

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 Decision

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.

3. Appointments to Local Care Partnerships

The Committee deferred making appointments to the Local Care Partnerships at the meeting held in June 2019. Nominations are now being sought to appoint to the following Local Care Partnerships:

- Holt Park LCP & Woodsley LCP (MEET JOINTLY)
- Leeds Student Medical Practice

The link below will take you to the report considered by the Committee in June 2019.

[Leeds Health and Care Plan](#)

4. Main issues

Updates by theme:

5. Children and Families: - Champion Cllr J Pryor

- A meeting was held in January with Cllr Pryor to discuss the establishment of a children and families sub-group to support the committee. The sub-group will meet four times a year with meetings in each ward starting at the beginning of the municipal year.
- A finance workshop was held in February to discuss the YAF applications and make recommendations for funding.

6. Environment: Champion – Cllr A Garthwaite

The Inner North West Environmental Sub Group meeting was held on 21st January 2020. Key points from the meeting:

- Housing will start to invite Cleaner Neighbourhoods to the regular walkabouts who will attend at least twice a year in future
- Parks and Countryside Team will be arranging a meeting with Councillors to discuss the masterplan for Woodhouse Moor. LeedsWatch will be submitting a bid for funding for the wardens service
- A presentation from Parks and Countryside on planned large scale tree planting across Leeds was given and will be given at a future INW Committee meeting
- There was agreement to organise a separate meeting with Abdul Hannan from the Cardigan Centre to consider the issue of graffiti in Hyde Park and the possibility of establishing a new environmental group in the area
- Student Changeover meeting date agreed for February 11th 2020.

7. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

This report is in relation to work completed by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for both street cleansing and environmental action.

The below service request figures cover the period from 9th November 2019 to 21st February 2020.

Ward	Headingley & Hyde Park	Little London & Woodhouse	Weetwood
Total number of service requests	502	466	327
Enforcement service requests			
Commercial waste issues	7	14	2
Domestic waste issues	17	11	6
Fly tipping cases	12	17	4
Litter problems	2	3	2
Waste in gardens	23	5	1
Abandoned vehicles	5	3	8
Street cleansing service requests			
Fly tipping	186	156	84
Litter	12	11	12
Housing Void Gardens	2	0	3
Housing Communal Area Maintenance	0	1	3

Housing Vulnerable Gardens	0	0	2
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8. Employment, Skills and Welfare: Champion Cllr C Knight

Benefits Claimants Data

Leeds moved onto the full Universal Credit (UC) digital claiming platform on 10th 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.

The table below shows the number of people age 16-64 from the Community Committee area that are claiming benefits:

	JSA Claimants Mar 2019	ESA Claimants Aug 2018	UC Claimants (Not in Employment) Mar 2019
West North West	1,785	10,940	3,669
Inner North West	485	2,280	892
Headingley and Hyde Park	115	690	278
Little London and Woodhouse	275	945	456
Weetwood	95	645	158

Accessing Services

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

	Accessing Services Apr – Sep 2019	Into Jobs Apr – Sep 2019	Improved Skills Apr – Sep 2019
West North West	3,128	705	1,577
Inner North West	1,168	223	596
Headingley and Hyde Park	337	74	185
Little London and Woodhouse	647	114	315
Weetwood	184	35	96

Employment Hub

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 69 people from the Community Committee area are being supported by this programme, 15 people from the Community Committee area were supported into work.

For further information please visit: <https://leedsemploymenthub.co.uk>

Adult Learning

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.

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

Health and Wellbeing update February 2020

Best Start Zone (BSZ)

The BSZ is a local partnership of professionals who work supporting families, young children and babies in a number of disciplines. The BSZ across the city are concerned with the first 1001 days of a child's life to ensure it is the very best it can be so the child can reach its full potential. This zone has been focussing on the perinatal mental and emotional health of parents in the area as the need is high. To meet this objective family outreach workers have been engaging in the Re-Think Formulae training where there is an opportunity to discuss live, difficult and entrenched family cases. In addition to this bespoke training has taken place at the Mount-Mother and Baby Unit so techniques and skills can be learnt and again there is an opportunity to discuss live cases and gain insight and advice into effective and long lasting problem solving. Resources from the Public Health Resource Centre have been left with workers for families detailing the Mental Health services and resources available to them. This has proved very successful and we are looking at publicizing a couple of case studies. This work is ongoing. The zones have a number of objectives and one of them is "well-prepared parents". With this in mind we are going to look at digital inclusiveness projects such as "Digital-Moms" to get more parents on line and socialising face to face at the sessions.

For more information please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Winter Briefing

Looking out for vulnerable citizens during cold weather in 2020

-Become a Winter Friend-

Winter friends support people most at risk from winter-related health conditions in Leeds. By watching this video you can become a Winter Friend and help those most in need to increase their winter resilience.

Winter Health Advice for the over 55's

Straight forward advice from the meteorological office for the over 55's on staying healthy during spells of cold weather. For more information please visit;

Looking out for our Neighbours

The Looking Out for Our Neighbours campaign returns to combat loneliness and social isolation this winter. Small acts of kindness can create a big difference and that's why we're bringing back this campaign.

The winter phase, has been launched and builds on the success of the campaign earlier this year when local people carried out over 46,000 acts of kindness in their local neighbourhoods across Bradford district and Craven; Calderdale, Harrogate, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

During winter months, 'Looking out for our neighbours' is particularly important, as those who are older or vulnerable can easily become isolated or lonely as a result of bad weather or the added social pressure that comes with the festive season.

According to research from Age UK, over one million older people say they go more than a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member. Make a difference this winter and get involved in the campaign.

10. Defibrillator Update from Mike Stevenson – Headingley & Hyde Park

Headingley & Hyde Park ward will receive a total of 2 CPAD units through this project. Recent consultation with Councillors has identified 2 suitable locations, with the status of each below:

- Woodhouse Moor Community Centre (Woodhouse street) – The venue has been confirmed and an onsite Guardian appointed. Installation is scheduled for 12.03.2020
- Laurel Bank Surgery (Kirkstall Lane) – The venue has been confirmed and an onsite guardian has been appointed. Installation is scheduled for 11.03.2020

A training session with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service will be scheduled for after the installation of the devices. This date will be communicated to Councillors once confirmed.

11. Housing

Performance data relates to week 36 of the financial year 2019/20.

The data for the Little London & Woodhouse and Headingley & Hyde Park Wards is amalgamated as the performance reports are based on housing office boundaries and not Ward boundaries.

Number of Universal Credit Cases:-

- Weetwood :-
- 184 Cases
- Average Debt:: - the average for the cases is £16.52
- APA's: There are 78 accounts with a direct payment

Little London & Woodhouse and Headingley & Hyde Park:-

- 428 Cases
- Average debt: £57.51 per case
- APA's: There are 126 accounts with a direct payment

The number of cases across all Wards continue to increase, the average debt per case in the LL & W and the H & HP Wards continue to decline, debt associated with UC in the Weetwood ward has increased since the last report.

Rent Collection:-

- Weetwood 96.17%
- LL&W and H&HP 96.54%

Arrears:-

- Weetwood 3.21% (£142,841)
- LL&W and H&HP 3.09% (£287,347)

There is no target for rent arrears, however this figure should be as low as possible, and 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:-

- Weetwood = 59
- LL&W and H&HP = 144

The number of NISPs have increased across all three Wards since the last report. There is no target set for Notices to be served.

% of completed Annual Home Visits:-

- Weetwood = 84.94%
- LL&W and H&HP = 77.58%

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

Lettings:- Number of properties let to date.

- Weetwood = 40
- LL&W and H&HP = 82

Walkabouts:-

- Weetwood = 36 walkabouts have been completed to date
- LL&W and H&HP = 79 walkabouts have been completed to date

Good News Stories:-

- LL&W and H&HP: A Closure Order was obtained in the Little London area for a property which was causing anti-social behaviour, a partnership approach was taken to deal with the ASB and bring respite to the local community.

- Some work is currently underway on the Holborn estate to paint railings as part of an ongoing environmental clean/tidy up campaign.

Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel

- The Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel has to date spent 55% of their annual budget allocation of £36,814. Applications for the remaining 45% are being presented at their next meeting on 6th February 2020. Projects approved so far are:
- Beevers Court Communal bin store -jointly funded from the Housing Leeds' Environment budget and Community Committee CIL funding
- Lovell Park Grange gate and fence – to prevent inconsiderate parking preventing bins being emptied
- Wintoun Street/Lovell Park View- lighting to a car park and lockable gates to a ginnel
- 74-84 Iveson Rise Communal Bin Store to improve facilities for residents
- Super Eagles Football Club – funding towards football kits
- Ireland Crescent Retirement Life Scheme – TV and DVD player for communal room
- Love Meanwood – contribution towards community consultation events
- Marlborough Grange –contribution towards garden maintenance work
- We have funded and are providing ongoing support to all residents groups within our area

12. Community Engagement:

Update on engagement work undertaken by Localities Officer from December 2019 to February 2020.

Little London & Woodhouse

- Several visits to Eatwell Café at Little London Community Centre to observe their activities and meet with the committee to discuss possible school holiday activity project with food.
- Meeting with L.A.W Group to assist with funding application and offer general support as they are a new group
- 2 meetings with Lovell Park view residents to discuss future projects and activities
- Meeting with Little Woodhouse Community Association to discuss possible engagement events on small grassed areas in the neighbourhood with the aim to bring residents together and generate new community activity

Headingley and Hyde Park

- 2 meetings with the Behno Group to talk about the group and also engage with attendees to find out about the importance of the group in their lives.
- Meeting with the Manager at Heart to find out about the venue, groups that use it and discuss the possibility of a School summer holiday's project working with local schools with activities and food.
- Meeting with the Cardigan Centre to find out about activities and possible projects.

- Meeting with Vicar at All Hallows to find out about local projects including the Hyde Park Forum. Attended the Hyde Park Forum.
- Meeting with Lit Fest Group and Attendance at Poetry performance at Spring Bank Primary School

Weetwood

- Several meetings with Ireland Wood Residents Association, including attendance at Christmas Fair, and meeting about Christmas Lights
- Meeting with St Paul's Church, Ireland Wood Primary and Family centre to discuss Healthy holidays bid and summer activities.
- Meeting with Opal to find out about the venue and the groups meeting there and activities emanating from there
- Meeting with Meanwood Valley Partnership to discuss their activities, Christmas Lights and local sponsorship.

13. Social Media

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

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

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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

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

Risk Management

19. 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

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

Recommendations

21. The Community Committee is asked to seek nominations to the Holt Park & Woodsley LCP and Leeds Student Medical Practice and to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

22. 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.