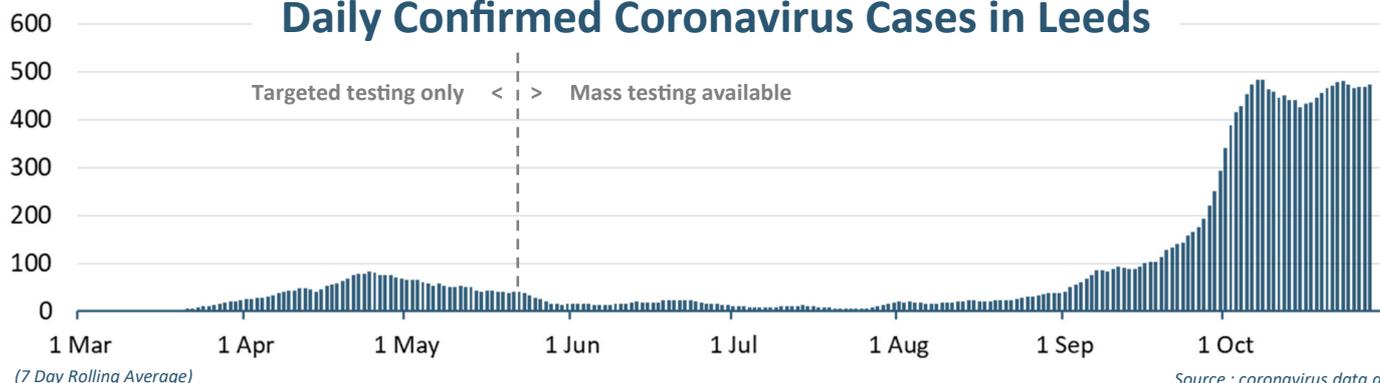


### Daily Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Leeds



### Headlines for Leeds

Clearly, the announcement of a four-week national lockdown will have significant social and economic impacts. Drawing on experience from the first lockdown, consumer services are likely to be most deeply affected, with retail and hospitality likely to be hardest hit, with obvious impacts on the high street, during a period which is usually the busiest time of year. Early feedback from businesses confirms these concerns, with the uncertainty regarding how long these restriction may continue.

The furlough scheme will be extended until the end of November, with workers able to receive 80% of their salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2500. In addition, mortgage holidays will no longer end from 31 October, with further information to be announced.

The latest 7 day average Covid-19 infection rate per 100,000 reported for Leeds is 413.4. only a slight change from the week before (415.3). The latest regional average is 389.6 (367.2 a week before) whilst the latest national average is 227.8 (203.2 a week before).

The most recent data continues to highlight the impact of Tier 2 restrictions on the hospitality sector, with weekend footfall after 10pm only 10% of normal levels. Hospitality businesses are reporting takings as low as 18% of normal levels, although businesses in local centres/suburbs appear to be faring a little better. The level of bus and rail use has remained fairly constant over the last month but remains at 49% and 30% of baseline (early March) levels respectively.

### Leeds is currently recorded the following figures



**433.1 New Cases**  
recorded daily in Leeds  
(7 day rolling average)



**195 Current Cases**  
Reported across 35 Care  
Homes in Leeds



**758 Registered Deaths**  
That mention Covid-19, an  
increase of 68 over last 14 days



**58% Footfall**  
In Leeds City centre in  
comparison to 2019



**407 Covid-19 related**  
Incidents reported to West  
Yorkshire Police in last 7 days



**28  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$**   
Nitrogen Dioxide levels, almost  
half UK target of 40 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$

### Health and Social Care Impact & Recovery



**413.4**

**Cases rate**  
per 100,000 people  
(7 day rolling average)



**195**

**Current Cases**  
Reported active in  
35 Leeds care homes



**274**

**Covid-19 Beds**  
Currently occupied at  
LTHT hospitals



**68**

**Registered Deaths**  
That mention Covid-19  
over the last 14 days

#### Health Summary

##### Infection Rates (27<sup>th</sup> October)

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The latest 7 day positivity for Leeds is 14.3% (up from 14.1% this time last week.)

##### Covid-19 Cases

AS of the 1st November, the number of patients in COVID occupied beds at LTHT last week has increased to 274 COVID positive patients, up from 214 at this time last week. LYPFT still has 0 COVID positive patients in a bed this week.

Last week has seen 251 positive COVID tests carried out within LTHT (up from 214 last week); 211 attributed to inpatients and 40 attributed to new admissions. LYPFT had 3 positive COVID tests in the last week.

There are currently 10 positive COVID patients in a HDU/ITU bed in LTHT, down from 14 that were reported this time last week.

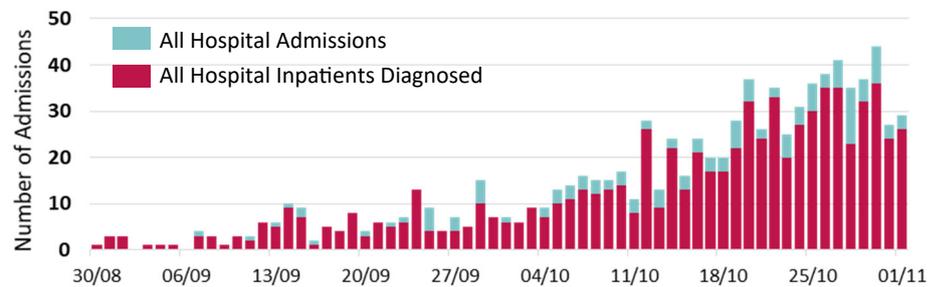
##### Care Homes

In total there are 195 active Covid19 case declared in 35 Care Homes in Leeds. These figures have seen a large increase over the last week.

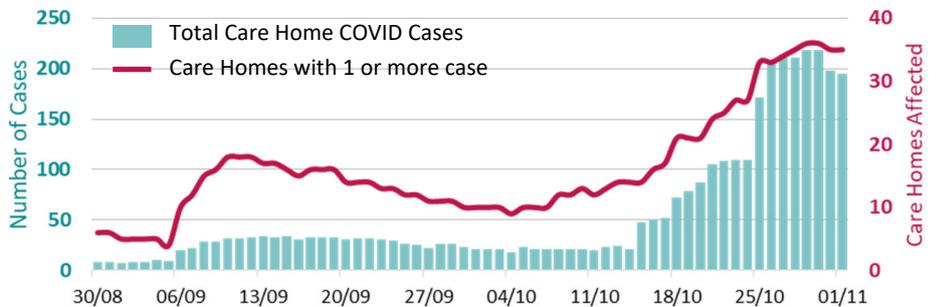
##### Registered Deaths in Leeds

As of 30 October 2020, a total of 758 COVID-19 related deaths had been registered by Leeds Registrars Office. The number of deaths registered where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate has increased slightly in recent weeks, with 68 Covid-19 deaths recorded in the last 14 days (at time of publication). This is still considerably lower than late May when over 200 Deaths were recorded over a two week period

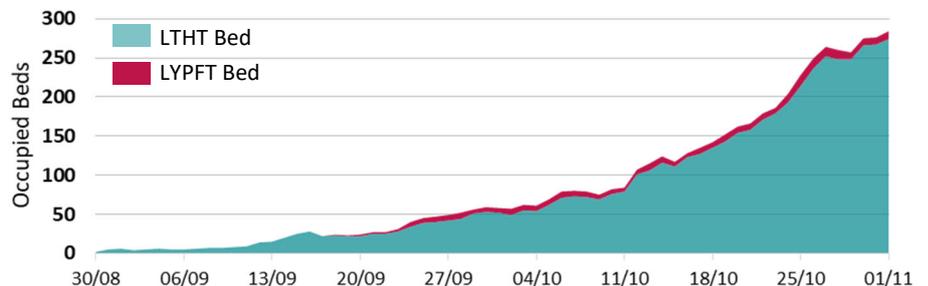
#### New Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients



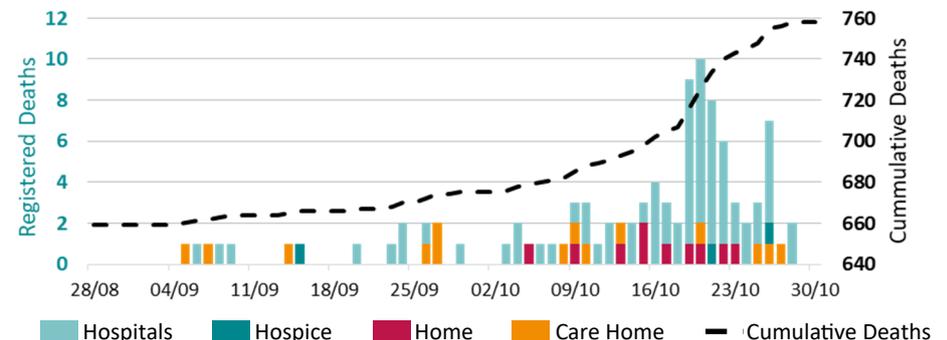
#### Covid19 Cases in Care Homes



#### Confirmed Covid19 Bed Occupancy



#### Deaths registered with LCC that mention Covid19



#### Sources:

- [Coronavirus.gov.uk](https://coronavirus.gov.uk) - 1/11/20
- [Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust](https://www.leeds-trust.nhs.uk) - 2/11/20
- [Leeds Registrars Office](https://www.leeds.gov.uk) - 30/10/20

### Citizens & Community



**407**

**Covid-19**  
Related incidents recorded over last 7 days



**385**

**Domestic**  
Incidents recorded over last 7 days



**81%**

**Attendance**  
of pupils in Leeds Schools



**212**

**Self-Isolation**  
Support payment applications approved

#### Citizens & Community Summary

##### Incidents and Crimes Overview

Crime volumes, especially thefts, would be expected to increase towards the Christmas period; however, the impact of national lockdown means this cannot be predicted with any certainty

On street nuisance and fireworks incidents would be expected to see higher levels during late October into early November, so incident calls are likely to increase in the next few days. However, levels are expected to reduce overall during the national lockdown based on previous trends earlier this year

##### Children & Education

230 schools (84%) submitted attendance information at least once during the week. Average daily attendance for all pupils was 81.2%, for those with an EHCP it was 76.8% and for those with a social worker 76.7%.

Over the week, an average of 9.5% of pupils and 6.0% of teachers were reported absent due to Covid-19.

##### Self Isolation Payments

Starting on 28th September, persons that are required to self-isolate who are on lower incomes, cannot work from home and have lost income as a result, can apply for a support payment of up to £500. To date Leeds has received 948 total applications, of which 484 have been assessed, with 212 being successful. (44%)

##### LYPFT Mental Health Referrals

Health and care services in Leeds are aware of the wider impact of Covid-19 on peoples mental health and wellbeing, referrals for urgent mental health services are tracked to monitor the ongoing pressure on this part of the system.

*Note : During w/c 31/8 the figures for a single day was not received , therefore there is a decrease in that weeks figure.*

##### Waste Management & Recycling

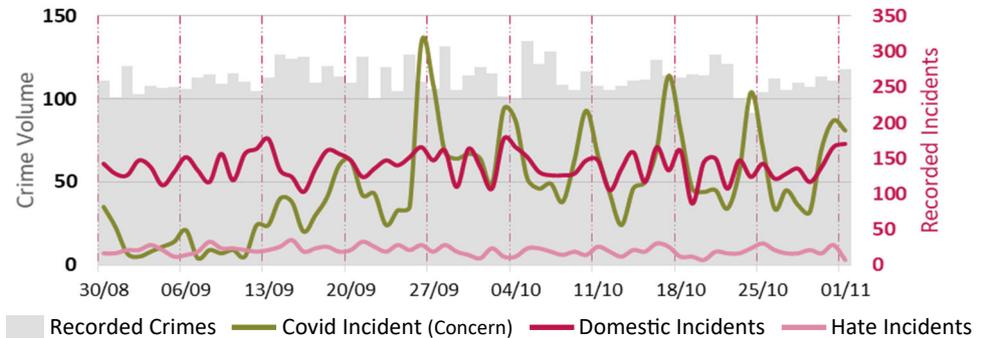
Tonnage of waste collected at the kerbside continues to be higher than normal for this period; with both black and green bins 7% up. Brown bins are 11% up.

Extra crews are being deployed where possible, but crew bubbles continue to be stood down where a staff member becomes symptomatic.

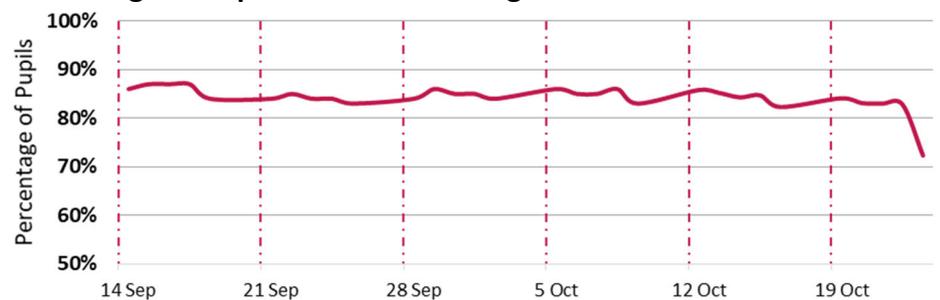
##### Sources:

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- Children's Services Leeds - 2/11/20
- Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - 2/11/20
- Leeds City Council Environment Team - 2/11/20

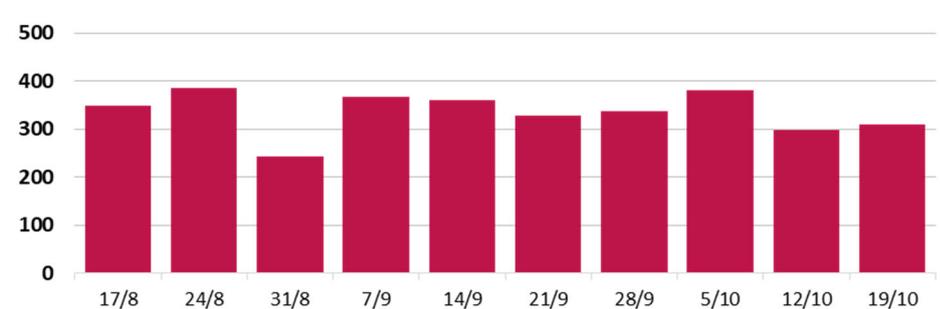
#### Crimes and Incidents



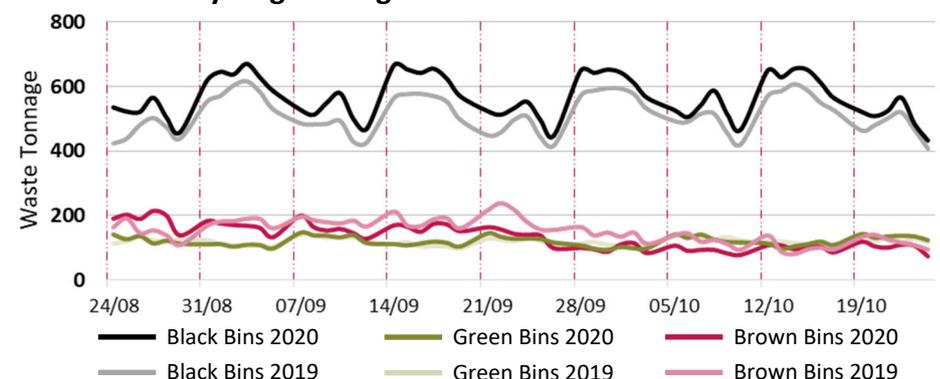
#### Percentage of Pupils on Roll Attending School



#### Mental Health Referrals



#### Waste and Recycling Tonnage



### Infrastructure & Supplies



**81%**

**Traffic Flow**  
Compared to recorded traffic flow in 2019



**58%**

**Footfall**  
In Leeds City centre in comparison to 2019



**28**  
 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$

**Nitrogen Dioxide**  
Levels, almost half UK target of  $40\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$



**280**

**Thousand**  
Units of PPE issued over the last 7 days

#### Infrastructure & Supplies Summary

##### Traffic & Pedestrian Flow

Traffic flow around Leeds has shown no significant change over the last few months and is averaging around 81% in comparison to 2019.

Weekend footfall in Leeds city centre is higher than weekday footfall, likely reflecting more leisure/shopping journeys compared to commuting, although the last couple of weeks has seen an increase with an average weekly figure around 56 - 58%. This is expected to decrease when the new lockdown starts on 5th November

Pedestrian traffic in Leeds Station is remaining steady with an similar increase in footfall during weekends.

MCard purchases and concessions on public transport showed an increase in early September, this coincided with the start of the new academic year and may be related. This has levelled off in the last few weeks with concessional fares recording figures more than double those recorded in August.

##### Leeds Air Quality (August 2020)

The plot to the lower right shows the monthly mean Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) for all the Leeds air quality monitoring sites.

The effect of the lockdown shows a dramatic reduction across all sites in Leeds and the City Centre area, since easing of the lockdown measures began in May, levels of NO<sub>2</sub> have begun to rise slightly but still remain well under the national objective of 40 micrograms per cubic meter air ( $40\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ).

##### PPE Supplies

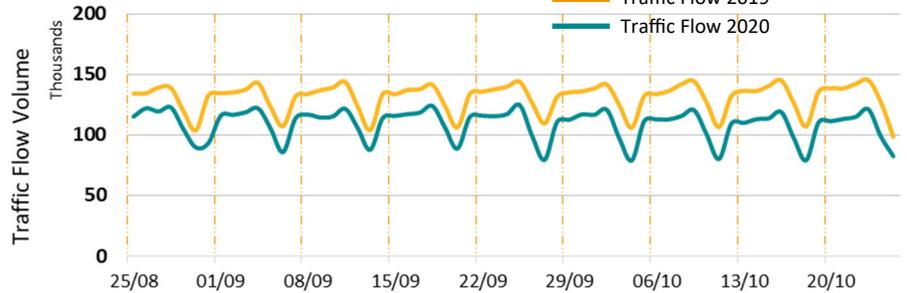
The LCC stock levels are rated as being excellent. This week we have received deliveries of extra large gloves. Forward orders have been placed for a total of 2 million gloves. We are also scheduled to receive a delivery of 1.75 million gloves on the 2nd November, and 1.15 million face masks the following week. Forward orders have also been placed for sanitizer refills and sanitizer wipes.

The 2nd delivery from DHSC arrived on the 28th October which was quite timely, the decision to extend access to this stock into schools, has just been confirmed. We now expect to see a significant increase in the number of orders received from both primary and secondary schools.

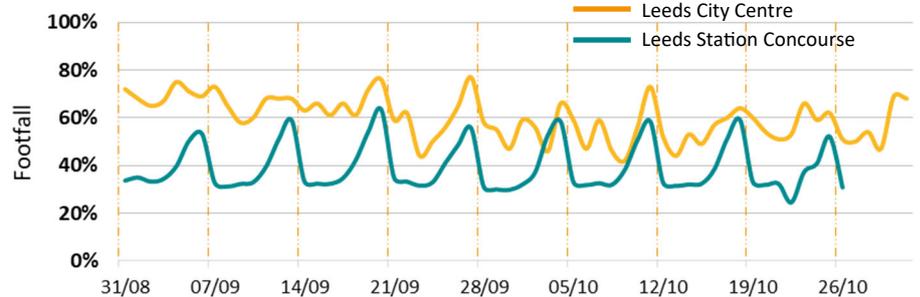
##### Sources:

- West Yorkshire Combined Authority - 2/11/20
- Leeds City Council - 2/11/20

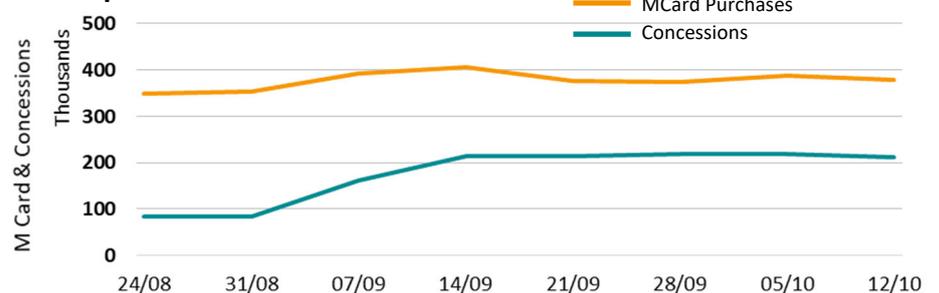
#### Two-way 24hr Traffic (5 Radials)



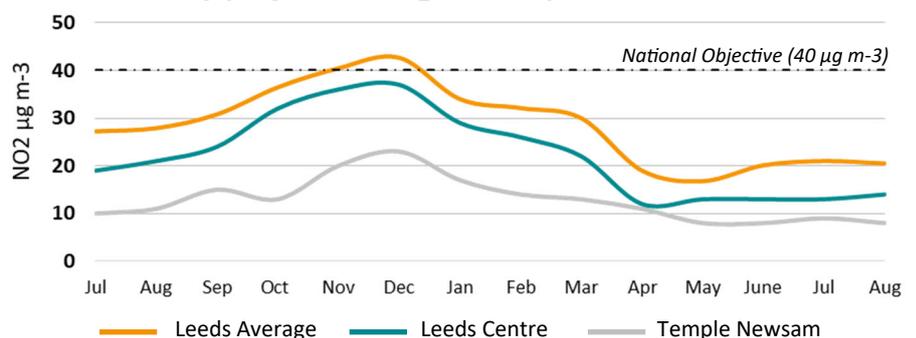
#### Percentage of Expected Footfall



#### MCard purchases and Concessions



#### Leeds Air Quality (July 2019 - August 2020)



## Economy and Business



**Out of Work  
Benefits Claimant  
Count**



**Million  
Paid out in grants to  
support local businesses**

### Economy and Business

Clearly, Saturday's announcement of a four-week national lockdown to begin Thursday 5th November will have significant social and economic impacts. People will be required to stay at home and only leave for limited purposes including education, work (if unable to work from home), for exercise or outdoor recreation, for medical reasons, to shop for food and essentials, or to provide care or volunteer. Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues will close and pubs, bars and restaurants must close with the exception of takeaway services. Workplace-based activity can continue in construction, manufacturing and essential public services. The housing market will continue.

The furlough scheme will be extended until the end of November, with workers able to receive 80% of their salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2500. In addition, mortgage holidays will no longer end from 31 October, with further information to be announced. It is currently understood that towards the end of the month, any de-escalation would be reliant on the data, and take place on a local/regional basis with areas moving back into the tiering system. It is expected that the backdated Tier 2 grants recently announced will be honoured, as will the £8 per head for test and trace, but we await formal confirmation.

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### Employment

The latest available out of work benefit claimant count data for September (published on 13 October), shows a third consecutive small monthly increase both locally and nationally, with the rate for Leeds now 7.1%. Advertised vacancies have seen a reduction over the last week which may reflect recruiters' concerns about moving into Tier-3 restrictions, although the weekly figures are highly volatile.

### LCC's financial position

The latest financial projection of the impact Covid-19 has had on the Council's financial position, which will be reported to November's Executive Board, shows an estimated gap for 2020/21 of £30.5m, a £20.6m improvement on the position reported in the previous month. This movement is entirely explained by Leeds's share (£20.6m) of the additional £1bn support for local authorities that the Government announced on the 12th October. This position estimates that the Council will receive £18.9m of Government compensation in 2020/21 to mitigate sales, fees and charges income losses, but the actual figure will not be known until the financial year end. Clearly this financial position does not reflect the potential impact of the second lockdown that commences on Thursday 5th November and the impact of this will be reflected in future Financial Health reports to the Council's Executive Board.

The projected overspend for 2021/22 as reported to September's Executive Board in the Medium Term Financial Strategy is £118.8m. The September Executive Board agreed that consultation should commence, where appropriate, on an initial set of Budget Savings Proposals exceeding £32m to address the 2021/22 gap. Additional Savings Proposals totalling £7.9m were agreed at October's Executive Board and this reduces the estimated budget gap to £78.3m.

Conversations are ongoing with Government to explore options to address this year's gap, whilst work continues across the Authority to identify further savings options for 2021/22 which will be considered by the Executive Board in November 2020.

### Supporting the city

Of the £162m business grants funding received for the Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF) grants, £154.2m was paid to businesses through 12,590 grants. The scheme has now closed with the deadline to make the payments 30th September.

As announced on 22nd September, £60m in funding is to be made available to local authorities and the police to help enforce coronavirus laws. Allocations were published on 8th October with £30m to be split among police forces in England and Wales, while local authorities will receive the same amount to cover the cost of coronavirus marshals and other measures – Leeds has been allocated £0.49m. The funding is ring-fenced for any activity which will support compliance and enforcement of measures to control the spread of COVID-19 across individuals, businesses and in the community.

On 13th October Government announced an additional £10m Cold Weather Payment for councils to help protect people from life-threatening cold weather and the risks posed by coronavirus.

On Saturday 31st October the Prime Minister announced that a second national lockdown, lasting a month, would commence on Thursday 5th November. The Prime Minister announced at the same time that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – also known as the furlough scheme – will remain open until December, with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500. In addition, business premises forced to close in England are to receive grants worth up to £3,000 per month under the Local Restrictions Support Grant and £1.1bn is being given to Local Authorities, distributed on the basis of £20 per head, for one-off payments to enable them to support businesses more broadly. Mortgage holidays will also no longer end on 31 October.

#### Sources:

- Leeds City Council - 2/11/20
- Department for work and Pensions - 13/10/20

## Communications Update & Policy Announcements

### Website Visits

Around 35K visited the COVID information web pages last week, of which 22K were new users. This has dropped greatly from recent weeks (86K).

The GovDelivery Covid email bulletin, which is sent out to 114K residents, had an open rate of 37%, consistent with recent weeks. Most popular features included info on local rules and restrictions and Light Night.

### Council/others

Clearly the new national lockdown from Thursday and what this means for public services and the city in general is the main focus of communications work this week.

Other work also ongoing includes:

Big emphasis on joint working to support alerting people about NHS pressures, both to encourage safe behaviour to reduce infection rates and to reassure people they can still access emergency care.

A joint press conference between LCC/LTHT and the Leeds CCG was held to coincide with the West Yorkshire Tier 3 announcement on 29/10/20, featuring in all regional and many national outlets.

The TogetherLeeds city campaign branding developed in-house at LCC has been launched and is being shared with partners and across city sectors through PR agency networks.

A campaign aimed at reducing risk to over-60s is being developed jointly with Leeds CCG supported by LCC using the TogetherLeeds branding assets, adapted specifically to suit the audience.

Communications tactics and techniques are currently being reviewed in line with the refresh of the Leeds Outbreak Control Plan and the changing tiers/new national lockdown status.

Targeting of "hot spot" areas of concern is supporting intense community work in places like Garforth/wider East Leeds and Hyde Park and Headingley, Little London and Woodhouse. This approach should be transferable to other areas, to be tailored specific to local needs.

Joint working with universities sector continues as rates slow to anticipate the possible return home for Christmas.

### Policy Announcements

#### 30 July 2020

Restrictions on social gatherings imposed in parts of Northern England, including Kirklees, Calderdale and Bradford, in response to rising cases. On 2 September the restrictions were lifted in all but the wards with highest rates of infection.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 22 October 2020

The Chancellor made a number of announcements, including a new grant scheme for businesses impacted by Tier 2 restrictions, distributed at the local authority's discretion and retrospective to August; changes to the Job Support Scheme, with the Government to pay at least 62% of hours not worked and employer contributions cut from 33% to 5%, with employees to take home at least 73% of their normal pay for working at least 20% of their hours; self-employed grants to be doubled from 20% to 40%, with the new maximum grant £3,750.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

Allocations announced for the £1 billion additional funding for local government first announced on 12 October. More than £900m will be provided to local authorities and £100m will be provided to those council leisure centres most in need. Leeds is to receive an allocation of £20,576,934.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 23 October 2020

Greater Manchester moves into Tier 3, without the agreement of local leaders, and with a £22 million funding package.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 24 October 2020

South Yorkshire moves into Tier 3.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 27 October 2020

Warrington moves into Tier 3, with betting shops, adult gaming centres, casinos and soft play centres closed in addition the required Tier 3 restrictions. The area will receive a financial support package of £1.68 million and £4.2 million in business support funding.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 29 October 2020

Announcement that West Yorkshire to move into Tier 3 from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, with a financial support package of £59.3 million. In addition to the core Tier 3 restrictions, local leaders agreed to the closure of casinos, betting shops, soft play centres and areas, adult gaming centres and car boot sales. Shared smoking equipment (such as shisha) in hospitality venues to be prohibited, and indoor group exercise classes is strongly advised against, although gyms and leisure centres can otherwise remain open.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

Updates to the NHS Covid-19 App announced to improve the accuracy of how the app measures distance, and reduce the number of low-risk contacts advised to self-isolate. The app has now been downloaded 19 million times by around 40% of eligible smartphone users.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 30 October 2020

Nottinghamshire moves into Tier 3.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

Leeds to receive £1,314,684 to provide long-term accommodation and support for people who sleep rough or at risk of sleeping rough as part of the Government's Everyone In plan to provide safe homes for vulnerable people during the pandemic.

[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

#### 31 October 2020

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[Source: www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (webpage)

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough scheme) will be extended until the end of November, with workers able to receive 80% of their salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2500. In addition, mortgage holidays will no longer end from 31 October, with further information to be announced.

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