

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

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

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For Information

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

Environment: Councillor S Hamilton

Cleaner Neighbourhood Team (CNT)

3. From the start of lockdown measures being brought into place on the 23 March 2020 the CNT has maintained a limited service prioritising the issues which were deemed a public health risk, mainly around fly tipping, side waste and overflowing litter bins, even though a proportion of litter bins were covered over.
4. On Monday 25 May 2020 all staff who was able to report back to work did but there was still had 30% reduction in staff which limited the service we could provide.

On Monday 3 August 2020 all staff return back to work which as help. On Thursday 5 November 2020, the team went back into another lockdown with additional pressures. We are still running a full service.

Civic/bulky collections service.

5. There are still have limited number of slots available which are getting booked up quickly. At first the booking was slow and the service was not getting many through. But over the last month more people are using the service and subsequently there has been an increase in Inner North East in collections. The service is still requesting people place their booked items out for collection 72 hours prior to their collection date.

Fly-tipping

6. The service recorded a high amount of fly tipping in the area and around the Beckhills recycling yards, Mexborough and Saville' and the surrounding area. The service is working closely with Housing regarding the issues around fly- tipping in Beckhills. The new fly-tipping poster is up and around the Beckhills and in the recycling centre. A leaflet drop has taken place in the Beckhills, which explains how to report fly tipping and how to get rid of unwanted items. Enforcement now do a walk about every two weeks.
7. The outcome is over the last month there has been a reduction in the amount of fly-tipping in the Beckhills.

Litter and bins

8. A dedicated team is now in place to emptying the bins and litter picking the shop fronts, which has seen a high amount of litter around Beckhills, Saville's, and Mexborough Chapeltown Road, Roundhay Road, around Roundhay Park and shop front and McDonalds. The team Leader has been looking into the issues around high amount of litter in the area and believes going back to zonal working will help resolve some of the issue. With the potential of splitting the area into seven zone over the week. Working off new zonal maps, the service is aiming for this to start this next month.

Ginnel, Void Gardens

9. Over the last few month the team have cut back several ginnel and cleared twelve vulnerable gardens. CEL are still dealing with the voids gardens at the moment. The service will still be doing some cutting back over the winter months.

Leafing Season

10. Leafing season is now here. Over the next 12 weeks the service will be concentrate on removal of leaves. A dedicated team is in place just doing leafing. We have two Road Sweeper, two Path Sweeper. There is also four staff on the ground with two vehicle and blowers and snow shovel. The team are working off set routes and referral. On a weekend the Road Sweeper and Path Sweeper will go back into zonal working Sweeping shop fronts and dealing with any referrals that have come through.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	DESCRIPTION	TEAM	TOTAL	<>	CHAPEL	MOORTOWN	ROUNDHAY
2	Fly Tip	EINE	361		248	33	80
3	Scheduled Bulky Collection	EINE	324		132	93	99
4	Overgrown Vegetation	EINE	47	1	18	18	10
5	Litter Complaint	EINE	37		18	6	13
6	Flytipping	EINE	31		20	1	10
7	Smoke from Bonfire	EINE	26		8	8	10
8	Abandoned Vehicle	EINE	26		10	4	12
9	Waste in Gardens	EINE	26		17	4	5
10	Housing Void Garden	EINE	25		16	5	4
11	Road Sweeping	EINE	21		13	6	2

11. The number of cases being handled by “Enforcement” in the three wards are as follows:

12. Chapel Allerton ward

Number of complaints: 8

Number of cases where further (legal or formal) actions are possible: 7

13. Moortown Ward

Number of complaints: 6

Number of cases where further (legal or formal) actions are possible: 6

14. Roundhay and Chapeltown

Number of complaints: 15

Number of cases where further (legal or formal) actions are possible: 11

Community Safety: Councillor M Rafique

Leeds Anti-Social Behavioural Team (LASBT)

15. The team continues to operate under COVID 19 restrictions which means working from home where possible however they can access, through a booking system, a limited number of desks at Deacon House for urgent operational issues such as printing, preparing legal files and postage. Officer are currently advised not to visit people in their homes unless this is absolutely necessary in order to progress a case that is having a serious effect on someone’s mental health and wellbeing. Where this is the case a risk assessment must be completed and authorised by a manager and then full PPE must be worn.

16. In the 6 months to the end of September demand on our service saw a 35% increase with caseloads in the East team reaching their highest since LASBT started in 2011. In recent weeks this demand has levelled off a little however the Halloween/Mischief/Bonfire period always see another rise in demand which we are experiencing now.
17. Inner North East currently has 24 active ASB cases across all case types with no specific trends.
18. Since 1 September 2020;
- a. LASBT staff, when out and about in the community, subject to COVID risk assessments of course, are tasked to report breaches of COVID regulations and this will remain in place although staff are advised to work from home whenever possible. To stress these are not COVID patrols merely to report observations when out and about on other duties.
 - b. Issuing a number of closure warnings, Community Protection Warning's and Community Protection Notice's with West Yorkshire Police.
 - c. Temporary cameras installed on Hall Lane/Reginald Terrace shortly before the 1 September which helped to alleviate the issues at this location according to the complainants.

Hotspots

19. No one location at present, main workloads in the area currently relate to neighbour disputes that have turned ugly and noise nuisance cases where we are working to install Noise Monitoring Equipment in people's homes subject to COVID risk assessments. Many of these are down to the lockdown and COVID restrictions which has seen people who previously saw little of each other, now at home all the time and taking exception to each other's behaviours with a lack of tolerance.

Emerging Issues

20. Recent reports of youth nuisance with youths gaining unauthorised entry to the tower block in Potternewton so we will be doing some joint visits alongside Neighbourhood Policing Team to tackle this.

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Updates from Key Services

Tenant Engagement Update

Housing Advisory Panel

22. Current available budget 20/21; £26,257.62 (£12,852.17 allocated to projects so far).

23. Far fewer projects submitted so far this year, mainly due to restrictions on public gatherings, meetings etc. Advertising of funding opportunities to Third sector organisations, social media and via colleagues.

24. New shorter application brought in for funding bids related in some way to the pandemic for amounts up to £500. While this has proved popular for some HAPs not so in INE as only one application has come forward.

25. Still looking to recruit 4 residents to the panel. While this has always proved difficult it is even harder with current restrictions.

26. Three projects still awaiting completion. Car Park and garage markings to Potternewton Court, Installation of seats at Button Hill, Installation of noticeboard Potternewton Court.

27. Recently completed projects include the purchase of a large fridge and freezer for CYDFC and the siting of an industrial sized general waste bin at Fieldhouse Drive

Engagement / Involvement

28. Continue to keep in regular contact with the few involved groups and the more involved residents by phone or Zoom.

Other Work

29. Supported and supporting door knocking for local COVID-19 testing centres in Harehills, Chapeltown and Little London.

30. Been ensuring that training opportunities for residents are advertised

Other Information

31. Early Leavers Initiative has led to the retirement of a PO4 manager in the team, who helped to support staff around HAP matters. This post has been deleted.

Employment and Skills: Cllr J Goddard

32. The table below shows the number of people from the Community Committee area who are claiming Universal Credit:

	People claiming Universal Credit (October 2020 provisional)*	People claiming Universal Credit (not in employment) 16-64 yrs September 2020*	People claiming Universal Credit (not in employment) 16-24 yrs September 2020*
Inner North East	5,481	3,477	659
Chapel Allerton	2,826	1,814	348
Moortown	1,256	776	118
Roundhay	1,399	887	193

**The Universal Credit claimant count for the latest available month is provisional and will be updated and confirmed at the next reporting date. Confirmed figures for the previous month are made available as a revised claimant count by age, gender and employment status.

Job Outcomes/Apprenticeships

33. The service has supported 2,131 people into work, including 147 Apprenticeships, during April to October 2020. These include job roles across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport. Leeds Employment Hub and Jobshop staff have been working throughout lockdown to provide 1:1 support that helps people into employment through phone calls / emails. The Hub is currently supporting 1,657 individuals on tailored employment support programmes, 47% of participants are aged 16-24 years, 39% are aged between 25-49 years and 14% are 50 years plus. 35% of participants are qualified at Level 3 or above while 65% of participants have a qualification at Level 2 or below. For help or advice to find a job, an apprenticeship, a course or training, please contact us:

esleeds@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 378 4576

The new [Employment & Skills Leeds](#) website

34. The new website was launched to provide a single access 'portal' or central place online where the Service offer is articulated to maximise engagement with key stakeholder groups. The Employment and Skills Leeds site provides information on jobs, apprenticeships, and courses to residents across the city. Those accessing the site can get help finding employment using Leeds Employment Hub, learn more about apprenticeships via Leeds Apprenticeship Hub or find adult learning courses through Leeds Learning Hub. The website also offers a contact point for employers looking to recruit or upskill their workforce. In addition we have active **social media channels** which are regularly updated with support, job and apprenticeship opportunities. Please link to our accounts: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds/> and twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds/>

Leeds Employment Hub

35. Is a single point of contact for ESIF funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support for eligible residents. On the 1st July a further bid was secured offering support to 1,100 young people aged 15 – 24 years identified as NEET. This will provide support to those with poor mental health, including behavioural, emotional and social difficulties to secure training and work over the next 3 years. All referrals need to be made to Leeds Employment Hub: esleeds@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 378 4576
36. Leeds Employment Hub will continue to offer customer phone/email support during recovery/reintegration planning. As and when it becomes safe to open up face to face delivery, suitable venues will be identified where people can access this support within communities or to direct them to other available provision. Effective signposting across the local partnership is essential.

Virtual offer

37. In response to the very challenging times we are all working in - from a revised delivery perspective and economically from rapidly changing jobs market, it is more important than ever that we prioritise connecting individuals to the full range of information, advice and health and work support available in the city. A number of targeted events and support programmes are being developed and will be communicated throughout the year. To do this in a safe, effective way we are looking to create a virtual offer which can be distributed on a local level, this offer will provide a structured flow of information throughout the year and will sit alongside the Employment and Skills website. Members are key in communicating with communities, supporting and encouraging them to connect into the support available and is planned that this offer will compliment and strengthen those local communication links.

Leeds Learning Hub

38. Adult Learning classroom based learning ceased due to social distancing measures across 150 plus community settings. A number of providers have continued to receive funding to undertake development work to move provision on-line. Work has continued throughout the current term to enhance the capacity of providers to make use of our established Google Classroom facility. Over 200 adult learning tutors have undertaken additional training and 12 providers have developed over 100 courses, these range from arts and crafts to digital skills, training for work, CV's and on-line job interview preparation. This will enable a blended delivery of on-line and classroom based provision as lockdown measure are eased.
39. Providers have been invited to submit proposals for the new academic year starting in September with an increased focused on digital skills. Preparatory work is underway to respond to the proposed new arrangement for devolved funding for adult learning in 2021/22 should the Mayoral Combined Authority scheme be approved.

40. All courses are advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning Course Finder.



Leeds Adult Learning Course Finder www.leedsadultlearning.co.uk

Business Support

41. Alongside recruitment, the service continues to support a number of companies that are restructuring or reducing staff numbers through redundancies. It is anticipated that as the support from Government to pay furloughed employees tapers, the need for this support to staff notified of redundancy will increase. The service will provide an account manager to support managers and staff to connect with employers recruiting to the same or similar skills sets where possible and access to training and employment support services.

Apprenticeships

42. Recently released data show that the number of Apprenticeship starts nationally reduced by 51% in the initial period of lockdown (23 March to the end of April) compared with the same period in the previous year. Starts for people under-19 years were particularly hard hit, falling by 74% on the previous year, with starts for people aged 25 plus fell 42%. In Leeds, there were 7,395 Apprenticeship starts in 2018/19 academic year and in the first three quarters (August 2019 to April 2020 of the 2019/20 academic there were 4,330 Apprenticeship starts. The figures for quarter 4 have yet to be published and fall in numbers nationally may be reflected locally with college closures and employers unable to start or continue apprenticeships as planned. An increase in apprentice redundancies is anticipated as the furlough scheme comes to an end as well as the possibility of a continued fall in demand for apprentices from employers in some sectors. As well as removing an important route to access and progress in employment, this has implications for Apprenticeship training providers. We have worked with our network of training providers to promote current vacancies to schools and college students through Career Leads in schools.

Schools/Young People

A number of high schools used the Start in Leeds on-line careers guidance platform and we continue to engage with network of career leads in schools to promote local opportunities and inform and support students to access Apprenticeships through on-line presentations and video. We continue to support young people with home learning activities focused on career choices and connecting businesses with schools, for example CEG is now working on careers activity with the Alternative Provision team at Leeds City College. Working with Children and Family directorate, we have provided dedicated support to young people that needed further guidance and support to decide on their next steps after receiving their results.

Recovery Planning

43. In response to issues raised by the Government's recently published Plans for Jobs 2020, we have now established a City Employment and Skills Task Group bringing

together public and private sector partners to enable the sharing of information and to align and accelerate current and planned programmes and activities and co-design new measures to meet changing labour market needs, and maximise opportunities that will support recovery and longer term growth. This includes employers from key sectors, Further and Higher Education, DWP and our Inclusive Growth Ambassadors.

44. The interventions announced by Government through the Plan for Jobs 2020 include additional resources for Apprenticeships, Traineeships and work placements through the Kickstart Scheme; funding flexibilities for FE Colleges to offer additional Level 2 and 3 courses for 18 and 19 year olds; personalised support available from the National Careers Service and additional resources for Jobcentre Plus to support and co-ordinate the offer for young people 16-24 years. As the local operational arrangements are finalised for these schemes details will be sent to elected members and they will be published on the Employment and Skills Leeds website.
45. The Kickstart Scheme, part of the Government's Plan for Jobs 2020, launched in September. The Employment and Skills service is now a registered Kickstart Gateway to support businesses to offer 6 month paid placements for young people aged 16-24 currently on UC and at risk of long-term unemployment. Since the Kickstart Gateway started at the beginning of October 133 placement opportunities have been submitted to DWP. Further information can be found on the [Employment & Skills Leeds](#) website.

Public Health : Cllr A Wenham

46. During the pandemic as you would expect many of the Public Health commissioned have been re-purposed to help with disseminating Covid-19 prevention messages.

Key Messages & Resident Behaviour during the Pandemic

47. We would strongly encourage all residents in the Inner North East to adhere strictly to the key messages below please. We would be very grateful if all partners and councillors continue to encourage local community members to follow local and government guidance.
48. In Leeds, we remain ever vigilant and want to give our residents all the information they need to stay healthy. Highlighted below is some key information from colleagues in Public Health on Covid-19.
- Keep a safe distance from others
 - Wash your hands regularly, for 20 seconds.
 - You must wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and in healthcare settings.
 - No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms
 - If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a free test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119.
 - If you need to stay at home and have no family or friends for support, ring 0113 378 1877.

49. What signs and symptoms should I look out for?

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough,
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

50. Videos available here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLggQFjpTLgplq0r7-nFO9mT6j8Yk2vKBt>

When, how and why should I get tested?

51. When to get a test:

- For yourself, if you have coronavirus symptoms now (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste).
- For someone you live with, if they have symptoms.
- If you live in England and have been told to have a test before you go into hospital, for example, for surgery.

52. How to get a test:

- Apply online www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 to book either:
 - a. Drive through test [Drive-Through Testing Video](#).
 - b. [Home test - Home Test Video](#).
 - c. Walk to test site at Bridge Street Community Church in Burmantofts (close to St James' hospital) – video available [here](#) and posters are available in different languages. Please email to request these; Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

53. Why to get tested? Testing is really important because if you know that you have tested positive for Covid-19, you can protect your family and friends.

54. How To Get A Covid-19 Test Explained:

- [Drive-Through Testing Video](#).
- [Home Test Video](#).
- [Leeds CCG Handwashing Video 29.7.20](#).

Health and Wellbeing Partnerships

55. Please note these partnerships are currently on hold as partners have repurposed to meet the needs of local residents during the pandemic.

56. Organisers have recently contacted partners to check availability and are awaiting feedback from individuals and organisations.

57. Protecting and supporting vulnerable citizens experiencing suicidal thoughts and the rapid training of volunteers in suicide prevention training.

58. As you can appreciate the scope and quantity of Public Health work by the council across the city during the coronavirus pandemic has been immense. The council is

very appreciative of the massive amount of work of the cities' superb volunteers, third sector organisations and partners. The city owes them a huge debt of gratitude.

59. One of the challenging and upsetting tasks when the support system was put in place until other resources (RUOK helpline) came on line was when volunteers received calls from residents who were harming themselves and experiencing suicidal thoughts. One of the many pieces of work Public Health put in place was the rapid on line training of volunteers and partners in suicide prevention.

Public Health Central City Teams - Health and Wellbeing Update

60. The Public Health Messages Group was established as part of the Leeds response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group was tasked by the Director of Public Health to develop and co-ordinate consistent clear public health messaging for staying safe and well during the pandemic, aimed at the public and workforce. The group identifies weekly key messages, and manages dissemination through a range of channels including bulletins and social media.
61. The group is aligned with the work of Leeds City Council (LCC), Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group communications teams and newly formed COVID-19 specific task groups, and is supported by the Public Health Resource Centre.
62. The approach has very much been one of collaboration and partnership working across the system to agree the balance between 'stay safe' messages and wider health and wellbeing messages, with the focus also moving to support prevention, test and trace and outbreak/ cluster management.
63. During the three month period April – June 2020, over 250 items of content were provided across a range of publications, social media and Public Health Resource Centre new COVID 19 specific webpage (aimed at those working in Leeds).
64. The group has retained a focus and commitment to addressing health inequalities caused by and increased by Covid-19. For example, responding to the need for clear accessible local messages for migrant communities the group has supported the development of key prevention messages in English and 11 community languages in video format (including symptoms, handwashing, staying safe and the walk to testing centre). The group is also supporting the development of easy read resources and accessibility for our visually and hearing impaired communities.
65. Along with communications work from the Public Health Team other areas of work have also adapted to meet the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, some examples of this include:

Sexual Health PH Team

66. To reduce barriers in accessing contraception/STI protection, the Sexual Health Team have provided:

- Condoms to Community Care Hubs and Live Well Leeds to be added to food/toiletry packs on request.
- 290 vulnerable people housed in hotels and hostels have been provided with condoms in toiletry/wellbeing packs
- A postal version of the C-Card, free condom scheme for young people (coordinated by via MESMAC). Young people can request condoms online and have them posted to their home address.
- Postal condom service coordinated by BHA Skyline, to reach those in need, including BME groups. Condoms can be requested by phone or email and one-to-one sexual health advice offered.
- Youth Service have provided C-Card condoms via wellbeing packs distributed to young people, through detached work.

Children and Families PH team (Maternity and Infants)

67. The city-wide Breastfeeding Peer Support service has continued to provide telephone support and much needed face to face breastfeeding support throughout the lockdown period and beyond, albeit virtually over Zoom. They have provided weekly, sometime more frequently, group meetings where mothers can get peer support from each other and specialist breastfeeding support from one of the coordinators. This has been a life line for many new mothers at a time where they have been isolated and others services have been reduced. During World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August) they held socially distanced outdoor group meet ups, some of them meeting others face to face for the first time, this provided the opportunity to form new friendships and support networks of their own. World Breastfeeding Week was celebrated in Leeds using these events and by sharing information on social media and in the local press ([South Leeds Life 31/07/2020](#): [Yorkshire Post 03/08/2020](#) [Leeds Live 03/08/2020](#);) The week focussed on 'Supporting Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet' linking the impact of infant feeding on the environment/climate change and the imperative to protect, promote and support breastfeeding for the health of the planet and its people.
68. The Baby Steps service works with vulnerable pregnant women and families and they have continued to provide antenatal and postnatal support during the COVID-19 pandemic. This support has been provided on a one to one basis over the telephone and via digital means; and where this has not been possible they have delivered physical resources to people's homes. The team are now exploring ways in which they can provide group support via a digital platform, which would be more in line with their usual model - helping to foster peer support.

Active Travel Neighbourhoods

69. Public Health alongside Active Leeds are working closely with Transport and Highways colleagues to provide community engagement and communications support for the new proposed Active Travel neighbourhood schemes, which form part of the central Government's Emergency Active Travel Funding work programme. Work on phase 1 schemes (Hyde Park, Beeston Cross Flatts and Chapeltown) is due to start in

September with further schemes planned for later in the year. Active Travel neighbourhoods create safer, quieter residential streets, using planters and changes to signing which remove the 'through' traffic to prevent vehicles from outside the area using the residential area as a short cut, making walking and cycling the natural and easiest mode of transport.

70. These schemes have strong Public Health support as they offer numerous benefits to local residents. Quieter streets create opportunities for children to play out safely and provide a shared space for neighbours, friends and family to interact in, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness and helping to build community spirit, all in a space where it is easier to maintain a safe social distance from others. Cleaner air as a result of the reduced traffic can lessen the risk of conditions associated with air pollution including cardiovascular disease, respiratory conditions and lung cancer, and spending time outdoors can improve mental wellbeing, improve mood, reduce stress, improve self-esteem and help people become more physically active. Residents are being given the opportunity to comment and feed into the proposed schemes via <https://leedscovid19transport.commonplace.is/> as well as planned face-to-face engagement where possible.

National Flu Immunisation Programme

71. The National Flu Immunisation Programme is essential to protect vulnerable people and support the resilience of the health and care system, particularly in light of the risk of flu and COVID-19 co-circulating this winter.

72. The programme helps reduce GP consultations, unplanned hospital admissions and pressure on A&E. It's therefore a critical element of the system-wide approach to deliver robust and resilient health and care services during the winter.

73. Having flu can often be much worse than people assume. Common symptoms are fever, chills, headache, aches and pains in joints and muscles, and extreme tiredness. For some people, it can increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses such as bronchitis and pneumonia, or can make existing conditions worse. In the worst cases, flu can result in a stay in hospital, or even death.

74. This year, the free NHS influenza vaccination will be offered to more groups of people with others added list later in the year. Currently, eligible cohorts of people include;

- everyone aged 65 and over
- everyone under 65 years of age with a medical condition (see www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine for full details), including children and babies over six months of age
- all pregnant women, at any stage of pregnancy
- all two and three-year-old children (provided they were aged two or three years old on 31 August of the current flu season)
- all children in primary school
- all Year 7 secondary school-aged children
- everyone living in a residential or nursing home
- everyone who cares for an older or disabled person

- household contacts of anyone on the NHS Shielded Patient List
- all frontline health and social care workers

75. Later in the flu season, people aged 50 to 64 may also be offered the vaccine.

76. People can access the vaccine either at their GP surgery (those eligible will be invited) or at a community pharmacy offering the service.

77. Campaign resources to support us all in promoting the influenza vaccination campaign will be available later in the year from Public Health England
<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns>

78. In the meantime, the following resources are now available for download and can be used. Resources currently available include the 2020/21 Flu Vaccination – Who should have it and why? resource which is available to order in 20 different languages.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme#2020-to-2021-flu-season>

79. Leeds has a system-wide approach to ensure the most vulnerable people can access the vaccine whilst ensuring safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The group is working to ensure the wider Leeds workforce is aware of the serious impact of influenza on vulnerable people and are prepared and confident in taking action to promote the influenza vaccination.

80. Further details about flu can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>

Additional Information

81. So the message to everyone in the council and the city is for everyone to keep playing their part to keep themselves and others safe, to minimise contact to stop the spread through:

82. As a reminder of the actions being taken across the partnership, there is: continued localised effort in response to clusters and outbreaks e.g. testing, tracing, door knocking, infection prevention and control; compliance and enforcement where needed; significant activity with licensed premises with multi-agency teams visiting all premises to check compliance and enforce where needed; promoting the App; extensive communications, especially about the new rules, including social media, poster campaigns, signage, direct email, video, translation into community languages; managing the impact of the national issues on testing, with communications and setting up local arrangements for key worker testing; strong partnership with our universities, colleges and schools, with businesses and with community and faith organisations to support them to be Covid secure and handle cases; focus on the vulnerable with extensive work in care homes, and more broadly with carers to prevent and control infections; work with health partners to ensure we deal with non Covid health issues, including a big focus on mental health; and a continued focus all the data, including the epidemiology as well as insight about behaviour change, to inform our actions and consideration of the most appropriate additional restrictions.

83. We are also passing on the appreciation from Executive Board this week for the work that everyone is doing to meet the challenges of the pandemic. We appreciate this is a challenging time for everyone, but are grateful for the way that everyone is responding.

Update from Senior Localities Officer

Target Ward Update

84. The pandemic continues to present challenges to progressing the neighbourhood improvement and community development programmes in Chapeltown and Meanwood. The current focus remains supporting communities and our local third sector partners through this difficult time with much of the existing partnership work on hold or pared back.
85. There continues to be a tremendous community support network in response to the pandemic and Communities Team officers are working closely with local organisations to maintain this in an ever changing environment. The Community Cares Volunteer Coordinator Hubs in all 3 wards continue to support the city's response, working in partnership with Communities Team and other council officers to ensure support is offered to those in need and the most vulnerable in our communities. The existing CCV offer runs until the end of the year but talks are ongoing regarding a support offer for the New Year. In addition to the CCV initiative, numerous community organisations have continued to provide food, befriending and shopping services to their networks of people impacted by these challenging times.
86. Community partners who would usually offer a wide range of services from the council's community buildings continue to be hampered by the restrictions and closure of these vital community centres. Whilst there is a clear understanding of the challenges in opening buildings to the public and the need to ensure users are safe, there is a growing recognition of the wider impact this is having, particularly on young people, with mental health a key concern and the risk of them being drawn into antisocial or criminal behaviour. Communities Team officers continue to engage with these partners individually and through User Groups to discuss concerns and provide information. The Mandela Centre in Chapeltown has recently been used as a pop-up Covid testing centre and is now being used as an official Covid test site on the national testing infrastructure, in order to provide access to local people who may have faced barriers to accessing testing at sites further away in the city.

Love Meanwood

87. Meanwood Valley Partnership's 'Love Meanwood' project which aims to create a vision for Meanwood continues to develop. MVP set out in early 2019 with the goal of finding out what people in Meanwood thought was important for their area and what they wanted to see change. With funding from the Lottery Community Fund and Leeds City Council (INECC, INWCC, INE HAP, INW HAP) a steering group was formed, with seven members representing a diverse range of community groups, organisations and residents, that are based in Meanwood. The steering group collaborated to design the consultation process and extensive desk based research. During the last 6 months all

of the comments, data and discussions gathered during the consultation have been collated and used to form the vision document. The steering group has been meeting regularly (mostly virtually) and various drafts have been scrutinised along the way with the final version due to be launched in late November.

88. “We hope that this document will be a resource for planning in the future, showing the council, health service and other statutory services that we have a thriving community who want to be involved in shaping our shared future. This document is designed to be shared, to be a reference of where we are and how we got here, and to act as a catalyst bringing ideas, support and resources into our community.” – Love Meanwood ‘A 2030 Vision for Meanwood’

Neighbourhood Centres

89. All businesses who have provided email addresses to Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator receive weekly updates on Covid-19 matters for business and other snippets of interest. As an example the Update for 3rd November read:
90. “Following the weekend announcement of a second national lockdown from Thursday (5 November) and extension of the furlough scheme for business, here is information currently available. Please forward to other businesses you keep in touch with in Leeds.
91. Overall the Council is awaiting government guidance on a national support package for businesses forced to close. We hope to be in a position to go live with the mandatory grant package (For eligible rate payers who are forced to close through the national lockdown) by the end of the week. We are also working on a new discretionary fund. When available, all details will be on the Council website.
92. Guidance for individual businesses can be found at the Council’s Economic Development help site at: <https://bit.ly/LeedsBusinesses> Twitter - @LeedsIGS (Leeds Inclusive Growth) <https://twitter.com/LeedsIGS> and @LeedsCC_News - https://twitter.com/LeedsCC_News Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Leedscouncil/> LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/leeds-city-council>
93. And Regional help and advice for businesses is available at <https://www.the-lep.com/business-support/covid-19-support-for-businesses/>
94. Whilst further details should be released this week, in its weekend announcement the government confirmed that under this new lockdown non-essential retail can remain open for delivery to customers and click-and-collect. Of course many Leeds businesses have already developed online sales and advised customers this is available. Hopefully you have made use of all available ways to trade?

95. Of course the impact of Covid-19 has caused mental and physical upset to many people. If you can keep in touch with fellow businesses during the lockdown to share ideas it could be very reassuring and helpful to you all.
96. Turning to Christmas sales, the Christmas intentions report produced yesterday looks at potential Christmas sales on English high streets and city centres. It is researched by Springboard and AL who do a lot of research on the welfare of shopping areas across the UK. As I always note, please bear in mind this is mainly aimed at town centres and city centres and covers the whole of England.
97. For businesses linked to culture here is a report circulated yesterday into culture venues affected by Covid-19.
98. Finally, I promised at a meeting today to let you know Voluntary Action Leeds wants helpers for food deliveries and other good deeds across the city. If you or anyone you know would be interested details are at:
<https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/volunteer/volunteer-centre-leeds/> “
99. Of the 66 district centres in Leeds, nearly half now have a traders group. This process to give businesses a chance to work together to help increase the appeal and draw of their district centres is ongoing and during the turmoil of this year, chairs from the traders groups are playing an increasing leadership role in circulating information and ensuring their shopping area utilises all opportunities to bounce back.
100. Chapel Allerton has the Indies group as its go-to business team but no such groups currently exist in the Moortown or Roundhay wards. If ward members wish we will be happy to look at developing contacts there.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

102. 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

103. 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:

Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30

Best City Plan

Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan

Children and Young People's Plan

Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

104. 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

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

Risk Management

106. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

109. 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.