

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

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For Information

Outer 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.
3. To make nominations to each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub Groups for (2022/23).

Main issues

- Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub- Groups for 2022/23. The 2021/22 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Children & Families	4	Cllr H Hayden (TN) - Chair Cllr M Midgley (K & M) Cllr P Grahame (C & W) Cllr S Field (G & S)	Cllr H Hayden

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Environment	4	Cllr P Grahame (C & W) - Chair Cllr M Harland (K & M) Cllr H Hayden (TN) Cllr S McCormack (G & S)	Cllr P Grahame

- Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub Groups.

6. Children and Families: Champion – TBC

The Outer East YAF Consultation report provides the Outer East Community Committee with background and context.

Appendix 1: Infographic outlining the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey

- The online consultation survey ran from November 2021 and stayed open until the 31st March 2022, where all feedback from young people was collated and fed into a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Inner South Community Committee, which will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend.
- The Outer East Community Committee received 161 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey. The vast majority of these were completed online, however some of the survey responses were completed in paper format at the Breeze Summer Events.

Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey Recommendations

9. The consultation surveys submitted by young people in the Outer East Community Committee area suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2022/23:
- Youth activities on offer in venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities delivered outdoors.
 - Majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the evenings and on the weekend with some holiday camps.
 - Ensure the activities are inclusive of friendship groups, have refreshments available and good quality staff.

Popular activities included:

- a) Sport clubs such as Rugby/Football.
- b) Cooking
- c) Outdoor Activities
- d) Dance

10. It is recommended that any projects funded by the Outer East Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on these key themes and activities in 2022/23.

11. A Children's & Families Sub Group meeting took place on the 7th June. The Youth Summit will take place in the October half term on Tuesday 25th October. The Youth Summit will be a physical event combined with a Hybrid approach. This will inform the Youth Activity Fund spend for 2023/24. The Youth Summit will be delivered in the Temple Newsam ward.

12. Environment & Community Safety: Champion – TBC

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

The transfer of the Cross Gates and Whinmoor Ward to the management of Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour East has been successful.

The case officer is already working closely with the Police and Leeds watch to identify perpetrators in respect of stone throwing and anti-social behaviour use of motorbikes in the area. In respect of the motorbike issue, many tenancy and anti-social behaviour injunction warnings have been issued, calls for service are reducing over the last couple of weeks as a result which the team will continue to monitor.

The number of cases is - Noise 2, Anti-Social Behaviour 8.

Garforth & Swillington

A case relating to threats and violence between 2 council tenancies are ongoing, Police are investigating, and LASBT are collecting evidence.

A further case where the occupant has been charged with Possession with intent to supply drugs, ongoing criminal matters, Possession may be sought.

Kippax & Methley

A case relating to racial abuse and threatening behaviour, LASBT are gathering statements for legal action.

Another case with accused who has a restraining order and has been served with a housing caution due to verbal abuse.

Further case relates to rowdy behaviour, loud music and verbal abuse, housing caution and asbi warning have been served.

Final case, a Multi-agency meeting has been held regarding the accused, currently in hospital with safeguarding concerns for him.

Kippax & Methley = 1, of which Noise 0, ASB 1, Hate 0, Domestic Violence 0.

Temple Newsam

Over recent weeks one of the Case Officers has taken out the marked LCC van (out of hours) patrolling around the Temple Newsam and Halton ward visiting local priority youths and families alongside assisting in the smooth restart to the LUFC KICKS programme in the area. The Police have advised that this has been a tremendously valuable resource to have on the estate to assist in providing a reassuring visible presence for the community and a potential deterrent to those looking to engage in Anti-Social Behaviour. In addition, the team are progressing a Partial Premises Closure Order one address to not only try and reduce calls on Police resources but also to safeguard the occupant at that address.

The number of cases is - Noise 2, ASB 9, Hate 0, Domestic Violence 0.

Current active case load by ward

Temple Newsam = 31

Cross Gates & Whinmoor = 23

Garforth & Swillington = 02

Kippax & Methley = 04

Total active cases for Outer East = 60

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

13. Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam

The site at Old Red Lion Public House has been made secure, and the waste has been cleared.

There has been a spate of graffiti in the Manston Lane area of Cross Gates the team are looking into this. Fly tipping issues continue to be investigated.

Officers are attending the Cross Gates & Whinmoor & Temple Newsam ward Community Safety meetings with partners.

Prosecution packs have been sent to legal for allowing domestic waste to escape control from Selby Road.

Overgrown vegetation continues to be an issue.

Primrose Lane – The team are liaising with residents to clear messy gardens in the area.

14. Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

The majority of jobs the team have been receiving are for Bulky domestic items to be removed from private properties. This number may increase as this service is now free to all.

Fly tipping continues to expand these can range from a couple of black refuse bags to a transit van load of waste.

There is a decrease in numbers requesting street and footpath sweeping and this hopefully is due to the new way of working which was put in place in April.

Each ward is allocated the South CNT's compliment of road and path sweepers one day per week, the charge hands then prioritise where those sweepers go within the ward.

The Street teams have also been instrumental in the removal of all the old Kippax High Street waste bins and reinstallation of the new bins purchased by Ward Members and Parish Council.

Some of the old bins have been refurbished by Parish council. The team have been able to install them in other locations throughout the ward, thus making a saving by recycling old and reusable stocks.

The team have also worked alongside the recycle on the go teams and have also identified areas throughout the ward to assist in installing and servicing the large orange and/or Yellow recycle bins which will hopefully help to reduce the amount of recyclable materials going to landfill.

15. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion - TBC

An update was given from the Employment and Skills team at the March Community Committee therefore the next update will be provided at the Community Committee in September 2022.

16. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion TBC

Heatwave Plan 2022

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has released the heatwave plan for Summer 2022. The heatwave plan includes advice and resources for professionals such as the Beat the Heat checklist and social media assets which partners can use throughout summer and during heatwaves. The plan also includes action tables that highlight roles and responsibilities for partners and stakeholders, depending on the level of alert. The plan offers advice for the NHS, local authorities, social care and other public agencies, professionals working with people at risk, local communities and voluntary groups. LCC Public Health's Weather and Health Impact Group (WHIG) are adapting the heatwave plan to support local preparedness during the summer. The UKHSA plan and additional resources can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

Public Health Key Messages

The Every Body Can campaign on hold, as the service are planning to evolve the brand to become a central point for all things to help residents of Leeds live a healthy life.

Going forward, the service will be working with organisations across the city to ensure that 'Every Body Can' becomes the one stop information point for healthy living, including eating well, losing weight, moving more and quitting smoking.

For further information on healthier eating, lose weight, being active or quitting smoking please visit – Better Health – NHS (www.nhs.uk) or for local services to support you live a healthier life, go to One You Leeds | One You

Long Covid Peer Support Group

Reginald Centre, Chapeltown, Leeds

A Long Covid peer support group has been set up and meets at the Reginald Centre. The group is an opportunity to meet others and share experiences of living with Long Covid. The meetings are weekly on a Tuesday from 2.00 - 3.00pm.

For further information please contact: Kirsty.jamieson@leeds.gov.uk

Free Personalised End of Life Care training

The West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's Personalised Care Programme are delivering, in partnership with St Gemma's Hospice: Personalised End of Life Care Training:

This training consists of 4 virtual interactive education sessions will focus on 4 key areas of end of life:

- Supporting personalised and advance care planning discussions at the end of life
- Difficult conversations at the end of life
- Supporting carers to care for patients in last weeks and days of life
- Bereavement and loss (including self-care)

The training is open to participants within the West Yorkshire and Harrogate region only and places are limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-gemmas-hospice-academic-unit-of-palliative-care-20041908130>

Annual Leeds Public Health and Wellbeing Conference 2022

- Elland Road, Leeds, 20 June, 9.30-4.00pm

The Power of Connections

This is your opportunity to hear about the latest public health evidence and what works, to network with colleagues and celebrate all the great work that is taking place in Leeds.

The conference is relevant for anyone who is working to improve health and wellbeing in Leeds.

You can find out more and book your free place [here](#).

Air pollution

Thursday, 26 May 2022, 10:30am to 11:30am

Poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, as long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, as well as lung cancer, leading to reduced life expectancy.

To help mark Clean Air Day in June, this session will address the issue of air pollution, raising awareness of the types of pollutants, their harmful effects and how we can support communities to improve their health by modifying behaviours and minimising their exposures to air pollutants.

The session will specifically address:

- what air pollution is and the types of pollutants
- the health effects of air pollution
- the data gathered nationally and locally and what this means
- air pollution and its relationship with vulnerability and inequalities
- what we can do about air pollution and how you can help yourself

The session will be aimed at all colleagues in the public health wider workforce including frontline workers and third sector staff.

It will be presented by Public Health Specialists (Leeds City Council), Environmental Health, and Office of Health and Disparities (formally Public Health England).

To find out more or book a place visit [Want to know more about ... \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#)

Housing

17. Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Voids Levels (empty properties)

Demand for properties remains high across the area, especially for houses. Swarcliffe has always been high demand, previous issues in Halton Moor have been overcome, with all properties now being re-let in a timely manner. This is due to demand increasing due to the incorrect perception of the risk of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour reducing, due to partnership working between Housing and other services, including Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Police and the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team.

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/fly tipping, which is aimed to remove the items in a timely manner.

Current number of Ready to Lets are:
Swarcliffe/Whinmoor – 1
Halton Moor/Osmondthorpe – 1
Total - 2

Income Collection

Rent collection has reduced which reflects the trend across the City. There are a number of factors impacting performance such as vacancies within teams and staff members adjusting to a new system. The service has recently recruited 1 full time Housing Officer and 2 part time Housing Officers, with another full-time vacancy hopefully being filled in the next few weeks. Staff members are also more confident using the new system; therefore, this should reflect in the future performance figures.

The service is working closely with tenants to maximise their income and any support they need by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

Referrals continue to be made to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting account and experiencing fuel poverty. Housing Leeds is facing challenges such due to the reduction in Universal Credit and the ongoing increase of cost of living.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI)

The new ATCI programme has commenced from the 3rd May. The new programme is aiming to target customers who have not had an annual home visit within 3 years, over 75 years of age, under 19 years of age and any customers who have been identified as vulnerable. It has been agreed that for this financial year, 44% of visits will be completed, reduced from 100%. Feedback from staff is very positive as they are excited to be back out on the estate visiting our tenants face to face.

Environmental Actions Swarcliffe Team

Estate Walkabouts will be reduced from 4 to 2. The Estate Walkabouts have been booked in for Quarter 1 and a further one will be booked in during Quarter 3. Councillors have been updated on the new process and we have received their support. As the team are now fully remobilized, the Estate Walkabout procedure will be fully implemented.

Environmental Actions Halton Moor Team

The new Estate Walkabout procedure for this financial year has been implemented and walkabouts for Quarter 1 have been booked in.

The office had arranged for an Action Day on Appleby Place on 17th March 2022. Housing Leeds, Police, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour team were in attendance. A further Action Day is being planned in June or July, targeting a different area of the estate.

The Garden Competition has commenced and will be judged mid to end of July, with the awards ceremony taking place beginning of September at the Civic Hall. The competition is aimed at council tenants, private owner and schools.

Funding for the Green Guardian scheme has been sourced. This scheme provides one off assistance with gardens for vulnerable tenants.

18. Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

Estate Management

Changes have been made to the walkabout schedule for 22/23 with walkabout now happening twice a year rather than each quarter. Although staff are happy to have more regular estate inspections with tenants and members on request.

Income Collection

The team are continually working to improve income collection. Performance at year end for 2021 was positive with Garforth & Kippax finished the year 3rd in the citywide table for income collection and each individual patch increased collection and reduced arrears from week 40 onwards.

Although a challenging year with increased costs to tenants' households meaning more tenants fell into arrears there were many success stories along the way. Funding secured through Discretionary Housing Payments and Tenancy Sustainment funds assisting people in financial hardship and preventing evictions.

Lettings & Void Performance

Void properties are coming back at a much quicker rate due to additional contractor resources which is showing an improvement in the number of void properties in repair coming back ready to let.

6 Properties ready to let 4 with applicants identified and sign ups pending with 2 to be re-advertised as no suitable applicants found.

Main challenges within the area are the allocation of properties in Cross Hills Court and Hollins Grove.

Summary of Annual Telephone Check In (ATCI)

Pre-pandemic Housing Leeds had an aspiration to carry out an Annual Home Visit to each property on an annual basis. Over the last couple of years due to COVID, many ATCIs were carried out by telephone and online.

For the coming year all general needs tenants will be visited every 3 years on a 3 yearly rolling programme.

Priority tenancies for the first year will in the main be determined based on the date of the last recorded visit, with tenancies prioritised who have not had an annual tenancy contact since 1 May 2019. Consideration will also be given to particular vulnerabilities in determining the prioritisation programme. The programme will be flexible and where Housing staff have a concern about an individual or property then an Annual Tenancy Check In can be used as an opportunity to cross the threshold.

Based on this approach it is estimated that 44% of tenants will need to be visited in the first year – priority tenants and 1/3 of other tenants. There will be a total of approximately 21,240 visits in 22/23 citywide.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Focus is directing customers to Triage Team for Anti-Social Behaviour to risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team or no further action). Police Officers are also working within the team.

Weekly partnership meetings are booked in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Universal Credit

Migration over to new computer systems has disabled reporting on current Universal Credit performance and debt per case. All claimants are still provided with enhanced support and every claim triaged by the Housing Team when made.

Increased staffing pressured throughout April due to rent increases and the need for staff to verify new rent charges for all live claims. This task has now been successfully completed.

19. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Due to a large carry over from last year the panel has a large budget this year of which no monies have been spent so far. Total available is £64,635.

The positive of this is larger more expensive projects could be considered whilst also ensuring value for money. The usual criteria will be applied including a need to joint fund projects which many non-council tenants will benefit from.

Work has commenced on developing a few projects.

Parks and Countryside Team are now able to carry out work for the Housing Advisory Panel.

At the last HAP meeting on 3rd February the panel discussed an idea to increase engagement with younger tenants. The suggestion was to use [Your Voice Leeds](#) to ask younger tenants what they wanted and what would enhance their lives?. If successful, this would increase engagement with a hard-to-reach group and increase applications to the panel. Promotion of the page would be through targeted emails, social media and word of mouth. It is hoped that Youth Services would help with the promotion.

The Garden Competition has commenced 70 applications in total were delivered across Halton Moor,

20. Youth Services

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Youth Workers have been addressing issues around Anti-Social Behaviour as some young people have been causing problems at the local shop, reports of young people throwing stones at buses / cars and taxis. Young people have engaged with Youth Workers who have challenged this behaviour including actions and consequences and the possibility of criminal prosecution. Most young people were embarrassed by the situation and supported Youth Workers in identifying perpetrators and this information has been shared with partners.

Youth Workers have also engaged with young people who are buying and smoking vapes/geeks – Youth Workers have spoken to young people on the dangers of smoking and have also visited local shops and advised shopkeepers not to sell to young people under 16yrs old and Youth Workers continue to address these issues in youth provisions with young people.

The Youth Matters Group in the Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward have started preparing the allotment in the grounds of Swarcliffe Community Centre. The work has involved clearing rubbish that has blown in during high winds, digging, weeding, and preparing seed boxes. The group intend to grow vegetables and herbs and share some of the produce with local older residents. The raised beds were built by Yorkshire Housing who also supplied tools for the young people to work with.

Youth Service continue to offer C Card in the Ward to age appropriate young people, two young people have recently registered for a c card and were also advised to access the sexual health website for further information. The key message is responsibility, abstinence, and the legal implications. Each young person must complete an induction with Youth Workers prior to receiving a C Card.

Garforth & Swillington

Youth Workers have discussed the use of illegal drugs, mental health, sexual health, underage drinking, vaping & smoking and schoolwork during the weekly mobile sessions in the ward. The Youth Workers discussed the negative impacts that youth anti-social behaviour was having on health and well-being, the impact their behaviour was having on others and the community around them.

Youth Workers concentrated on “hotspot” areas in the ward of Barleyhill Park, Garforth Main Street, and Swillington playground. All these areas had been flagged up via ward Councillors or via the Police. Young people were signposted to our weekly mobile sessions as a positive alternative and to our February half term Youth Activity Funded trips out.

The Youth Work session at Garforth Academy has worked with 2 groups over this quarter. The Youth Workers delivered an anger management / emotional well-being course to pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9. This term long course covered issues such as mental health, anger coping strategies, bullying and friendships.

The new group to support young people who identify as LGBTQ+, has developed over this quarter. With 7 members from the GS/KM wards. The young people range from 13-18 years and have been a pleasure to work with. We meet fortnightly and use the session to deliver small group work around issues such as bullying, hate crime, sexual health, and positive relationships. The session held in a LS26 location building has great facilities and the group have also enjoyed cooking, roller skating, art & craft and meeting new people. The promotion is on-going to increase attendance.

Kippax & Methley

Youth Workers have continued to respond to reports of youth anti-social behaviour across the Kippax & Methley Ward. These have included Kippax Apple Tree estate, Allerton Bywater skatepark and The Staithe, Micklefield Rec and Methley Savile Park.

Youth Workers spoke to young people at these locations to discuss illegal drug usage, under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour. Youth Workers discussed that youth ASB was having a negative impact on the area/s they live in and were upsetting residents. Young people were made aware of the consequences of their behaviour and that Police were aware of the locations. After discussions surrounding a knife crime incident involving young people, Youth Workers also delivered issue-based discussions around knife crime and its consequences.

During the weekly building based and mobile sessions, the Youth Workers have offered a varied 12-week programme. This included issue-based work around bullying, stress, revision techniques, Anti-Social Behaviour, sexual health and mental health. The sessions also offered fun themed art & craft sessions with a focus on the Chinese New Year, pancake day, Valentine’s Day, St Patrick’s day and Mother’s Day.

Kippax Kicks was successful in obtaining Youth Activity Funding from the local ward Councillors via the Outer East Community Committee. This has secured the session until September 2022. Now that the session can be opened up to all those young people living in the Kippax & Methley ward we have seen an increase in attendance. The session also has many female young people attending which is fantastic.

8 young people from the group attend the Leeds Utd v’s Norwich game at Elland Road with free tickets from our partners the Leeds Utd Foundation. The young people loved the experience with 6 of them

never having been to a Leeds Utd match. The game itself was intense! But with Leeds Utd winning it made the trip out even more worthwhile. The young people also enjoyed having a chat with the Police officers in attendance and were interested in how much work goes into safely planning a match day.

Temple Newsam

Detached - Youth Workers continue to engage with young people in Halton Moor & surrounding areas during detached / street work sessions. Youth Workers offer support around issues impacting on young people, Youth Workers have delivered sessions around knife crime, drugs and alcohol awareness, particularly e cigs and vapes.

Youth Workers continue to carry out sessions around the ward and it has been quiet though there are areas to visit as a priority and Youth Workers will continue to address any issues around ASB. The Matalan outlet were experiencing issues around a small group of young people shoplifting most evenings. Youth Workers met with the group and advised them that they could be prosecuted for theft. The group have not been seen since and the manager of Matalan was advised that if they did return to call the police.

Leeds United Group Work Sessions - Youth Workers have been targeting young people from Halton Moor to engage them in small group work sessions that focus on living in the area. The partnership sessions have been targeting key young people with the aim of focussing on their actions, behaviour and impact on the local community. This work has been slow and challenging with young people being resistant to addressing their behaviour. The Leeds United staff & Youth Workers have persevered, and small steps of progress are being made.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has been a key concern for many young people from Halton Moor, the fear of war and the news reports have resulted in many young people becoming anxious if Britain will be drawn in. young people have expressed fearfulness that the uk will be bombed. Youth Workers engaged to allay their fears.

Community Engagement: Forums

21. The following forums below took place via zoom.

Temple Newsam Communities Together – 17th March 22

Community Engagement: Social Media

22. *Appendix 2 Social Media Report provides* the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page, along with the four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the areas.

23. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period.

24. The report covers from 16 February 22 - 6 June 22.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

26. 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

27. 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

28. . 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

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

Risk Management

30. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

33. 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.

