

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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To note

Outer South 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 Wyn Kidger

3. The Children and Families Sub Group met on **Friday 12th February 2021** at 11am on Zoom, there was representatives from Leeds Playhouse, Youth Services, a Targeted Services Leader, Cluster Manager, Breeze and Local Ward Councillors.
4. Due to the pandemic and the constant strain school have been put under and as we went into a 3rd lockdown it was decided to cancel the online Youth Summit. The Outer South Community Committee are still putting out an online survey to young people in their area so that we can still capture the views of the young people on activities in their area and what they want going forward. The following message has been advertised on social media and sent to partners including Breeze team, Youth

Services, Schools and Clusters, Local ward Councillors and many more to circulate and distribute to young people so we can capture as many views as possible:

Calling Children & Young People - have your say!!

The Outer South Community Committee is inviting young people in Outer South to have their say on how Youth Activity Funding is allocated in the upcoming year!

To be completed by young people aged 8-17years, have your say on what kind of activities are supported in your local area!

Click the link below to complete the short survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y58k6snu>

The survey closes on the 30th April and findings will be presented at the next Children and families sub group and then the Summer Outer South Community Committee Meeting.

5. The 2021/22 Youth Activity funding round has been postponed until we are in a better position to understand what can be delivered and how. This will be picked up again at the next Children and Families sub group meeting in May.
6. The next Children and families sub group meeting date will be organised once the date's for the 2021/22 Community Committee meetings have been confirmed.

Environment: Cllr Neil Dawson

Woodland Creation Update – Outer South

7. Leeds City Council has made a commitment to address the immediate climate emergency and have an ambitious target for the city to be carbon neutral by 2030. This is for the benefit of the health of our communities as well as the future of the city and our planet.
8. Parks and Countryside have a woodland creation program, planting 50 hectares of land each year for the next 25 years, planting 5.8 million trees over this time. The woodlands are for public use, to increase the biodiversity for wildlife, insects and birds as well as to capture carbon and reduce air pollution.
9. Design and planting of the woodlands is carefully considered, with only native species, species specific and suitable for each site, planted in block planting and planting is to Forestry Commission standards. There has been consideration of future public use ensuring openings to access for walking and enjoyment.
10. Decisions about tree planting along the green corridors, and the city as a whole, have been sympathetic to the need to strike a balance between the urgency of the climate emergency and the importance of the physical and mental health benefits of recreation and exercise.

11. We are trialling an online engagement method in Gipton and Harehills for residents to suggest areas for tree planting here. If this is a successful tool we will roll this out across the city including the outer south area.

12. You can find more information on the Arium website <https://www.theariumleeds.co.uk/woodland-creation> .

Planting in Outer South in 2020/2021

13. We have planted 21,575 whip trees in the ward over 13 sites over nearly 5 hectares in the Outer South.

The following are the named sites

Site name	Ward	Area in ha	Total amount of whips
Thorpe Recreation Ground	Ardsley & Robin Hood	0.492	2,186
Spring Lane Sidings	Ardsley & Robin Hood	0.4729	2,102
The Crescent	Ardsley & Robin Hood	0.1722	765
Farm Hill Road	Morley North	0.0302	134
Nepshaw Lane POS	Morley North	0.3551	1,578
Springbank Road POS	Morley North	0.6463	2,908
Springbank Road	Morley North	0.0751	334
Bruntcliffe Lane	Morley South	0.2508	1,115
Hembrigg Park Recreation Ground	Morley South	0.1678	675
High Street	Morley South	0.1849	822
Magpie Lane	Morley South	0.6729	2,990
Springhead Park	Rothwell	0.3279	1,300
The Pastures	Rothwell	1.05	4666

14. Ward based update meetings with officers and members are being scheduled and we are asking for members to make further suggestions for future woodland creation sites. Ward based maps have been shared to assist the identification of sites. Vicki Marsden will be arranging the meetings.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Ardsley and Robin Hood and Rothwell November 2020 to February 2021

15. The team have continued to work through the Pandemic without interruption, at times the team has had to be altered and juggle specific tasks due to staff shortages but all service level agreements have been maintained.

16. The team have been assisting several new groups who have become interested in forming Community Litter picking groups to assist in the area which is very helpful. A

clean up of the Roundabout area of the A642 Wakefield Road crossing the M62 at junction 30 early on a Sunday morning which was very successful. 12 new bins were also placed out in the Ardsley and Robin Hood ward.

17. Enforcement wise a successful Fly tipping FPN was issued in Tingley after vital information and CCTV footage was obtained from a local resident. A further domestic waste FPN was issued after working with Refuse and York HA (Landlord) in trying to resolve the issue. Carl has commenced several letter drops recently regarding Rat issues, this is a re-occurring issue around Harvest time and more pertinent the change of rodent behaviour in these Covid times.

List of enforcement actions

Job Type	Rothwell	Ardsley & RH	Total
Fly tipping – S_FLYT	49	51	100
E-Fly tipping –	10	10	20
Litter – S_LITR	6	21	27
E-Litter – E_LITR	1	1	2
Bulky – S_SCBC	110	98	208
Waste in garden –	4	5	9
Housing communal Overgrown	4	0	4
Housing vulnerable	4	5	9
Housing vulnerable	1	0	1
Bin left out - LEFT	7	5	13
Litter Bin Empty –	1	2	3
Footpath swept –	7	9	16
Road sweep –	7	8	15
Dog Fouling –	5	8	13
E-Dog Fouling -	1	0	1
Abandoned Vehicles	5	6	11
Graffiti – S_GRAF	1	0	1
A Board – H_ABRD	0	0	0
Domestic Waste –	6	3	9
Commercial Waste –	2	4	6
Leafing – S_LEAF	6	1	7
Dead Animal	0	0	0
Housing Defect -	1	2	3
Smoke from Bonfire	POLBON-4	POLBON-8	14
Obstruction -	1	4	5
Nuisance Light-	1	1	2
Nuisance	2	1	3
Rodents-RODENT	1	3	4

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report Morley North and South November 2020 to Jan 2021

Summary

18. A total of 348 requests were received for the above ward. The Top issues are listed in Table 1. Bulky waste collections are the highest request for service followed by Fly

Tipping collections, this shows that a majority residents in Morley do contact the authority and pay for collections of waste from their households.

19. There have been continued Enforcement actions in the whole of the North and South of the Ward from our 2 dedicated Officers Antony Marshall and Michelle Walters, with regards Environmental issues, ranging from litter through to Fly tipping and encompassing garden waste and nuisance burning issues as well as dog fouling and Highway issues
20. Please note the work listed here doesn't include all our programmed litter picking and mechanical street sweeping.

Table 1 – top 10 Service Requests

Issue	Morley North and South
Waste in garden	13
Abandoned vehicles	15
Graffiti removal	14
Road Sweeping	12
De-leafing	16
Fly tipping removal	75
Fly tipping reported to enforcement	23
Street and footpath swept to remove litter	26
Bulky refuse collection	154
Total	348

Ward updates provided by the Team Leader

21. As we are aware, the current Pandemic has hit us rather hard and at times our team have been at the very minimum of staff and have therefor on occasions had to prioritise works to make sure the main public areas have been serviced and bins are emptied.
22. But I believe our team have managed to maintain a high standard throughout these hard times have managed to attain a decent standard of cleanliness and responsiveness throughout.
23. The team have helped all ward Councillors with regards individual service requests as well as requests for bins to be placed in certain areas which they have identified, we currently have 12 bins purchased by councillors which are due to be placed out in areas identified by all councillors and residents alike (photographs and updates will be sent as they are placed out).
24. We saw an influx of Graffiti for a short while which we attended to on both Parks and housing land as well as that which we maintain on Highway adopted land

25. The leaf fall this year was its usual size and annoyance but I believe we were able to manage the expectations of ward members and the public in making sure there wasn't too much disruption to the day to day life of residents in the area.
26. We continue to help residents/community groups who have been carrying out community litter picks by loaning litter picking tongs and also issuing refuse bags which we have then remove and dispose of once filled, although we are reminding these groups that the onus is upon them to make sure they abide by all current government restrictions with regards social distancing and also travel whilst they perform such activities.
27. Our crews have been assisting pedestrians/vehicular traffic and somewhat more importantly sheltered housing complexes with regards gritting and removing snow from areas which have been affected.
28. Michelle Walters has continued to patrol and issue PCN's and FPN's and also offer education and advice to the public throughout the district during this time and has continued to tackle the issues which have been raised by ward members and residents.
29. We still work closely with housing but throughout this pandemic we have stopped cutting back and maintaining the gardens of void properties but the south CNT Team have given over the resource of 2 staff members to CEL who are undertaking this work for housing
30. And finally we unfortunately lost a very valued and longstanding member of our team who passed away at the very end of November 2020 Ian Ferguson who himself was a Morley resident living in Ingle Court, had worked for the authority for a grand total of 32 years. We as a team have decided to commemorate our lost colleague by way of a memorial bench which has been graciously sanctioned by Ward members and the Mayor of Morley to be placed in Morley Town Centre, this will be purchased and installed once an agreement of style and design of any new street furniture in the Morley area has been made.

Community Safety: Councillor Andrew Hutchison

Community Safety Forum

Feb 2020 Safety brief

31. It's great to see a reduction in all aspects of crime except Hate Incidents in Morley North, but unfortunate to see Morley South, Rothwell and Ardsley Robin Hood has seen a significant increase in Burglary but a reduction in robbery and all wards except for Ardsley Robin Hood are similar to Morley North with an increase in Hate incidents.

32. **Morley South** priorities are to disrupt and engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour. The NPT are reported as using Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if proportionate and necessary if warnings are not heeded. They are also to concentrate their efforts on retail crime in Morley town centre area, acting on community intelligence to identify those committing crime. They will ensure high visibility patrols are conducted and will be utilising all different tactics available to disrupt and prosecute those involved in this criminal activity.
33. In the **Morley North**, Gildersome area, in particular, the Street Lane, Church Street and Town Street areas have been highlighted by residents as areas of concern. The NPT have been and will continue to deploy officers in these areas of concern, at the relevant times as identified from community reports and intelligence for speeding. NPT have reported that some suspicious activities in and around the Churwell area late night and early hours of the morning have raised some concerns. The NPT message is to encourage people to call the police about anyone looking up and down driveways, trying car door or house door handles. The NPT will continue to be proactively patrolling these areas, stop and check individuals and ask them to account for their presence. In the Drighlington area The Moorside estate has work done to tackle ASB, a group of youths were stopped and searched and one male found to have cannabis on him.
34. In **Rothwell**, The NPT continue to monitor and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles over spilling from 'Rothwell Off Road Centre'. By creating an on-site presence, it is intended that any perimeter breaches by off road vehicles will be remedied at the time and the effect on local residents and adjacent roads reduced. In addition, a visible police presence to be maintained in and around the town centre of Rothwell following numerous reports of shoplifting offences in the area. The NPT Continue to work and tackle the drugs supply in the ward.
35. In **Ardsley & Robin Hood** the main issue is to disrupt and engage with nuisance youths, anti-social behaviour, with particular attention to groups of youths still congregate allegedly to smoke cannabis and take part in ASB. In addition to the above, they are actively targeting anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Tingley
36. Just released recent crime figures which show recorded crimes continue to fall across West Yorkshire with an 8.8% reduction in offences. This means there have been 25,840 fewer victims.

Anti-Social Behaviour Update

2020/21 QUARTER 3 (as 28/02/21)			
WARD	CASES OPENED	CASES CLOSED	ACTIVE CASES AT MONTH END
Ardsley & Robin Hood	9	23	11
Rothwell	8	20	13
Morley North	14	29	20
Morley South	9	23	17
OUTER SOUTH TOTAL	19	16	61

37. LASBT are currently receiving unprecedented levels of demand to the service across the entire City with caseloads high across all 3 area teams.

38. We at LASBT South currently have 235 active ASB cases, of these 61 are within the Outer South area.

39. LASBT Staff are still working from home. They are able to carry out visits where absolutely necessary to progress a case but much of our contact is still being conducted over the phone or via email. Where face to face contact is required, the necessary risk assessments have been completed, staff have been supplied with the necessary PPE & must adhere to COVID guidelines.

40. When staff are out on the estates, they are paying attention for properties which may not be COVID compliant. Any concerns they have whilst on visits are fed into West Yorkshire Police.

41. Legal work has proved challenging during the lockdown period due to the restrictions placed on the Courts & on possession cases in particular. We currently have a number of legal cases that have started going through the court process, this has been slow and a lot of hearings have been virtual hearings but we hope that as restrictions lift that things will become more efficient.

42. There are no specific trends in each of the locality areas and there are still regular updates provided and meetings with partners.

Police Update

Serious acquisitive crime (SAC crime):

43. The below figures are for the past 2 months (reports from December and January).

Ardley and Robin Hood

	January	December
Burglary	7- increase of 5	2 - decrease of 3
Robbery	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2 - reduction of 1	3 - increase of 2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0 - Reduction of 2	2
Hate crime	0 - Reduction of 2	1 - Increase of 1
Hate incident	0 - reduction of 2	0

Reported crime across the ward remains low apart from an increase in burglaries this month.

Morley North

	January	December
Burglary	6 - reduction of 1	7- increase of 7
Robbery	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2 - reduction of 6	8 - decrease of 1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1 - Increase of 1	0
Hate crime	1 - Reduction of 2	3 - increase of 1
Hate incident	4 - increase of 3	1 - Decrease of 2

There has been generally low crime numbers this month.

Morley South

	January	December
Burglary	14 - significant increase	7- increase of 3
Robbery	1- Reduction of 1	2- increase of 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2- Increase of 2	0- Decrease of 3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1- Reduction of 1	2
Hate crime	2 – increase of 2	0- Decrease of 4
Hate incident	1	1

As you can see from the data there has been a significant increase in burglaries across Morley South ward. We have been working hard to tackle this not only from our NPT but also with additional district and force resources. There are investigations on going in relation to this and this is one of the priorities for the district in relation to SAC crime.

Rothwell

	January	December
Burglary	24- significant increase	6- reduction of 4
Robbery	0-reduction of 2	2- increase of 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4- increase of 2	2- decrease of 4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4- increase of 2	2- decrease of 4
Hate crime	2-increase of 2	
Hate incident	Increase of 1	Increase of 1

There has been a significant increase in burglaries this month in the Rothwell ward. These are mainly shed and garage break ins.

We have been working hard to tackle this not only from our NPT but also with additional district and force resources. There are investigations on going in relation to this and this is one of the priorities for the district in relation to SAC crime.

ASB

Ardsley and Robin Hood

44. January - There has been a slight increase in ASB calls with a total of 40 reported ASB calls.

45. 4 x adult nuisance, 2 x fireworks, 1 x littering, 3 x neighbour related, 5 x nuisance car, 7 x nuisance bikes and 18 x youth related.

46. Feb – Total of 36 reported ASB calls.

47. 4 x adult nuisance, 2 x fireworks, 1 x drug dealing, 6 x nuisance car, 9 x nuisance bike and 14 x youth related ASB.

Morley North

48. January - There has been an increase in ASB with 38 Total ASB.

49. 8 x adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 1 x alcohol related, 7 x neighbour related, 12 x nuisance bikes and 10 x youth related.

50. February - Total of 25 reported ASB calls.

51. 1 adult nuisance non-alcohol related, 2 x fireworks, 1 x littering, 3 x neighbour related, 2 x nuisance car, 3 x nuisance bike and 13 x youth related ASB.

Morley South

52. January - There has been an increase in ASB with a total of 32 reported ASB logs.

53. 3 x adult nuisance, 2 x alcohol related, 3 x neighbour related, 6 x nuisance car, 8 x nuisance bikes and 10 x youth related.

54. February - total of 20 reported ASB logs.

55. 4 x adult nuisance, 1 x alcohol related, 3 x fireworks, 2 x neighbour related, 3 x nuisance bikes and 7 x youth related ASB.

Rothwell

56. January - There has been a further reduction in ASB with a total of 24 reported ASB calls.

57. 3 x Adult nuisance, 1 x littering, 6 x neighbour related, 3 x nuisance car, 7 x nuisance bikes and 4 x youth related.

58. February - total of 25 reported ASB calls.

59. 3 x Adult nuisance, 1 x alcohol related, 4 x neighbour related, 4 x nuisance car, 8 x nuisance bike/quads and 5 x youth related.

NPT Priorities for each ward

Ardsley and Robin Hood

60. To disrupt and engage with nuisance youths, anti-social behaviour in and around the Robin Hood area, with particular attention to the residential estates around the junction of Leeds Road and Leadwell Lane in particular Oast House Croft and Blacksmith Mews where groups of youths still congregate allegedly to smoke cannabis and take part in ASB. We will also use ASB and current Covid Legislation to prevent the youths from returning to the location if necessary. If warnings are not heeded, suspects will be identified and homes visited so that parents can be advised accordingly and, if appropriate, be served with Covid warnings and FPNs.

61. To target and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Tingley area paying particular attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. We will conduct regular traffic operations including the use of speed measuring equipment to provide road safety advice and prosecute offenders using Road Traffic legislation and, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.

Morley North

62. Speeding is the most commonly raised issue in the Morley North ward. Gildersome area, in particular, the Street Lane, Church Street and Town Street areas have been highlighted by residents as areas of concern. We have officers trained in the deployment of approved speed measuring devices. We have been and will continue to deploy such officers in these areas of concern, at the relevant times as identified from community reports and intelligence for speeding. We will enforce the speed limit where there is a persistent problem and advise where there is an emerging, lower problem with minor breaches. This will depend on a range of factors, but essentially will be dynamically risk assessed around the roads use and nature of that breach. This is already registered as a problem-solving investigation, which is monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

63. Some suspicious activities in and around the Churwell area late night and early hours of the morning have raised some concerns. We would much rather receive a call prior to the commission of an offence by such people and so I would encourage you to call the police about anyone looking up and down driveways, trying car door or house door handles. We'd much rather check this out for ourselves and hopefully prevent a crime. We have been and will continue to proactively patrol these areas, stop and check individuals and ask them to account for their presence and where lawful, use appropriate stop and search powers. Our patrol colleagues are appraised and are being asked to regularly patrol the area in the early hours also.

Morley South

64. To disrupt and engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour. We will use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if proportionate and necessary if warnings are not heeded.

65. To concentrate our efforts on retail crime in Morley town centre area, acting on community intelligence to identify those committing crime. We will ensure high visibility patrols are conducted and utilise all different tactics available to disrupt and prosecute those involved in this criminal activity.

66. Continue to be pro-active in our approach to speeding vehicles. We will target specific locations as identified by the local community.

67. We will continue to act upon community intelligence in relation to the use and supply of drugs.

Rothwell

68. To monitor and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles over spilling from 'Rothwell Off Road Centre', Wakefield Road, Oulton. We will work with partnership agencies and Leeds City Council to engage with the owners and organisers of the business with a view to providing a more structured management of the facility. By creating an on-site presence, it is intended that any perimeter breaches by off road vehicles will be remedied at the time and the effect on local residents and adjacent roads reduced.

69. Provide a visible police presence in and around the town centre of Rothwell following numerous reports of shoplifting offences in the area. This will provide a deterrent measure along with an opportunity to engage with business owners with a view to obtaining community intelligence and provide crime prevention advice.

Recent Work done by NPT

70. We continue to deploy a 'Covid car' to tackle breaches of the legislation. The policing strategy is still the 4E's however, we are now taking enforcement action more quickly and an increasing number of fines have been issued.
71. Continued work to frustrate and tackle the drugs supply in Outer South.
72. ASB work continuing in Robin Hood due to young people coming over from other areas- this appears to be decreasing but we are continuing to provide visibility and reassurance in the area.
73. We continue with road safety work including pro-active speeding operations and the seizure of vehicles for offences such as no insurance.
74. CC John Robbins has just released recent crime figures which show recorded crimes continue to fall across West Yorkshire with an 8.8% reduction in offences. This means there have been 25,840 fewer victims.
75. Parking issues on Knightsway at Robin Hood - obstructing refuse collections etc. We have done some passing patrols and this is being remedied by an experimental traffic order; double yellows were to be put down from today 25/1/21 to ease issues around junctions and parking.
76. Moorside Estate – work done to tackle ASB, a group of youths were stopped at Penfield Road and made off towards the Moorside Estate. All stopped and searched and one male found to have cannabis on him and given a community resolution.
77. Plain clothes operation in Morley, around Hembrigg Park following the robbery as below on Friday evening. Officers spoke to numerous dog walkers to establish if they had witnessed anything the previous evening. 4 stop searches also conducted on youths in the park, resulting in one of the Community Resolutions detailed above. Hi-Viz re-assurance patrols conducted either time of the plain clothes Op.
78. Warrant executed at an address on Fairfax Avenue- male arrested and drugs seized
79. Patrols in relation to anti-social driving on Asquith Close / Drive
80. Warrant executed at an address on Copley Lane, Robin Hood – male arrested.
81. Warrant executed at an address on Syke Avenue, Tingley. Nothing recovered.
82. Darker Nights Letter Drop on Fourth Avenue.

83. Darker Nights Letter Drop on Abraham Hill, St Christopher's Ave, St Peters Ave and West View

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Neil Dawson

Universal Credit

84. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Outer South Community Committee area that were unemployed in November 2020 is 3,366. This is an increase of 101% since March 2020 and an increase of 67 on the previous month.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2020		November 2020	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Outer South	1,678	3.0%	3,299	6.0%	3,366	6.1%
Ardley & Robin Hood	403	2.7%	835	5.7%	836	5.7%
Morley North	409	2.9%	805	5.8%	826	6.0%
Morley South	500	3.5%	936	6.5%	957	6.6%
Rothwell	366	3.0%	723	6.0%	747	6.2%

*Number is the number of people claiming Universal Credit that are not in employment

**Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population

Employment and Skills Services

85. The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Outer South Community Committee area:

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)	2020 (Apr – Dec)	2019 (Apr – Dec)
Outer South	454	553	103	173	229	334
Ardley & Robin Hood	91	112	15	29	45	57
Morley North	123	118	23	28	62	75
Morley South	144	188	38	68	69	115
Rothwell	96	135	27	48	53	87

86. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID and the temporary closure of face to face services since March 2020, the employment and skills delivery models have been adapted and are continuing through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April to December 2020 8,755 people have accessed the Service, 454 of whom were from Outer South, a reduction of 18% when compared to the same period last year.

87. Across the city the service has supported 2,701 people into work, this reporting year (April – December 2020). 103 residents from the Outer South have been supported into work, a reduction of 40% when compared to the same period last year. They were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution and transport. Over 258 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff and to provide support for staff facing redundancy.

Recruitment continues in the health and care sector as it deals with winter pressures, and in digital roles across all sectors.

Leeds Employment Hub

88. Leeds Employment Hub 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. The Service has been successful in securing an additional £4m ESIF funding to support around 4,000 people in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The funding is agreed from January 2021 to December 2023. This project will offer tailored preventative and remedial support to residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. Delivery will be through the Community Hubs with Employment and Skills managing the contract with DWP.

Vaccine Programme

89. The Service has been facilitating the recruitment of the Vaccinating Leeds programme on behalf of Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, including the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions. The first in-take of interviews have been scheduled with roles currently ring-fenced for candidates from the Employment Hub. Interviews have been arranged for over 100 applicants, 72 of whom have passed the interview stage and are awaiting either references and or DBS/right to work checks before undergoing training with NHS.

90. Between April – December 2020 the service has supported 4,703 people across the city to improve their skills. From the Outer South, 229 residents have completed a skills, a reduction of 31% when compared to the same period last year. Delivery of the 2020/21 programme commenced in September 2020 with 16 commissioned providers delivering online courses with an increased focus on digital skills and work focused courses. Since the start of the new academic year, September 2020, 490 courses have been advertised on the Leeds Adult Learning website.

91. New methods of Adult Learning delivery were supported to include blended learning. This has involved digital delivery through mobile phones, coupled with home learning options, remote delivery, including outdoor learning and the return to face to face learning when restrictions were lifted and delivery spaces will be reworked to ensure they are COVID secure. In addition home learning resource packs have been developed to enable a flexible approach, increasing pastoral support with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and learners who are unable to access online learning.

Leeds Apprenticeship Festival

92. Leeds Apprenticeship Festival (LAF) will take place during National Apprenticeship Week, 8th - 12th February 2021 and will be held virtually for the first time. A dedicated webpage, created by an external organisation ODI, will host the festival. Visitors will be able to watch exhibitor Apprenticeship presentations and videos, contact employers directly, book meet and greet Q&A sessions with exhibitors and receive IAG support. 77 exhibitors have confirmed their attendance. A promotional campaign to advertise and raise awareness of the event commenced 4th January 2021.

Levy Match

93. The Levy Match Leeds was launched on 5th October 2020 to boost Apprenticeship numbers. Supported by a web based platform, the service enables large levy payers to transfer up to 25% of uncommitted funds to small and medium enterprises wishing to support an Apprenticeship. The online brokerage service aims to make this as simple as possible to ensure maximum levy investment is retained and invested locally to create more Apprenticeship opportunities. To date 19 SMEs and 5 Levy Payers have accessed the website and over £100,000 has been committed so far to support Apprenticeships.

Kickstart Scheme

94. 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 supporting 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 2020, 247 placement opportunities have been submitted to DWP, offered by 62 employers.

Subscription Service

95. A new subscription service, "The List", was launched in November 2020 through the Leeds City Council Website. Subscribers to The List receive the service's weekly job vacancies, Apprenticeships and course information. Since December 2020 those registered to receive our emails have increased by 114% to 4,685 and 17,000 emails were delivered.

96. For further information please visit:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLEEDS/subscriber/>

97. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk/>

98. For help or advice to find a job, an Apprenticeship, a course or training, please contact: esleeds@leeds.gov.uk or Telephone: 0113 378 4576

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Judith Elliott

99. The Outer South Older Person's Sub Group met on for Monday 7th December 2020 at 1pm on Zoom. The group received updates from partners including the police, the neighbourhood networks and retirement life and work progressed on improving the commissioning processes for the International Day of the Older Person offer for 2021.

Public Health Update

COVID-19 vaccine

Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca vaccines

100. The NHS is now offering vaccinations to people who are most at risk from COVID-19. The two approved vaccines; Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca are safe and have been through rigorous checks, as well as extensive trials.

101. Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg.

102. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS. Anyone who claims to be able to provide you with a vaccine for a fee is likely to be committing a crime and should be reported to the Police online or by calling 101. The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text asking you to confirm you want the vaccine.

103. Priority groups to receive the first vaccine

104. The NHS is vaccinating everyone in the top four priority groups identified by the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) – including older care home residents and staff, everyone over 70, all frontline NHS and care staff and all those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

105. Please continue to protect yourself and your loved ones and reduce the spread of coronavirus by following the guidelines - hand hygiene and social distancing in particular - this will help save lives.

106. Key facts on vaccines

Please see the following facts on vaccines:

- All vaccines are tested and regulated to make sure they meet safety standards
- After clean water, vaccination is the most effective public health intervention in the world for saving lives and promoting good health
- Immunisation currently prevents 2-3 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles
- Vaccines protect other people in your community – by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines
- It's safe to give children several vaccines at a time and this reduces the amount of injections they need

- Vaccines teach your immune system how to create antibodies that protect you from disease

107. Information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on the NHS website by visiting the following link [nhs.uk/CovidVaccine](https://www.nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)

Active Leeds Health Programmes

The Keeping Well at Home Programme

108. Active Leeds and Public Health created the Keeping Well at Home resources to support people that are shielding, clinically vulnerable or have mobility problems to keep moving during to the lockdown. These resources are to be extended from Monday 18th January 2021, to provide further support for people wanting to stay mobile and active at home. The new programme includes;

- Online Exercise Activities via Zoom
- IPAD Loan Scheme
- Personalised Support
- Digital activities on YouTube
- Activity DVDs
- Peer Support Groups
- Printed Resources such as the Keeping Well at Home Booklets

109. To request any resources or to seek support in accessing our programmes, please complete an online enquiry form <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/38MS7L/> or give us a call.

110. For more detailed information about the Keeping Well at Home Programme, please look at our website www.active.leeds.gov.uk/keepingwellathome

Active Leeds Health Referral Programme

111. Active Leeds is accepting referrals and self-referrals to its referral programme throughout lockdown. The programme focuses on adults and support people with that are demotivated or just don't know where to start to become active. Each person has their own Health and Wellbeing Coach will support people in accessing and following a range of resources to keep them going during lockdown. To access the programme completed the online enquiry form:

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/SLNH3/> or contact us by phone or email.

112. How to contact us or access programmes?

Active Leeds accepted enquires and referrals through a range of methods;

- Keeping Well at Home Enquiry Form: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/38MS7L/>
- Online Enquiry Form: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/SLNH3/>
- Email: Health.Programmes@Leeds.gov.uk
- Tel: 0113 3783680

- Healthcare Professionals can refer directly through the Healthy Living Template on System one.

Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Bob Gettings

113. Consultation has taken place with regular users and stakeholders over the potential closure of 2 community centres in the Outer South area, following the Executive Board meeting in November:
Lewisham Park Community Centre – Morley South
Windmill Youth and Community Centre – Rothwell
114. The results of this will be included in the budget proposals taken to full council in February.
115. Currently all community centres remain closed for public use and a cautious approach is being taken regarding re-opening centres. Whilst users are keen to get back into buildings this needs to be done safely and in line with the LCC approach to its other public buildings

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

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

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs and Libraries Update

117. Our sites are adapted and fully Covid safe and open with restricted opening hours and services, this has enabled us to continue to provide a key service to our communities. Our staff are doing a combination of F2F work and working from home to support the service.

Customer Services

118. Customer Services Open F2F sites are limited to emergency enquiries as below:
- Booking telephone appointments
 - Booking PC slots using Net loan and using Self Service PC's
 - Collecting LWSS vouchers
 - Providing proofs for LWSS
 - Requesting Trussell Trust e-vouchers
 - Posting out of Council Tax bills
 - Raising repairs

- To Drop Off documents
- To Purchase Radar Keys
- Tenancy Termination Notices

Library/PC Usage

119. We offer a combination of our browsing/non browsing model dependant on Leeds Tiers/Lockdown.

120. Currently due to lockdown restrictions we are using our non-browsing model. Customers can reserve books via our Order and Collect Service or book a 45 minute PC session (which can be extended if needed).

121. Our new 'Selection Bags' will be available from next week for customers to order, these will have a selection of 6 books for adults or children ranging from crime, romance, key stages, picture books etc.

Jobshops

122. Our Jobshops are currently working remotely with customers via email and telephone, offering the full range of services including assisting with job searching, creating or updating a CV, completing job applications and preparing for interviews. Customers can email jobshops@leeds.gov.uk if they require phone support with their job searching

Employment

123. As part of an ESIF contract and in partnership with Employment and Skills, the service will be transitioning to provide a more extensive case loading support package to those seeking employment and during their initial period in a new job. Additionally Ipad lending has been made available (27 in total) to enable those who do not have internet access at home to be able to job search and make job applications.

Healthy Holidays

124. In a continuation of the support programme that ran over the summer holidays, children affected by food insecurity received food hampers and activity packs over the Christmas Holiday period and provision to be run over the Easter period.

Telephone support

125. Staff have helped to resource a number of telephone services: the Test and Trace programme – making outbound calls to residents who have been advised to self-isolate, calls to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents who have requested call backs, the council tax and benefits line, Local Welfare Support Line and also

Shielding Flexible support line providing grant payments to CEV customers who have been impacted financially due to them shielding.

Census

126. Preparation is underway for Dewsbury Road Community Hub to be a Census Support Centre for residents who will need support to complete their Census return.

Hub and Library opening hour's public consultation

127. To fulfil the budgetary savings that the service needs to make, an online public consultation took place through January 2021 on the standardisation of opening across the Hub and Library service.

Resumption of services

128. It is difficult to give specific detail at this present time but based on government roadmap on lifting lockdown the initial plan for opening services, in addition to what is already currently open is as follows:

129. Step 1: 12th April Library browsing will resume and unrestricted PC use (with social distancing and face covering)

130. Step 2: 21st June Events and activities can start. It is not yet clear if this will still include social distancing and mask wearing.

131. The planning phase will commence in the near future to determine which partners will return to community hubs and libraries. The return may need to be on a staged basis should there still be restrictions on maximum occupancy of a building and depending on what other Covid safety requirements are at that stage.

Housing Leeds

Ardsley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Housing Management Area Update

Environmental Work

132. We are following the government's guidelines regarding social distancing and continue to work from home. Risk assessments for most housing management tasks are now in place – including a risk assessment for crossing the threshold and visiting a tenant, however this is only in extreme circumstances where all other contact methods have been exhausted and a conversation has taken place with the Housing Manager. The focus remains on limiting potential exposure to the virus by reducing face to face duties wherever possible.

133. Estate walkabouts are still unaccompanied at this time, and we continue to limit the frequency of estate inspections in order to limit potential virus exposure. Housing Officers are grouping visits together into one inspection and maximising what can be done in a single visit as opposed to multiple trips to the estate.
134. Several locally funded environmental projects have taken place this quarter amongst both wards and local funding has now been exhausted for the year, which is a sign that Officers have been quick to spot and resolve estate issues despite a reduced physical presence on the estate.

Annual Home Visits

135. Telephone Annual Home visits are now well underway and things are going well in terms of adapting to this new way of working. We continue to unearth issues during these contacts and have earmarked some that whilst not needing an immediate welfare visit would require some level of visit once lockdown is lifted. We have arranged food parcels, referred to support partners and been able to provide a range of intervention work as a result of these contacts, and coupled with the work we have already done on contacting all tenants over 60 we are able to capture those who are struggling in the current pandemic restrictions.

Rent Collection

136. Week 44 income collection performance is 96.77% which is a 0.33% improvement since last month and moves us up into 6th place in the city. This is an indication of the team's hard work in order to support our tenants whose income has been adversely affected as a result of the pandemic, including job losses, furlough or reduced hours. We have had a lot of success with Discretionary Housing Applications and have been able to clear a considerable amount of arrears for those who have fallen into financial hardship, whilst ensuring the correct financial support is in place to tackle other debts or assist with budgeting moving forwards. Universal Credit average case debt continues to be low, with our average case debt remaining extremely low across both wards with a total of 483 cases, and a cumulative debt increase of just £22.49 across everyone who had to claim Universal Credit in Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood throughout January.

Morley Housing Management Area Update

Environmental Work

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Rent Collection

141. Week 45 income collection performance is 96.70% which is a 0.24% improvement since last month and puts us at 4th place in the city. 7 weeks+ gross rent arrears currently stands at 6.06% which is a 0.30% improvement since this time last month. The sum of overall rent arrears across the whole Morley Office has also dropped by 0.08% from this time last month.

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

October 2020 Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee

TARA activities:

142. The OS Tenant Engagement Officer (TEO) is in regular contact with TARAs / Community Groups via email and calls. No meetings are held at present due to COVID-19 but groups are offered support in setting up Skype / conference call meetings, help with getting accounts to WYCAS (and regular funding updates in addition to support with HAP bid writing should groups have projects to support their communities. Online training opportunities are also shared and recent sessions have covered Safeguarding, Scams and Frauds, Green doctor and ASB.

HAP activities:

143. There has been two OS HAP Skype / conference call meetings since Sept 24th 2020: November 24th 2020 and January 24th 2021.
144. Housing Leeds Performance reports were provided by Darren Parker (Rothwell Housing Manager) and Phil Diamond (Morley Housing Manager). Up to date information about rent collection, voids, support for tenants, environmental improvements in addition to Lettings updates and the different ways Officers are working in response to the impact of COVID -19 were shared. OS Housing Management and Housing teams fully support all the OS HAP bid processes. Additionally Phil Diamond shared the news that he would be retiring at the end of March 2021. Panel members shared their sadness and thanked Phil for his fantastic work as Housing Manager over many years in OS and may other areas of Leeds. The panel were very happy with the performance reports provided.
145. The TEO is working on 33 bids so far this year. 18 bids have been funded in full so far linked to these funding priorities: Housing & Environment (8), Health & Wellbeing (9) and Community Safety (1). There have been no Employment & Skills bids - mostly due to Covid-19.
146. At the start of the Nov 24th 2020 OS HAP Skype / conference call meeting there was £24,608.98 in the OS HAP budget and the bids discussed were:
147. OS_01_2021: Blackburn Court Noticeboards (Rothwell) – the panel funded the bid in full for the £860.00 requested (£160.00 match funding from Rothwell HO's env. budget)
148. OS_02_2021: Two new benches at The Grove (Morley north) - the panel funded the bid in full for the £540.00 requested (No match funding)
149. OS_09_2021: Morley South Foodbank (Morley south and wider) – the panel funded the bid in full for the £1,250.00 requested (£3,970.00 match funding in place)
150. OS_20_2021: Newlands Online Digital Project (all wards) – the panel funded the bid in full for the £3,350.00 requested (No match funding)
151. OS_23_2021: OS Youth Service Christmas packs (all wards) - the panel funded the bid in full by delegated decision outside of the HAP meeting for the £990.00 requested (No match funding)
152. At the end of the meeting there was £17,718.98 remaining in the budget
153. At the 26th Jan 2021 OS HAP Skype / conference call meeting the bids discussed were:

154. OS_25_2021: Lewisham Court Garden bid (Morley south) the panel agreed via delegated decision to fund the bid for the full £231.11 requested (£2,351.16 match funding in place)
155. OS_26_2021: New bench for Temple Lawn Community Centre (Rothwell) the panel funded the bid in full for the £1,000.00 requested (No match funding)
156. OS_28_2021: OS Green Guardians bid (all wards) the panel funded the bid in full for the £7,000.00 requested (No match funding)
157. OS_29_2021: OS MEA Garden Maintenance Service (all wards) the panel funded the bid in full for the £5,120.00 requested (£29,880.00 match funding TBC)
158. At the end of the meeting there was £4,013.87 remaining in the budget
159. The OS HAP budget spent so far linked to the 4 HAP themes is as follows:

HAP themes	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Environment & Housing	8	8	£ 19,005.11	51.79%
Health & Well-being	19	8	£ 13,180.00	35.91%
Community Safety	6	1	£ 500.00	1.36%
Employment & Skills	0	0	£ -	0.00%
Outer South Total	33	17	£ 32,685.11	89.06%

The OS HAP budget allocation by ward areas is as follows:

Budget by Ward Area	Number of projects submitted	Number of projects approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% committed
Ardley and Robin Hood	6	1	£ 480.00	1.31%
Rothwell	6	2	£ 1,860.00	5.07%
Morley North	3	2	£ 1,040.00	2.83%
Morley South	4	1	£ 235.11	0.64%
Multiple OS wards	5	5	£ 10,220.00	27.85%
All OS wards	8	6	£ 18,850.00	51.36%
Outer South Total	32	17	£ 32,685.11	89.06%

160. Collaborative working with the Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the OS HAP. This partnership continues to work well, ensuring tenants and residents benefit whilst making best use of available funds. The OS HAP and Community Committee look for best value for money as using money wisely remains important to benefit all OS communities.

Community Payback

161. Community Payback cannot undertake any tasks in outer south wards due to Covid 19. Tasks can only resume when the situation changes and work can be undertaken safely.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

163. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Policies and City Priorities

164. 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

165. 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

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

Risk Management

167. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

170. 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.