

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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For consideration

Inner North East 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: Councillor Mohammed Shahzad

3. The Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit was held at The Banqueting Suite in the Civic Hall on Wednesday 6 November 2019. The youth summit included a visit to the council chambers and lunch at the Rose Bowl. The event was promoted through clusters and directly to schools. 83 pupils attended in total with representation from 10 different schools (including 3 secondary schools).
4. Pupils attended from all three wards in the Community Committee area. The pupils engaged well with a tour and had the opportunity to ask questions to the Lord Mayor,

and their local councillors. Pupils learnt about how local decisions are made. The young people also took part in an exercise that reflected the funding process that the local councillors go through when deciding what projects to fund.

5. A discussion took place on the climate emergency issue. The young people also took part in a game where they had to guess how much CO2 would be used for a number of individual activities or items.
6. Following the youth summit and the list of activities that the young people want to see funding, a 'funding round' will open on 1 December 2019 until 31 January 2020.

Environment: Councillor Sharon Hamilton - INE Environmental Sub Group

7. The INE Environmental Sub Group met on 20 November 2019. The meeting was chaired by the INE Environment Champion, Cllr Sharon Hamilton, and attended by Cllr Mohammed Rafique (Chapel Allerton) and representatives from Parks & Countryside and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
8. The sub group heard a presentation Parks & Countryside in regards to the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2020 – 2030. The service is currently consulting on its vision for the future of Leeds City Council owned and managed public parks and green spaces beyond 2020, and a strategy for how to deliver that vision over the next 10 years. It has been recommended that the service comes to the next Community Committee in March 2020.
9. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team update the sub group in regards to de-leafing programme and some of the challenges that they have experienced with heavy rainfall and broken machinery. The service at the same time has also been involved with clean ups after festive switch on events. Despite this, the service has given reassurance to ward members that all will be on track by the end of this month. The also informed the ward members of the staffing that will be in place over the two weeks festive break.

Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique

Leeds Anti-Social Behavioural Team Review

10. Following on from the service review, the triage process is set to go live in December 2019. All posts have been recruited to and training is being organised and the final scripts agreed. Briefing note will follow for all members to explain the finer workings and how their enquiries will be handled.
11. The community MARAC process has been agreed, the final list of expected attendees is being drawn up and agreed. Invitees will be requested on a case by case basis depending on the requirements of the meeting.

12. The Anti Social Behaviour Strategy and “service offer” has been agreed by the steering group. Out of Hours Noise Service remains under review with the service design team, further updates to follow.

Current “Hotspot” Areas

13. **Meanwood** – Farm Hill area, casework centred around one particular address and family robust enforcement action is planned imminently to close the property down.

14. **Chapel Allerton** – Town Street Walk and surrounding area, issue with street drinking linked to three addresses and also linked to domestic violence, after numerous warnings along with offers of support, three premises closure orders were obtained and the problem has now abated.

15. **Chapelton** – Spencer Place, an AIR BNB property, Earl Cowper House – significant and regular noise nuisance caused by large scale parties involving large number, loud music drugs and alcohol. Again robust enforcement action is imminent to close the property down.

Police Update

Crime and Anti Social Behaviour Overview

16. **Firework related ASB in and around Potternewton Park.** Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) have increased patrols in the area. Preparations have been made for a “test purchasing” operation to be carried out at locations selling fireworks. NPT are checking other locations that may be selling them without a license.

17. **A couple targeting vulnerable people in Potternewton Court area.** NPT have increased patrols in an attempt to identify two people, a male and a female who may be targeting the residents of Potternewton Court, many of which are disabled or elderly. The couple are suspect for at least one crime and are believed to be local.

18. **Anti-social behaviour in Bronte House.** It is believed that local youths are responsible for an increase in anti-social behaviour and possibly criminal damage in the Bronte House block of flats. NPT will be patrolling the area and be on the lookout to identify youths. Some parents of potential suspects have already been spoken to.

19. **Harassment of Spencer Place Health Centre staff.** NPT are aware that some staff that work at the Health Centre on Spencer Place have been victim of verbal abuse about parking on local streets. NPT are attempting to identify suspect/s and patrol around the area to try and ease tensions.

20. **Police presence outside schools to deter bad parking and speeding.** Local school has reported an increase in issues of bad/obstructive parking outside school at drop off/pick up times. NPT have provided high visibility presence and a deterrent and advice to some parents.

21. **Gledhow Valley Road/Lincombe Drive/Brackenwood Drive.** Anti-social behaviour and youths throwing stones at cars and passer-bys. A problem solving occurrence has been created. Suspect/s have been identified and are being dealt with accordingly.
22. **West Avenue** A decrease in reports of speeding cars in the vicinity recently. Patrols will be increased near to Halloween and Bonfire night.
23. Four new PCSO's have started with the North East NPT team.

Partnership working and Problem solving

24. North East Leeds Crime Prevention Officer attended Rosewood Court, Roundhay, to give a one hour burglary security talk to elderly residents on the 25 September.
25. Complaints from residents with regards to speeding cars on Gledhow Valley Road - speed operation implemented in the area with the speed gun. Two tickets were given out to members of the public and lots of words of advice. If councillors/local residents feel that another speed operation needs to be implemented in another part of Roundhay they should let Roundhay NPT know.
26. Speed surveys carried out with Leeds City Council to fit speed strips on West Avenue. Vehicles so far not travelling as fast as suggested will continue to monitor.
27. Local NPT to attend various businesses in the Roundhay area in conjunction with Leeds City Council Child Sexual Exploitation team to make them aware of the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation and who they can call anonymously to report this particularly around Lidgett Lane shops.
28. PCSOs to deliver firework and bonfire safety talks to local primary schools. Working with Leeds Fire Service to identify individuals involved in using or distributing fireworks. Organising fire safety workshops within school to promote awareness and the dangers.
29. Test purchasing preparations in the Chapel Allerton area with regards to visiting locations selling fireworks and intelligence to suggest locations selling them.
30. Regular patrols of Chapel Allerton Park and Potternewton Park continuing with four young people detained for searches last week. Four community resolutions issued and all parents visited. NPT are continuing to monitor calls and prioritise the areas for patrols. ASB warning letters have been served.

Local Meetings and Events:

31. **12 October** - Crime prevention roadshow was held at Aldi at Chapel Allerton. PCSO's available to discuss security matters, concerns for the area.
32. **24 October** - Community contact point at the Reginald Centre. The Crime Prevention Officer gave advice regarding security matters and target hardening.

33. **2 November** - Darker nights/crime prevention roadshow with police exhibition van to be held at Tesco's at Oakwood.

34. **5 November** - Chapel Allerton PACT meeting at Chapel Allerton Methodist Centre.

35. PCSO's to attend at schools in the Roundhay area to discuss firework safety in the up and coming weeks.

Emerging Concerns

36. Current rise in fireworks calls due to time of year in particular Potternewton Park.

37. Positive action taken with regards to suspects causing ASB at Lincombe Drive, extra burglary patrols conducted by PCSOs speed checks and tickets issued around various locations in Roundhay.

Social Media/Community Alert

38. Increase in theft of and from Mercedes sprinter and ford transit panel vans - social media in relation to this and also mention of different ways to provide extra security to van.

39. Mention of Chapel Allerton contact point on social media and community alert.

40. Post encouraging users to join Community Alert. Currently, there are 120 residents in the Chapel Allerton area who are already receiving daily updates.

41. Contacting 999 by text message in relation to deaf awareness week.

42. Security matters - tips on protecting yourself more on the internet

43. Crime prevention newsletter for the autumn period.

44. Halloween poster "no trick or treaters" email address given so that attachment can be sent should residents want poster for family members and friends.

45. No flour and eggs poster for shops relating the sale of these items to youths.

46. Bonfire safety posters - encouraging youths not to use fireworks.

47. Police and crime commissioner funding released for local community groups and how to apply.

Local Priorities

48. Increase of burglaries in the area- PCSO's carrying out hotspot patrols. Providing reassurance and crime prevention advice to victims of burglary.

49. ASB on Gledhow Valley Road and Lincombe Drive - passing attention to be paid in the area. Suspect/s now identified.

50. Halloween and Bonfire patrols in the Roundhay area.

51. Darker nights patrols in the area targeting areas of increased burglaries. High visibility patrols in the area.

52. High holy days reassurance patrols for the Jewish New Year. In particular around Street Lane and Roman Avenue.

53. Speed operations to continue in various areas in Roundhay in relation to speeding.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Jacob Goddard

Benefits Claimants Data

54. Leeds moved onto the full Universal Credit (UC) digital claiming platform on 10 October 2018. This means that new claims by all those who would previously have claimed Jobseeker Allowance (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.

55. The table below shows the number of people age 16-64 from the Community Committee area claiming benefits.

| | JSA Claimants Mar 2019 | ESA Claimants Aug 2018 | UC Claimants (Not in Employment) Mar 2019 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| East North East | 1,910 | 9,210 | 3,380 |
| Inner North East | 490 | 2,490 | 730 |
| Chapel Allerton | 285 | 1,220 | 404 |
| Moortown | 90 | 610 | 143 |
| Roundhay | 115 | 660 | 183 |

Accessing Services

56. The table below shows the number of people from the Community Committee area being supported by the Employment and Skills Service:

| | Accessing Services Apr – Sep 2019 | Into Jobs Apr – Sep 2019 | Improved Skills Apr – Sep 2019 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| East North East | 4,135 | 1,177 | 2,058 |
| Inner North East | 1,143 | 232 | 568 |
| Chapel Allerton | 574 | 115 | 246 |
| Moortown | 248 | 41 | 146 |
| Roundhay | 321 | 76 | 176 |

Employment Hub

57. The Employment Hub is a new ESIF funded three year programme that will provide tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of over 20 Employment Advisors will deliver the programme

providing one to one support for eligible residents. A total of 89 people from the Community Committee area are being supported by this programme, 12 people from the Community Committee area were supported into work. For further information please visit: <https://leedsemploymenthub.co.uk>

Adult Learning

58. The new academic year for Adult Learning started in September 2019. Courses can develop new skills and build confidence and can lead to a qualification or help people back to work. There are more than 1,200 courses available at around 200 venues with places for over 6,000 adults aged 19 years and above. All courses are advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning Course Finder. www.leedsadultlearning.co.uk

Young Person's IAG Charter

59. Leeds Careers Charter aims to raise the bar on careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for all young people in the city and bridge the gap between education and employment to support sustained positive outcomes. Supported by businesses, schools and colleges, the Charter sets out 8 commitments of practical support, which will be offered to inspire young people. This will help them make informed choices and plan their future careers. The recently launched Start in Leeds supports the delivery of the Charter. This online and interactive careers guidance platform provides young people and families with up to-date information about local study and career options and opportunities. The platform also allows young people to build their own digital profile and CV and to search and apply for post-16 full-time education and apprenticeship opportunities. For further information please visit Leeds Careers Charter or www.startinleeds.com

Leeds Apprenticeship Seminars

60. Week commencing Monday 4 November 2019, six industry led Apprenticeship Seminars, Financial and Professional Services and Law; Health and Care; IT, Digital and Media; Construction and Infrastructure; Public Sector (including uniformed services), Manufacturing and Engineering will be delivered at Leeds Beckett University. The seminars will raise the profile of Apprenticeships within the city to young people and their parents/carers. For further information please visit: <https://apprenticeship industry led seminars>

Recovery College

61. The Recovery College was launched in Leeds in September. One of over 85 recovery colleges in the UK and even more worldwide, it takes an educational approach to improving mental health and offers information based workshops and training courses that focus on living mentally and physically well. The first prospectus details a range of courses for people to learn about mental health, work out what keeps them well, and find ways to live better. Courses are open to all adults who live, work or study in the city including carers, family, friends and health and care staff too.

62. Typically, courses are free to attend and provide useful information and tips to make a difference to a person's life, work or study. The uniqueness of the Recovery College is that the offer is completely co designed and delivered by people with lived experience of mental ill health.

63. The college has a steering group and an operational group to help shape, deliver and monitor the development of the offer and the Service is represented at both these to ensure that:

- the provision is aligned within the city's offer as a whole
- that we share best practice, experience and knowledge about reaching communities in some of our most disadvantaged communities
- The college benefits from the existing partnerships that exist within the city and which could support the development of this new provision.

64. For further information please visit: <https://www.leedsandyorkpft.nhs.uk/leeds-recovery-college>

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

65. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner North East Community Committee Facebook page.

Updates from Key Services

Housing

66. So far this year the Inner North East Housing Advisory Panel have approved funding on 12 projects, see below

| Budget by Ward Area | Number of projects submitted | Number of projects approved | Other funding confirmed/given in kind | Amount Committed by Panel | % committed |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| ChapelAllerton | 8 | 6 | £31,767.01 | £9,440.29 | 28.14% |
| Moortown | 4 | 3 | £5,210.00 | £6,510.39 | 19.40% |
| Roundhay | 1 | 0 | £ - | £ - | 0.00% |
| Multiple INE | 2 | 2 | £1,900.00 | £2,910.00 | 8.67% |
| All INE | 2 | 1 | £ - | £1,000.00 | 2.98% |
| Inner North East Total | 17 | 12 | £38,877.01 | £19,860.68 | 59.19% |

67. Community Payback have completed work on 14 referrals while two have been started

| HAP | Number of referrals | Open | Complete | Started | Cancelled | Total contribution to date: | Total number of team days | Overall Return on Investment | % RoI |
|------------------|---------------------|------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Inner North East | 42 | 24 | 14 | 2 | 1 | £6,836.57 | 34 | £10,995.60 | 160.8% |

68. While formal residents groups are very low in number in the INE area with one group – Button Hill TRA registered with Housing Leeds, one group assisted by Citizens Leeds – Beckhill and informal groups (forum meetings) at Potternewton Court and Potternewton Heights.
69. For the past six months the tenant engagement officer has been covering two I have had to split my time between the Inner North East area and the Outer South East area covering for long time sick leave. As my colleague has now returned my time will now be devoted to the INE area.

Community Hubs

70. A recruitment fair took place on 25 September where 15 employers gave advice to customers about jobs and training. Employers included Army Reserves, Street League, Allied Health Care, Catering Leeds, St Gemma's, West Yorkshire Police. Feedback from the employers was – “excellent event and very well organised”, “staff really helpful, definitely worth attending”, “was really busy all day, saw lots of customers”. It was the most successful job fair so far with 87 customers in attendance.
71. The Reginald Centre staff held a McMillan coffee morning on 25 September. Staff baked and cooked a selection of cakes and savoury dishes which were sold to staff and customers. £200 was raised for the charity.
72. This month's cinema club showed “Brave” with around 20 children attending.
73. Kasia Speakman, Senior Transport Manager held an information session to update residents about some proposed changes to the road layout in the area.
74. Leeds City Credit Union had an information event to talk to customers about their services including savings accounts, low cost loans, young saver accounts and bill paying accounts.
75. Get Online sessions took place where customers learn the basics of how to use a PC, seven customers attended.
76. The Lego club has become really popular, this month 27 children attended.
77. Linking Leeds, the new city wide social prescribing team moved into The Reginald Centre this month. 45 new staff will use the hub as a base. They will be occupying 2 rooms which generates £18,000 for the Council.
78. The Conservation Volunteers who run a Green Gym Gardening Group have arranged for their volunteers to do some weeding and plant some spring bulbs in the 2 big beds at the front of the Reginald Centre. This will hopefully promote the group and would provide a beautiful display for all to enjoy come the spring.

79. Leeds Community Gambling Service are responsible for developing links between services and engagement work in the community. They will be raising awareness in our area of their service for both staff within the hubs and members of the public accessing these spaces. They will be attending team meetings initially to talk to staff about their service to raise awareness of gambling related harms. Following this they will come out and have an information stand at each hub to raise awareness and provide promotional materials for customers.
80. East Street Arts have started a 'Make artist books' course. The course teaches customers how to make their own artists books to use for journaling, scrap booking, drawing or writing and also to learn simple illustration techniques. The course is aimed at beginners.
81. Leeds City College University Centre held a free slime making workshop where customers were given the opportunity to have a go at making slime. The team were also on hand to speak to customers about education options at the University centre.
82. This month's cinema club showed Despicable Me with around 40 people attending.
83. Chapeltown & Potternewton Neighbourhood Planning Forum held a community engagement event for the local community to discuss the current neighbourhood plan.
84. As part of Hate Crime Awareness week the anti-social behaviour team along with customer services staff held an interactive stall to advise customers of the Stop Hate App. Picture board photos with the message 'no place for hate' were taken with staff and customers and were tweeted on The Reginald Centre twitter page.
85. The Admissions Team held a drop in session for parents and carers who are applying for a Year 7 place at secondary school in September 2020.
86. Leeds City Credit Union held an information session to talk to customers about their service including low cost loans, savings accounts and current accounts. They have also started a weekly surgery so that customers have a private space to talk to them.
87. Engage Leeds had their Dementia Reminiscence Pod at The Reginald Centre. The pod is aimed to raise awareness of the team and help make the community more dementia friendly. The pod itself is a pop up beach scene, with props to go with it such as beach balls, deck chairs, sand etc. There were also interactive pieces such as smell cubes to take people back to their childhood memories, with the smell of fish and chips, or the sea. Sticks of rock were donated to the team which were given out during the session.
88. Leeds City College University Centre held a free Screen Printing workshop where customers learnt how to screen print and create their own tote bag to take home. The team were on hand to talk to customers about jobs in the field of art.

89. Leeds Involving People – Get Set Leeds - carried out a survey about how physical activity fits into people's lives, and what changes in the city might encourage them to move more.
90. Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service from NHS Leeds Community Healthcare held an information session on Friday 18 October to promote National Developmental Language Disorder day. This is a disorder which is diagnosed when children fail to acquire their own language for no obvious reason. This results in children who have difficulty understanding what people say to them, and struggle to articulate their ideas and feelings.
91. Chapeltown & Harehills Learning Partnerships have commenced their weekly computer classes, these will take place on a Thursday evening for anyone who wants to brush up on their IT skills.

Public Health

Winter Friends-Stay Well This Winter

92. This campaign has just commenced to help the frail and vulnerable stay well and protected this winter within our wards. Below are six short films giving professional advice on topics such staying well, social isolation and how to access Primary Care services.

<https://youtu.be/mULxMgaMwmq> - getting the right care for you and your family.

<https://youtu.be/lx5sYkbnjnc> - protect yourself from infections.

https://youtu.be/HTjRT6_97iQ - poor weather and loneliness.

<https://youtu.be/09xxwUt3YFo> - stay warm and well in your house.

<https://youtu.be/Uk6uPrFSK7I> - keeping active to stay healthy and independent.

<https://youtu.be/wq9ls-FFHf4> - keeping infections at bay.

93. There is up to date training available for local organisations who look after older citizens, frail, vulnerable or those with learning disabilities this winter. For more information please contact; Rachel Brighton Rachel.Brighton2@leeds.gov.uk

Physical Activity for our Children and British Cycling

94. Go Ride for School is a free provision for schools and also local organisations. Sessions available at an introductory level and a more advanced outside of school four hour periods. With the current high level of interest with cycling in Yorkshire this is an opportunity to get local children more interested in cycling and thus increase their levels of physical activity. The scheme has up to twenty bikes to loan children for the sessions if they don't have their own. Cycle maintenance, up keep and general safety sessions are also available.

95. There is also a considerable amount of funding for local organisations and schools to develop their cycling offer from British Cycling.
<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/placestoride>

96. For more information on anything to do with these cycling initiatives please contact Harry Wood - HarryWood@britishcycling.org.uk

Physical Activity for our Children and the Daily Mile

97. This is an effective, evidence based initiative helping to get our primary school children moving more, maintaining a healthy weight and developing healthy habits for life. It involves teachers walking with children in every class every day to set up strong habitual healthy practices. The scheme is set up by the Yorkshire Sports Foundation and has its own dedicated officer to help schools start. <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Careview - The Social Isolation Tool - new features added.

98. We are delighted to announce that the Leeds City Council health app has secured European Space Agency funding to carry on its research work and add new reporting features for the city's community development workers. This is a partnership project with Leeds, Wakefield Age UK, Bury Council and two European cities as yet undecided.

99. For details of the space agency project please contact Abhay Adhikari
contact@digitalidentities.info

100. The signposting tool which is also loaded onto the app for non-health professionals developed by Sue Mulligan has been met with universal approval. For details of the support tool contact. Sue.Mulligan@leeds.gov.uk

SWIFt Service (Supporting Wellbeing and Independence for Frailty)

101. The SWIFt service will support older people who are living with frailty with complex issues who are often (though not always) socially isolated to improve their wellbeing and independence. The SWIFt service has been running for two years as part of Time to Shine managed by Leeds Older Peoples Forum and funded by Big Lottery to tackle loneliness and isolation. To date the model included a citywide service and four locality based services, the existing delivery partners will continue to deliver in their localities with an additional six new local care partnership areas defined by having the greatest need in terms of moderate and severe frailty and deprivation. Delivered by the third sector and funded through IBCF/Public health, the service will offer;

102. Targeted support to older people living with frailty (as per target audiences identified in above section)

103. A holistic assessment of what matters to the person living with frailty, which encompasses identifying the individual's strengths and resilience factors. Key to this, is the SWIFt Worker having time to listen to people's stories and to understand their motivations and aspirations.

104. A person centred approach which involves working together with the individual to identify ways to address what matters to them and how to build on their strengths. This will result in developing an agreed plan with the individual and supporting them to implement it.
105. Practical support to enable the individual to engage with opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing.
106. Solutions that will aim to build on the individual's strengths and assets and improve their confidence, self-esteem and resilience.
107. Support to ensure that individuals are accessing the support services they require.

Community Events

108. The following events have either taken place recently or will take place in the Inner North East area between the submission of this report and the Community Committee meeting date.

Leeds Black Music Festival & Leeds West Indian Carnival

109. The Leeds Black Music Festival (25 August 2019) and Leeds West Indian Carnival (26 August 2019) took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Council officers, local councillors and partners had been involved with planning meetings and community engagement in the lead up to the biggest weekend of the year for the Chapeltown community and one that attracts people from all over Leeds and the UK. The events were another great showcase of the city's vibrant culture and thousands of local people and visitors turned out to enjoy the festivities. Debrief meetings have taken place and will continue in order to ensure that any issues are identified and addressed for future events.

Inner North East Community Committee Funding Fair

110. On 26 October the Inner North East Community Committee in partnership with Voluntary Action Leeds held a funding fair at the Prince Phillip Centre. The event was opened up by Cllr Dowson and Cllr Shahzad. A workshop on Inner North East wellbeing and youth activity funding took place as part of the funding fair. The funding fair was well attended in terms of both stall holders and attendees.

Bonfire Night

111. Roundhay Park hosted its spectacular annual bonfire and fireworks display on Tuesday 5 November. An estimated 70,000 people attend the Roundhay Park event and tens of thousands once again turned out at the park for the bonfire which was set ablaze at 7.30pm before a dramatic fireworks display at 8pm

Festive Lights

112. Festive Lights events took place during November officially starting the build up to Christmas in the Inner North East area. At the time of writing the report the Oakwood, Moortown, Meanwood and Chapel Allerton Festive Lights Switch has taken place.

Oakwood

113. Supported by funding from the INE Community Committee, kicked off a packed week of events on Saturday 10 November as Oakwood Tenants & Residents Association (OTRA) hosted their Christmas Market and Festive Lights event in Oakwood with stalls, music, food and festive fun.

Moortown

114. Moortown Community Group held the switch on event on Tuesday 12 November with another great evening of music, singing, food and drink. This was the first year that the lights took place in the Moortown community garden. A local band called Cosmic Badger performed for the crowd.



Chapel Allerton

115. Chapel Allerton also joined the festive fun on Thursday 14 November with their event at the willow tree in the village centre despite the rain and the cold. Children from Chapel Allerton, St Matthews and Millfield primary schools performed along with Breeze acts. Dancers, Afrobeats, and singing duo performed before the countdown. Athlete, Jonathan Brownlee was joined by the Lord Mayor and Ward Councillors on stage to switch on the lights.



Meanwood

116. Next to turn on their festive lights was Meanwood on 15 November with Meanwood Valley Partnership (MVP) hosting an event in the shopping square on Green Road. This year the excitement kicked off at 4.30pm, with special performances from Allerton High School Choir, Meanwood C of E Primary school choir and North Leeds Community Singers. Local businesses also supported the event by staying open late

and providing refreshments for the crowd. The lights were switched on at 6pm Leeds United's Jamie Shackleton.



Chapeltown

117. On Thursday 21 November, The Reginald Centre hosted the Chapeltown Winter Festival. The event is jointly organised by the Communities Team and Community Hub. The Reginald Centre will see its second lights switch on at 6.15pm. A puppet show by Puppet Kingdom will perform, which will be followed by a puppet making workshop. Also at the event will be, craft activities, Santa's grotto, music and refreshments.



Roundhay/Street Lane

118. At the time of writing the report, the second year of Roundhay Festive Lights Switch On Sunday 24 November at Street Lane parade is still to take place. The event has been organised by Roundhay Residents Association. The festivities will begin from 4pm and the residents group has secured a line-up of local stalls, musicians, and food and drink.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

120. 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

121. 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

122. 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

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

Risk Management

124. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

127. 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.