATE**

For more information contact Karen 0113 3785808
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Facebook.com/OuterWestCC @_YourCommunity

Performance for your post

849 People Reached

8 Likes, Comments & Shares 📊

4 Likes	4 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Comments	2 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares

42 Post Clicks

7 Photo views	0 Link clicks 📊	35 Other Clicks 📊
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

0 Hide post	2 Hide all posts	
0 Report as spam	0 Unlike Page	

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3rd Place – 222 people had this post delivered to them. There were **13** post clicks, with **3** likes, comments and shares.

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**Employment Leeds
Job opportunity**

Apprentice Workshop Technician

Employer: Leeds City Council

Location: LS1 3AD

Salary: A1 - £17,364 to £17,711. Temporary

Hours: 37

Closing Date: 30 September 2019, 11.30pm

Overview:

Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Service has an excellent, established apprenticeships programme. We now have an exciting opportunity to become an **Apprentice Land Based Engineer** in our Workshop within our Transport and Engineering team.

You will receive extensive on the job training in our machine workshop, a recognised relevant qualification from a leading agricultural college and the opportunity to participate in master classes, which will significantly enhance the learning experience and outcome.

You will also have the opportunity to learn about leadership skills, health and safety, effective communication and team working. You will be paired with an experienced member of staff who acts as a mentor to help guide you through your apprenticeship.

If you are hardworking and committed and are interested in developing new skills and working as part of our team we want to hear from you!

Salary - £9.00 per hour progressing to a craft grade following successful completion of the programme.

How to apply:

Use this link: <https://jobs.leeds.gov.uk/apprenticeship-communities-environment-apprentice-workshop-technician/33619.job>

Performance for your post

222 People Reached

3 Likes, Comments & Shares 📊

1 Likes	1 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Comments	1 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares

13 Post Clicks

2 Photo views	1 Link clicks 📊	10 Other Clicks 📊
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

0 Hide post	0 Hide all posts	
0 Report as spam	0 Unlike Page	

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