

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and
Weetwood)

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Inner North West Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Updates by theme

Children and Families: Champion Cllr Pryor

3. The Children & Families Sub- Group met on Wednesday 8th September to discuss the YAF budget and options for the INW Youth Summit. The group has agreed to try the following approach in an attempt to engage with as many young people as possible across the Inner North West. Rather than planning for one big event, a series of School based workshops, covering local democracy, School Councils, local priorities and suggestions will be organised covering all 3 wards. An initial communication will be sent out to all INW Schools at the end of September with workshops planned in from October onwards depending on the response.

Environmental: Champion Cllr Garthwaite

4. The Sub-group met on 11th August to take forward the joined- up approach to graffiti in Hyde Park. The group discussed the graffiti removal process and the effectiveness of different products led by Chris Baird in order to establish whether graffiti can be effectively removed on untreated surfaces such as brick or whether effective removal can only be achieved with the prior application of anti-graffiti coating on all surfaces. Before making any final decisions on purchasing products, a smaller group decided to meet up on August 12th to undertake some final product testing including graffiti wipes before commencing the project.
5. The Thornville Project which aims to create a graffiti free zone will clean the gable ends on Royal Park Road first. Letters will be issued to residents of designated streets in order to get permission for the cleaning from property owners. LCC Highways will also be contacted about possible trellis installation in the Thornvilles as a part of this project to improve and green the area. The next meeting planned for 9th September had to be cancelled at short notice, a new meeting date will be arranged. .

Health and Well-Being: Champion Cllr Walshaw

Covid-19 response summer months

6. Infection rates have been high during the summer months within many wards across the city and within our INW wards especially those with a younger demographic. The situation is dynamic and will likely change again as we move towards the winter months. As the Leeds vaccination programme moves apace and we move down the age groups infections become concentrated in these lower age groups.
7. The response of the NHS, Leeds City Council and Third Sector partners has been rapid and ongoing since the start of the pandemic over the summer two vaccination centres had been offering two different vaccination choices one for forties and above and then at another site for 18 above. Additional mobile testing centres have been set up. On top of this young people on the hospitality industry, night-time economy, food retail, universities, schools, colleges, and further education venues have been targeted via campaigns and social media to take up the vaccination offer.

Covid-19 outreach teams across the wards

8. In conjunction with the above outreach teams have been proactively moving across the wards and door knocking to:
 - Encourage vaccination and testing uptake
 - Distribute free lateral flow test packs.
 - Ask if local residents require and help with shopping, prescription collection, financial inclusion matters for example. These doorstep wellbeing checks have proved to be an essential lifeline for many residents and have been well received.

- Teams have also been posting information leaflets detailing council, clinical and charitable services available.
- Outreach teams comprise of council workers, LCC commissioned services such as Better Together Outreach volunteers, public health officers, third sector community development teams, clinical colleagues who have volunteers and Forum central's volunteer resource pool

Moses Basket Scheme

9. In conjunction with the Leeds City Council Project Development Team, Public Health and children's centre managers, money has now been secured for the Moses Basket Scheme, with support from local councillors and the Localities Officer. This project has commenced with 50 baskets being made available to local families who are most in need.
10. Supplying Moses baskets to local mothers now the Baby Box Scheme has ceased, is really important. This allows midwives to sign post the poorest families to access free Moses baskets to promote safe sleeping behaviour and new-born welfare and importantly develop wrap around care from health professionals and local charities to promote safe, healthy and strong childhood development.
11. This project is in partnership with the community organisation The Cardigan Centre to utilise expertise in community engagement in a culturally diverse catchment area. The project in Hyde Park is now working with a number of new parents with a timetable of classes and support sessions. It is hoped this project will benefit a number of expectant parents recently arrived in INW area of Leeds from Afghanistan over the next few months.

Updates from Key Services

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

- CNT are fully operational and back to full time, no staff off due to Covid at the current time.
- There are a number of vacancies in the WEST CNT at all operational street crew levels and are in the process of shortlisting and recruiting.
- The Graffiti team are full crewed as of 1st September –2 teams of x2 and offer a 7 day service and managed directly by Victoria Whalley.
- Recruitment is taking place this week for a team leader for Headingley Hyde Park and Harehills. Recruitment for the Temp Area Manager post for this area will take place later this month.
- The Serious Environmental Crime Team will be up and running in October and this will mean changes to the existing arrangement for the existing Environmental Action officers.
- Currently planning for Bonfire events/issues and de leafing.

Housing Leeds

12.No Update Provided

Housing Advisory Panel

13.Update on projects funded by the Inner North West HAP

Completed Projects	HAP Contribution
Welcome In – Refurbishment of Bar Room (OPAL)	£7,414.00
Leeds Dads’ ‘Dadtastic Day Online’	£300.00
Love Meanwood – Community Involvement	£1,000.00
Hyde Park Close – landscaping inc wall, fencing and barriers	£7969.00
Silk Mill Drive Bollard	£650.00
26-48 Bedford Mount Bin Store (2019/20)	£5,410.00
Beevers Court – Bollard	£942.00
Hyde Park Source Food Project Update	£500.00
Little London & Woodhouse Caring Together – 127 Woodhouse St. Refurbishment	£5,155.00
Blenheim benches	£1291.20
Ongoing Projects	HAP Contribution
Kendals benches – awaiting start date	£2885.75
Deferred Projects	HAP Contribution
Marlborough Shrub Planting (2019/20)	£620.00
Projects not yet started	HAP Contribution
Howdens Community Environmental Project (2020/21)	£1,650.00
Marlborough Community Gardening Project (2019/20)	£2,375.00
Citywide Parenting Programme (HAP area by area) 2019/20 A new programme has been put in place and the programme for Inner North West will take place between 11th Jan 2022 – 15th Feb 2022. It is up to us to choose which area we want the programme to happen in. My initial thought is to say Tinshill/Ireland Wood area and linking in with the Ireland Wood Childrens Centre. I would welcome any other suggestions.	£2,216.00

Little London Community Day (2019/20)	£2,165.00
North West One – Wellbeing activities (2020/21)	
Kendals 4 replacement benches	£2885.75
Projects in the Pipeline	
Hyde Park Close pavement resurface	to be presented at the next HAP meeting
Litter picking LS6	to be presented at the next HAP meeting

Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks

Universal Credit

14. The table below shows the revised figures for the number of people claiming Universal Credit in the Inner North West Community Committee area that were unemployed in May 2021 is 3,527. This is an increase of 96% since March 2020, a decrease of 129 on the previous month. The increase in claimants is reflective across all wards due to the impact of COVID.

15. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) will cease at the end of September, and there is an expectation that a number of people will be made redundant which could subsequently increase claimants to Universal Credit.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2021		May 2021	
	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**	Number*	Rate**
Leeds	23,618	4.6%	47,061	9.1%	46,061	8.9%
Inner North West	1,802	2.4%	3,656	4.8%	3,527	4.6%
Headingley & Hyde Park	549	1.9%	1,281	4.3%	1,215	4.1%
Little London & Woodhouse	862	2.7%	1,547	4.8%	1,492	4.7%
Weetwood	391	2.7%	828	5.8%	820	5.7%

*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

The table below shows the number of people being supported from the Inner North West Community Committee area.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2019/20 (Apr – Mar)
Inner North West	1,168	1,644	270	431	632	858
Headingley & Hyde Park	344	467	90	126	173	255
Little London & Woodhouse	623	917	143	247	333	460
Weetwood	201	260	37	58	126	143

16. COVID has had considerable impact since March 2020, with closures of face to face services, the employment and skills delivery models were adapted and continued through a virtual or remote offer along with email and telephone support. During April 2020 – March 2021 10,071 people accessed the Service, 1,168 of whom were from the Inner North West, a reduction of 29% when compared to the same period last year.

17. Across the city the service has supported 3,413 people into work, (April 2020 – March 2021), 270 were residents from the Inner North West, a reduction of 37% when compared to the same period last year. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport.

Leeds Employment Hub

18. 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 large team of Employment Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to eligible residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

19. The Service continues to be successful in securing ESIF funding that will now be in place until December 2023, supporting around 3,500 people per year in Leeds to improve their skills and significantly increase their prospects of moving into sustained employment. The service and its partners will be spending in the region of £2.7m in this financial year on the delivery of employment support programmes.

20. A further ESIF bid to support 15-24 year old Leeds residents has been submitted and the service expects to hear by the end of August 2021 if successful. This will replace two existing programmes that are due to finish at the end of December 2021.

21. ESIF programmes are predominantly focused on residents who are not employed. The service has therefore sought to gain funding for residents that are ineligible for ESIF programmes, supporting underemployed residents in low paid, low skilled jobs as well as those at risk of redundancy. Residents at risk of being redundant will be offered support beyond the limited statutory minimum offered by DWP and National Careers Service and residents seen as underemployed will be able to access services and support that to now have not been offered through ESIF and other mainstream support.

22. All Jobshops are now fully open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which includes Armley and City Centre Community Hubs.
23. Due to COVID the annual Leeds Next Steps event will not take place face to face this summer. The [event usually held the day after GCSE results day, where young people can talk to local colleges and providers, get information and advice about post- 16 learning opportunities, individual courses, apprenticeships, and traineeships will be available on-line. Information from a wide range of schools, colleges and other providers will be available via the 'Start in Leeds' website.](#)
24. Between April 2020 – March 2021 3,971 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Jobshops, 2,047 customers were supported into work and 292 were supported into training or further education. From the Inner North West, 409 customers accessed Leeds Employment Hub including Jobshops, 164 customers were supported into work and 19 were supported into training or further education.

Leeds Learning Hub

25. The service delivers and commissions adult learning (post 19) with courses designed to help adults take their first steps or re-engage with learning before progressing to accredited learning within community settings. This provision is targeted to the 20% most deprived SOAs with a focus on Priority Neighbourhoods. Our programme includes Family English, Maths and Language (FEML) provision designed for parents (or other carers of children) with English and Maths needs or is for families where English is not the primary language. Often these courses are linked to schools or Children's Centres.
26. Over the last 12 months, new methods of delivery were developed to ensure learners could continue to access our courses. This included blended learning e.g. digital delivery through mobile phones coupled with home learning options, remote delivery options including outdoor learning, and the return to face to face learning when restrictions permitted with reworked COVID secure delivery spaces. The service also developed home learning resource packs to increase pastoral support, with a particular focus on vulnerable learners and those unable to access.
27. Between April 2020 – March 2021 the service has supported 4,857 people across the city to improve their skills. From the Inner North West, 632 residents have completed a skills course, a reduction of 26% when compared to the same period last year. For Inner North West, 112 courses, including ESOL, language for the classroom and digital skills, were delivered across 10 different venues in the 2020/21 Academic Year.

Employer Support

28. Over the last 15 months the Service has engaged with 384 businesses (33 large and 351 SMEs). The highest number of engagements have been within construction, health and social care, IT, and digital and professional services sectors.

Vaccinating Leeds Programme

29. The Service supported, in partnership with the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust, the recruitment of Admin, Health Care Assistants and Front of House positions for the Vaccinating Leeds programme.

Future Talent Leeds

30. The Future Talent Leeds conversation was launched on the 7th September 2021, aimed to hear the thoughts of as many people as possible to help shape the Future Talent Plan for Leeds. Recognising the jobs, skills and business landscape in the city has altered dramatically in recent years with changes to national government policy, the extra powers we have achieved through devolution, Brexit and Covid-19, we now need a skills and talent plan that is agile and works to support people and businesses across Leeds to thrive in the face of change.

31. The conversation will take place in two phases, with the first now live online at [Future Talent Leeds](#) running until Tuesday 28 September. The responses will then be analysed to shape a second phase of dialogue starting in November, with the final findings and recommendations to be fed into the Future Talent Plan.

Project updates:

Super Summer Camp @ Shire Oak Primary School

32. Number of Children attended 23. Activities included TV Presenting, Film making, walking with Alpacas, African Dance, DJing, Circus Skills, Rubbish Sculpture, Cookery, Outdoor Bush craft and forest schools, Outdoor adventure, Mini Disco, Miniature ponies, pop singing. Feedback from the children and parents : “Enjoyed the Alien workshop and playing the drums and gave the activity 100000/10”, “Enjoyed, making butterflies and dancing” , “Liked most, making new friends and the teachers and support workers” , “Enjoyed the balloon making and djing, and thinks we should include bouncy castles and science workshops 10/10. “Preston would be wondering around getting into trouble with the older boys if it wasn’t coming to art camp. He really loves learning new skills and having so much fun at art camp”



Woodhouse Moor Tennis Project

33. Over 11 Mini Red sessions, 17 participants took part. Over 14 Mini Orange/Green sessions, 26 participants took part. Over 11 adult sessions, 112 participants were engaged. Whilst the adult lesson was fully booked during every session (8 players), an average attendance for Mini Red and Orange/Green was between 1 and 3 plus between 2 and 3 participants respectively. This demonstrates that there is more to be done to attract younger participants to the sessions, such as more engagement and social media promotion with local community groups. On the other hand, there is scope to offer a second adult class (perhaps adult beginner, rather than intermediate) on a separate night based upon the interest shown.

Feedback from Participants

34. 'Really enjoyed the group coaching lesson on Wednesday evenings at Woodhouse Moor. The coach (Andrea) takes time to watch everyone equally during the course of the hour and identifies any technique improvements specific for that person. The coach also makes great use of the short time of 1 hour to squeeze as much in as possible. The courts and nets at Woodhouse Moor are also in excellent condition.' 'It was very good, I liked the session that is not overcrowded and the coach was very helpful.'



Hyde Park F.C Summer Activities

35. The group hosted three community fun days in August, which had a total attendance of roughly 150 juniors, ran by a group of 10 volunteers/staff. This was free for the kids, and acted as a short-term summer scheme, where they could play no-pressure football and other games and meet with friends in a safe and fun environment.

Woodsley Community Centre Summer Sports Activities

Cricket at Brudenell primary school.

36. The group delivered Cricket sessions working with Yorkshire cricket foundation, cricket for 8 – 15 year olds ran during the holidays. The sessions were run at Brudenell primary school playground which had been hired. These sessions were extremely successful, with participation from girls as well as boys. 50 plus children attended every session and gave really positive feedback

Football at Goals on Kirkstall road

37. The group have been running football coaching sessions every week for 30 plus kids. 3 local coaches have run these sessions. Feedback from local parents and children has been really good.

Badminton at Leeds Uni Edge Sports Hall.

38.2 sessions have been running every Sunday for the past 3 months. Ladies only badminton sessions organised by the Woodsley Centre .for the first time were well received and has between 10-20 women attending weekly with ages ranging from 8 to

39. Feedback from the ladies attending: “we look forward to the weekly sessions as its real good exercise and something to look forward to”.

40. The men’s session’s ages ranged from 8 – 60 year olds with between 15 – 30 in attendance every Sunday. These sessions had a very positive response .

Healthy Holidays

41. Holidays projects have been delivered across the Inner North West during the School summer holidays:

Headingley & Hyde Park Ward

42. Healthy Holidays Project at Left Bank Leeds. A total of 653 children engaged over the summer with a total of 736 free packed lunches given out.

Brudenell Primary School

43. Project ran over 2 weeks with 40 children per day attending , over 130 children in total accessed food and activities. Activities included art projects, sports, nature projects, archery, swimming and ten pin bowling.



Little London & Woodhouse Ward

Woodsley Community Centre

44. Healthy Holidays project took place over 5 weeks at the Woodsley Centre with between 40-60 children attending daily, taking part in numerous activities including sports, Lego, arts and crafts.



Little London Primary School Breeze Project

45. The Breeze led Healthy Holidays project was attended by 39 children aged between 5-10 years. Lunches were provided every day from Leeds Catering and the children enjoyed. The children had refreshments throughout the day also fruit, flapjack, biscuits etc. Due to a positive covid case the camp unfortunately had to close the middle week 9th – 13th August which was very disappointing. The children said that they enjoyed all the activities which included Djing, Claymation, tie dye t shirts, rock school workshop, multi activity sports, giant games, arts and crafts, trampolining, playdough making, biscuit decorating, jewellery making and a trip to Flamingo Land.

Weetwood Ward

St Mark's Church/Opal

46. This project engaged with 214 different children, 650 on site attendances and gave out 457 meals and 150 activity packs over the summer: Feedback from Parents and children: "J has loved using the club, the staff are A+ as are the activities" "Great way of getting parents and kids out for an hour or 2 without costing a fortune""Welcoming and children loved it""Great clubs / activities for the children. My daughter fully enjoyed herself. Nice to have something to do in the holiday""Was not expecting lunch after each activity. It was nice to not have to worry about dinner for these days"

Social Media

47. Between 17/8 and 13/9 The Inner North West Facebook Page the top 3 Facebook posts reached 180, 125, and 109 people respectively. The average engagement for most posts = 30-50. Total page likes = 629, Total page followers= 813 this has increased over the last 3 months.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

48. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

49. 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

50. 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:

51. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30

52. Best City Plan

53. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan

54. Children and Young People's Plan

55. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

56. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

57. 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

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

Risk Management

65. 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

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