

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 Safer Stronger 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

3. Children and Families: Champion – Cllr Nicole Sharpe

In preparation for the Outer East Youth Summit, the Children & Families sub group have met on several occasions to progress planning arrangements. The event will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 25 October at Temple Learning Academy. Young people will partake in a brief session on arrival which will involve a democracy workshop led by the Voice & Influence team and engaging consultation activities led by the Safer Stronger Communities team. This year, the Outer East Youth Summit will focus on providing physical and stall activities as identified in the 2022/23 consultation for young people to participate in. The programme for the event will be circulated early October following confirmation of registration numbers and event arrangements.

The Youth Activity online consultation survey was launched on 04 August 2022 and will remain open until the 31 March 2023. Following conclusion of the survey, responses submitted by young people will be collated and fed into a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Outer East Community Committee, which will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund budget spend for 2023/24.

4. Community Safety: Champion – Cllr Mary Harland

At the June 2022 Outer East Community Committee meeting it was agreed to separate the Environment and Community Safety sub group into two separate champion roles. A meeting has been held with the Community Safety Champion and sub group meetings will be scheduled in due course for the municipal year.

5. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), Leedswatch & West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Team

The public online consultation survey for the proposed citywide Nuisance Vehicle Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was carried out between 04 July and 12 August 2022. The results will be analysed and included in the final report for approval by the Safer Leeds Executive in October 2022.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week took place week commencing 18 July 2022, numerous activities were held across the area to raise awareness and promote the LASBT service. This included leafletting of key streets across Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam wards and main areas across Garforth and Swillington Park.

LASBT officers are fully operational and working to address the challenges that summer often brings. The current case load for the Outer East is 42 and broken down by ward as follows:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 13
- Garforth & Swillington: 5
- Kippax & Methley: 4
- Temple Newsam: 20

29 new cases were opened over the last three months and categorised as:

- Noise: 4
- ASB: 24
- Hate: 1

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Key partnership work continues with West Yorkshire Police, Housing Leeds, and Youth Services to tackle issues related to youth nuisance which is more prominent during the school holidays. The Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to address anti-social behaviour and nuisance motorcycle demand in the Swarcliffe area. Work to tackle anti-social behaviour and associated criminality across the Langbar estate and Whinmoor Way area is also proceeding.

Temple Newsam

Weekly visible patrols by the LASBT case officer using the Safer Leeds CCTV van have targeted key locations in a bid to gather evidence and act as a deterrent. Officers attended the Halton Moor Activity Day on 03 August interacting with the local community and further promoting the service. The team are involved in ongoing partnership efforts to contain and manage the aftermath of the tragic fatal road traffic collision (RTC).

The Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to target and address reports of anti-social vehicle use and speeding on and around Halton, Whitkirk and Temple Newsam. Work is taking place to pro-actively deploy and work alongside partner agencies to address repeat reports of anti-social behaviour in Halton Moor.

Garforth, Swillington, Kippax & Methley

Work continues to proactively work with partner agencies to review reports and demand in the area. The team are working to ensure all safeguarding referrals are submitted, with a focus on early intervention and positive action to address any Anti-Social Behaviour and targeted behaviour accordingly. A multi-agency visit was conducted with West Yorkshire Police and Housing on the 06 July 2022 at an address in the area. A notice of intention to seek possession (NISP) was served. If further complaints are received LASBT will proceed to apply for full possession.

A community meeting was held by service providers LASBT, West Yorkshire Police and Housing on 29 June 2022 which highlighted one address and as a result a notice of intention to seek possession (NISP) was served. Letter drops and engagement work were carried out on the Primrose Hill estate and surrounding area to see if further complainants come forward.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are addressing public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse and associated criminality across Main Street, Garforth and Swillington Park. Work is taking place to address public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drugs and alcohol misuse across the 'Rocket Park' Millennium Village, Allerton Bywater. Officers continue to target and address multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across the ward areas.

Leedswatch

CCTV contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed in "real time". These incidents are not included in this update but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Outer East Area. Following the recent announcement of the new Full Fibre Network provider being awarded to BT, work will commence in the near future to upgrade all CCTV cameras from analogue to digital. This will significantly improve the image quality and increased effectiveness of cameras in the Ward.

The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them. Following changes to Data Protection legislation, a dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council to ensure that all CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner's recommendations and ensure there are no data breaches (this

includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.). The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

The below table covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time from 48 cameras located in the Outer East area committee area between 01 June and 13 September 2022.

Outer East Cameras Incidents (01 June - 13 September 2022)						
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation	1		1		Alarm Activation	2
Animals					Animals	0
ASB	1	2	4	5	ASB	12
Cash In Transit					Cash In Transit	0
Drugs					Drugs	0
Enforcement			2	2	Enforcement	4
Fire	3		3	4	Fire	10
Health & Safety					Health & Safety	0
Police Operation	1	2	1		Police Operation	4
Public Order	2	2	2	5	Public Order	11
Road Traffic	5	1	3	2	Road Traffic	11
Sexual Offences					Sexual Offences	0
Suspicious Events					Suspicious Events	0
Theft		1	1		Theft	2
Travellers					Travellers	0
Weather					Weather	0
Metro					Metro	0
Total Per Month	13	8	17	18	Total sum of incidents	56

West Yorkshire Police Contact Methods

Following feedback received from local business, members of the public and elected members West Yorkshire Police have compiled a list of several contact methods which include:

- **Contact Us:** In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101.
- **#ClickB4UCall:** Did you know that you can use the below online methods, to contact West Yorkshire Police?

- **Local Crime Tracker:** The Local Crime Tracker allows people to find out the status of an ongoing investigation or contact details of the officer in the case, using their crime reference number. <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/crimetracker>
- **101 Live Chat:** Members of the public can have a two-way conversation with a member of the Customer Contact Centre using the Live Chat System. The benefit of this system is that a Contact Centre Agent can provide assistance to a number of people at the same time, rather than being engaged on one phone line, and for quick queries, it is an ideal way to beat the queue. <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101LiveChat>
- **Online crime reporting:** You can call 101 to report non-emergency crimes, but there are also ways to report certain crimes on the West Yorkshire Police website. There are dedicated forms for reporting anti-social behaviour, nuisance bikes and hate crime. Report Online at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it>
- **Ask the Police:** West Yorkshire Police has recently signed up to askthepolice.uk which offers answers to frequently asked questions to the police. Residents are urged wherever possible to check on the website or mobile app first to see if they can get an answer to their question without needing to contact the police. <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/ask-the-police>

6. Environment: Champion – Cllr Pauleen Grahame

At the June 2022 Outer East Community Committee meeting it was agreed to separate the Environment and Community Safety sub group into two separate champion roles. A meeting has been held with the Environment Champion and sub group meetings will be scheduled in due course for the municipal year.

7. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam

The newly established Serious Environmental Crime Team (SECT) continue to focus on large-scale fly-tipping and other environmental issues such as Waste Carriers. Due to delays cases are referred to the nearest available Magistrate within the Yorkshire and Humber region. There have been several successful prosecutions and one resulting in a custodial sentence. Case referrals to available Magistrates have impacted perpetrator attendance and a rise in warrants for failure to attend as a result.

CNT will support Leeds Festival and additional resources and schedule have been arranged. The team continues to support the work of local volunteers and litter picking groups. Keep Britain Tidy purple bags are being utilised by lots of community groups and has proven efficient in distinguishing between Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) Street cleaning and community litter picking work. The hard work and efforts of the community groups complete in their own time have proven to be an invaluable resource and CNT are keen to continue to work together to support the groups as best the service can.

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

The team have removed 380 bulky domestic items from private properties. 48 fly-tipping reports have been investigated and removed. Requests for road sweeping have decreased and requests for footpath sweeping unchanged. Reports of overgrown vegetation have

dramatically increased, mainly due to the time of year, and addressed. Enforcement work across the wards has been demanding but the team have worked effectively to remedy any referrals.

8. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion – Cllr Jessica Lennox

Universal Credit

The number of people claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Outer East Community Committee area is 3,395. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (94%), the number of claimants remains high. There is an increase of 68 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		May 2022		June 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	41,509	8.0%	41,548	8.0%
Outer East	1,882	3.7%	3,643	7.1%	3,327	6.5%	3,395	6.6%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	645	4.7%	1,188	8.7%	1,082	7.9%	1,071	7.8%
Garforth & Swillington	234	2.0%	529	4.5%	500	4.3%	555	4.7%
Kippax & Methley	354	2.7%	755	5.8%	661	5.1%	676	5.2%
Temple Newsam	649	5.0%	1,171	9.1%	1,084	8.4%	1,093	8.5%

*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 supported by the Service from the Outer East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)
Outer East	636	680	219	232	300	141
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	242	290	100	88	98	54
Garforth & Swillington	100	83	34	42	57	16
Kippax & Methley	90	74	24	35	41	17
Temple Newsam	204	233	61	67	104	54

The Covid pandemic and restrictions have had an impact on both reporting years (2020/21 and 2021/22) making a comparison year on year very difficult. Even though there is some progress with re engagement and access to programmes and activities it is still significantly less than pre Covid. During April 2021 – March 2022:

- 11,818 people accessed the Service, 680 of whom were from the Outer East.
- Supported 3,473 people into work, 232 of whom were residents from the Outer East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport
- Supported 2,485 people to improve their skills, 141 of whom were from the Outer East.

Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. A large team of Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 10 Jobcentres Plus across the City. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Seacroft and City Centre Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile bus is now running Monday - Friday, a schedule stop includes:

- Windmill Health Centre, Whinmoor Way, LS14 5BD, Friday 9:30-12:00

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobsfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses including:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>

Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>

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

Future Talent Leeds is launching on Thursday 08 September 2022. It is a website which brings businesses, education and skills providers and organisations together to strive for a city where everybody can thrive in a rapidly changing labour market. The website contains the Future Talent Plan, which sets out our ambitions for Leeds around supporting our people and businesses as well as aligning the city's education and training infrastructure. It displays the range of partners which have signed up to the plan, showing what organisations are doing to improve talent and skills in Leeds over the next few years. Organisations are encouraged to use the website to sign up to the plan and pledge their own actions which will be published alongside each other. Also available on the website is live news, case studies and resources for organisations to make use of. The website will be live from 08 September: <https://inclusivegrowthleeds.com/future-talent-plan>

The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online face to face and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between September 2021 – July 2022, in the Outer East, 9 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 185 residents have completed a course. In addition, there were 149 courses delivered on-line, city wide. From September 2022, there will be a range of online and face to face courses available at community venues, to find a course please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk/>

Developing You Learning Disabilities, a pre-employability programme between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response includes work readiness and health and wellbeing. The course is delivered face to face at Thackray Medical Museum. Between April 2021 – March 2022, 256 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

Health and Care Sector: The Healthier Working Futures project that was funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund that focused on unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) to raise awareness of the health and care pathway through engagement programmes and taster days delivered by 3rd sector organisations. This was a 6-month project that concluded at the end of June and engaged with 625 young people.

Construction Sector: A new programme, Construction Ready aimed at getting people into opportunities in construction. The 10-day programme took place 4 - 15 July 2022 at Leeds City College Printworks campus. Planning is taking place for further programmes to be delivered.

Hospitality Sector: The Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aims to upskill individuals to successfully enter the hospitality sector through providing practical experience within Leeds City College's café and restaurant facilities. The programme provides an opportunity for participants to be signposted to work trials and interviews with employers. Planning is taking place for a sixth cohort to be delivered 12 – 16 September 2022.

Economies for Healthier Lives: The council was successful for applying for funding from the Health Foundation as part of their Economies for Healthier Lives programme, which has funded four places in the UK to undertake projects that can demonstrate how economic interventions can help to address health inequalities in disadvantaged communities. The Leeds project, Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Futures, aims to strengthen connections between the Leeds Inclusive Anchors Network of large civic institutions (including the council, NHS Trusts, universities and colleges, and utilities) and the city's most disadvantaged communities through economic measures such as quality jobs, skills development, or the creation of new businesses.

Events

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Next Choices event took place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 23 June 2022. This was the first time a city-wide event aimed at supporting young people who have special educational needs and disabilities has taken place. A total of 66 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and wider support and 1,800 young people attended.

Leeds Digital Careers Festival a week-long festival and recruitment event will be held between 12 –16 September 2022 and will be aimed at those new to the digital sector, eager to find a job or training opportunities in the wide range of digital technology organisations which the city has to offer. Roadshows with a range of workshops and sessions hosted by local employers and providers will be taking place in several locations across the city. An event will also be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on 15 September 2022, to book please visit: <https://leeds.digitalcareersfestival2022>

Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) will take place 14 - 18 November 2022 which will showcase opportunities within the creative and culture sector, with the main event at the First Direct Arena on the 17 November 2022. The LCSF is aimed at young people aged 16 - 24 to encourage take up from school leavers and graduates to retain talent in the city. There will be a range of activities and events from educational engagement activities, visits and site tours, work experience opportunities to support to the sector on how to recruit a diverse workforce and Apprentices, information about self-employment and freelancing and Q&A panel session(s). A booking link will be published and promoted nearer the time.

9. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr James Gibson

Air Quality and Health survey

Leeds City Councils Public Health Team are currently undertaking a health needs assessment to understand the level of need across Leeds in relation to air pollution. As part of this, it is important to gather views of local residents as well as those working to support the health and wellbeing of Leeds residents in relation to how they feel about air pollution in the city. The feedback will be used to evaluate local knowledge around air pollution and how this can impact on health. The survey can be accessed on the link below. By completing this and encouraging any users of your service to do the same you will be supporting us in making recommendations on improving health outcomes for the people of Leeds.
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/airqualityandhealth/>

Air Quality Alert System

Air quality is the largest environmental health risk in the UK, shortening lives and contributing to chronic illness. Whilst it can be harmful to everyone, some individuals are at greater risk either because they are exposed to greater quantities of polluted air in their daily lives or because they are more vulnerable to its side effects due to medical conditions such as respiratory and cardiovascular disease.

To support with raising awareness and public health messaging around Air Quality, we have launched an Air Quality Alert System for Leeds. Those who subscribe to the alert system will receive an email when the air pollution in Leeds is forecast to be high or very high, providing them with public health advice on what to do to reduce their exposure and contribution throughout the air pollution episode.

We ask you subscribe to this service and to encourage users of your service you are working with to do the same, especially if this group are vulnerable to the effects of air pollution because they have a respiratory or cardiovascular illness. You can sign up by visiting the Air Quality sign up section on the Leeds Clean Air Website here: [Protect yourself from air pollution \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#).

Health Protection Board Report

The purpose of the Health Protection Board report (link below) is to provide an overview of the Health Protection Board Covid-19 response, as well as the status of the wider priorities focusing on protecting the people of Leeds including infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and other areas of health. This report highlights the current position of health

protection in Leeds, key achievements, and targets for the period of 2022-2023, setting out recommended actions for the next 12 months. See copy of report here: [Leeds Observatory – Health & Wellbeing – Public health profiles & documents](#)

Stay Well this Winter Grants now open

Leeds Community Foundation has launched the 2022 Stay Well this Winter Grants, with funding from LCC Public Health. The grants will support a range of community-based projects in Leeds. Applicants should target support to vulnerable people who are most at risk of becoming unwell over winter due to cold and severe weather. Grants can be from £500 to £2,500 for local and city-wide projects. For exceptional, innovative city-wide proposals the panel will consider applications of up to £5,000. The deadline for applications is 18 August at 12 noon. Funding will be awarded in early October and all projects should be completed by 31 March 2023. Further information, including a link to the online application form, is available [here](#).

COVID-19 update

A reminder of the key messages around Covid:

- Although it feels like life is returning to normal, Covid is still with us.
- The virus spreads easily when people are together in enclosed spaces such as on public transport or even indoors at home.
- Getting up to date with your vaccinations is the best defence against infection, to keep yourself and your family healthy.
- The medical professionals at the vaccination clinic will be happy to answer any questions you have about the vaccines. You can also read more on [the NHS website](#).

Although UKHSA no longer post daily Covid updates, announcements are available [here](#) and national surveillance data and reports are available [here](#).

How to get a vaccine:

- book online at a vaccination centre or pharmacy [Book your Covid-19 vaccine online](#)
- The Leeds NHS webpage has information about the [Covid-19 vaccines](#) and [booster programme](#).
- The list of walk-in vaccination clinics is updated regularly and is available [here](#).

Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence for Higher risk populations - Free Webinar

Building on the success of the Covid-19 Vaccination Webinar workshops responding to Vaccine Hesitancy, we have worked in partnership with Health Education England to commission a similar workshop to align with what will be a highly important Autumn/ Winter vaccination programme for 2022/23. We particularly wish to target participants who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations, including areas of high deprivation, ethnic minority groups, parents of 2- & 3-year-olds and school age children, those in at risk categories and care home settings.

Concept and Objectives: The primary objective of the Autumn booster programme this year will be to increase protection against severe COVID-19 disease for those at higher risk. In addition, there is an added need to address the inequalities in uptake of flu vaccination.

Vaccine hesitancy amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and more often negatively impact some of our poorest communities and/or risk groups. Our conversations are powerful, therefore the provision of skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing (MI) is an important skill that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths and whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what is a safe and effective vaccine.

The skills training covers:

- How can we work together to build vaccine confidence, what we know and how this links to health inequality.
- Core skills and processes (OARS, Evoke-Provide-Evoke, Decisional Balance, and the 3As).
- Skills practice – Building confidence in the vaccine.
- Resources that staff can use to respond to questions and concerns.

The session will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used. The application of this work can be far-reaching. Although this is focused on Flu Vaccinations, these skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities.

This provision has been funded by Health Education England Y&H in partnership with the NHS Public Health Programmes Team Y&H. Each workshop can cater for 30 people and lasts for 1.5 hours, dates available from the 12 September 2022 – 10 January 2023.

Booking link below: [Y&H Webinar: Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence Training Programme \(yhphnetwork.co.uk\)](https://www.yhphnetwork.co.uk/Programme)

10. Housing

Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Void Levels (empty properties): The demand for properties remains high and waiting times to be rehoused, especially within the Swarcliffe/ Whinmoor areas, are significant. More properties are now being returned to us to allocate as they are going through the void process more quickly.

- Ready to Let: 4
- Properties in Void: 50
- Number of Properties on Notice: 15

Income Collection: Performance continues to remain challenging across Swarcliffe, Whinmoor and Halton Moor, however implementation of an Improvement Action Plan should help to improve rent collection.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Staff continue to complete annual home visits face to face for those residents who meet the criteria under the new ATCI programme. Positive feedback

received from staff who are finding face to face interaction with residents more beneficial and is providing opportunities to hold more quality conversations.

Environmental Actions Team: Staff have completed the Estate Walkabouts for Quarter 1 and further walkabouts have been booked in for Quarter 3, invites will be distributed nearer the time. On 30 June, the Halton Moor team held an Action Day on the Wykebeck estate with Cllr Coupar, LASBT, Police, Environment Enforcement Team & Cleaner Neighbourhoods. The team worked with all parties who attended the action day and skips were provided for residents to remove rubbish from their gardens. Officers spoke to residents to educate on how to dispose of rubbish appropriately. The action day was a great success and residents helped each other to remove rubbish from gardens. Positive feedback was received and a request for an action day on the Neville estate will be held in the near future.

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Voids Levels (empty properties): Due to an increase in contactor resource void properties are being turned round much quicker, this has led to an increase in properties which are Ready to Let. Facing a number of issues in Retirement Life stock refusal particularly less desirable stock such as bedsits. The team are working to reduce the number of Ready to Lets and 14 viewings were recently carried out and 13 new tenancies signed up.

- Ready to Let: 34
- Properties in Void: 32
- Number of Properties on Notice: 7

Income Collection: Garforth & Kippax remain in the top 3 in the City in terms of rent collected.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Kippax completed 99 visits since the new programme rolled out in May. Some successes with tenancy there were previously unable to be accessed prior to the COVID lockdown and support is in place for some of our more vulnerable customers. There is approximately a further 350 to complete to meet targets before end of March 2023.

Environmental Actions Team: Q1 walkabouts completed. Work ongoing to target untidy gardens in the area and utilising unused green space. Incredible Edible were recently given permission to take on some land at Oak Grove to redevelop as a forest garden which will engage the community.

11. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Work is taking place to develop several projects with an aim to hold a panel meeting on 29 September 2022. A number of projects have been delivered over recent months including:

- Improvements to Brayton Green drying area.
- New seating and raised planters installed at Hollins Grove

Hollins Grove recently established a local resident's group.

12. Youth Services

Water Safety: Work continues across the area, working in partnership with Yorkshire Water, St Aiden's Nature Reserve, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue service, young people are reminded regards swimming in open water.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour: Youth Workers continue to support Community Safety meetings and respond to areas of concerns identified through the meetings. Youth Workers undertake detached youth work to engage with young people at hot spot locations, challenge behaviour, language and actions and advise of potential consequences of their actions.

Environmental Work: Young people across the area have been working to keep their environment good, young people from Swarcliffe have been creating new skills and growing their own vegetables, groups members have been creating posters encouraging dog owners to be responsible and take their dogs mess with them.

Bullying Awareness: Young people were included in a variety of sessions to raise awareness of Bullying during the last quarter, young people focussed on how they can prevent bullying and what they should do if they experience bullying. Bullying is an ongoing issue addressed in Youth Groups.

Summer Holiday Programme: Youth Workers have been working with the local participation groups to focus on the upcoming Summer Holidays, groups have been focussing on funding applications, consulting their peers, and deciding on what activities should be available for the Summer. The young people's groups have ensured the programme is exciting and what young people want.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Environmental Work: In partnership with Yorkshire Housing the Youth Service has supported young people in creating an allotment to produce organic fruit, herbs, and vegetables. Originally in late 2019 the Youth Matters group liaised with the Manager and officers of Yorkshire Housing and encouraged the group to design how they would like the allotment to look. Following the Pandemic consultation with the Youth Matters Group was undertaken on what seeds and tools they would require starting the venture and since then, Yorkshire Housing have provided the group with an array of tools, seeds and two portable greenhouses. The young people are looking forward to planting and growing products and as part of their plan have advised that they would like to donate some of the food to the older residents who attend the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme.

Detached / Street Work: Over the last couple of months there has been a rise in Anti-Social Behaviour within the Swarcliffe area. Motorbikes & scooters have been at the forefront, reports of young people speeding round with no helmets often wearing balaclavas. The Youth Service has deployed detached teams to hot spot areas and are working with the police to address the situation.

Resettlement Work: Youth Workers have been working with a group of young people from Afghanistan as part of the coalition resettlement programme, Youth Workers have been engaging with young people and parents to provide support, guidance, and information on life in the United Kingdom. The weekly sessions on a Saturday enable young people to develop knowledge, experience new activities, be creative and develop their life skills. The group members are always receptive to the activities and equipment provided during the sessions.

Youth Workers were busy planning the summer programme of trips and visits for young people in the ward, including them in consultations of what trips they would like. Young people have worked on various projects since June to present including:

- Planting and growing food in our small allotment which gives the young people skills in planting/ harvesting/ researching seasonal vegetables and taking ownership of the allotment which Yorkshire Housing have provided the raised beds/tools/fruit trees.
- Worked on two art projects including the Queens Jubilee (Banksy Art) and Picasso, introducing young people to the history of the artists which they have found fascinating.
- Worked on an anti-bullying project and this along with the art they have produced is displayed in Swarcliffe Community Centre.
- Youth Workers have offered one to one support to young people.
- Youth Clubs on Thursdays and Fridays continue to attract lots of `new young people` particularly Year 6`s and youth workers are supporting their transition into high school in September.
- Youth Workers continue to challenge any ASB in the ward whilst sign posting them into our provisions.
- Wednesdays Youth Matters Group are currently planning the next 12-week programme where they will look to invite partners into the sessions to discuss their roles.

Garforth & Swillington

During the weekly mobile sessions, Youth Workers engaged young people in discussions around mental health. The Youth Workers discussed addiction, anxiety, self-harming, suicidal thoughts, and OCD behaviour. The group explored coping strategies for anxiety including smartphone apps, CBT, and professional counselling. The group were given information on local and national agencies to support them further. These included The Market Place and Young Minds. Young people were encouraged to speak to a trusted adult about their thoughts and feelings.

Youth Workers concentrated on ASB “hotspot” areas in the ward, Garforth Main Street, and Swillington playground. These areas had been flagged up by ward Councillors or via the Police. Young people were engaged in discussions regards their actions, behaviour, and potential consequences of crime and ASB.

YpmyG, the Outer East young people’s decision-making group were involved in several projects this quarter. One of those was to plan the summer trips out using the YAF funding for the 22-23 year from the ward Councillors via Outer East Community Committee. The group decided on theme park trips, York Maze, Ninja Warrior and to try a new venue in the Rother Valley Country Park in Sheffield. They were given a budget to spend and researched the costs. These trips were delivered during the summer school holidays. As a reward for their hard work the group were treated to a trip out to see the Lion King musical at the Bradford Alhambra. This was a brilliant opportunity to see the show and to experience a theatre performance.

The Garforth Academy session has worked with 2 groups over this quarter. Youth Workers delivered an emotional well-being course to pupils in Year 7 and 8. This term long course covered issues such as anxiety, bullying and friendships. This work is in partnership with the Garforth Cluster who refer pupils via the Academy. The aim of the course is to give the pupils a safe space to discuss issues away from the formal environment of school lessons. Several of the pupils are waiting for counselling via the Cluster and this course gives them support until a place becomes available for the counselling.

The Pegasus group that offers support to young people who identify as LGBTQ+, has increased attendance this quarter. The young people range from 12 - 18 years old. In response to young peoples’ requests, the session has moved to weekly. The group has discussed all aspects of Pride during the Pride month of June. This included awareness posters and group

work. The group members focussed on the group name and decided Pegasus was the preferred option, **P**ride **E**quality, **G**ender Identity, **a**nd **S**exuality, **U**nique **S**ociety.

Kippax & Methley

During the weekly building-based sessions, the Youth Workers offered a varied 12-week programme. This included issue-based work around exam stress, anxiety, revision techniques, EID, and Ramadan, and keeping fit & healthy. The weekly sessions also offered fun themed art & craft sessions with a focus on Easter, Father's Day, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The groups decorated their buildings with flags, balloons, and their artwork for the Jubilee. This brought great joy to some of the other users of the buildings especially at Micklefield Y&A centre.

Methley Youth Group were involved in preparing an outdoor display for the July Methley scarecrow festival. The group planned and made several scarecrows with the theme "Dementor against the Spider-Man multiverse". The display went up outside Methley Village Centre during a weekend in early July. The youth club has been chosen to receive a funding donation from the sale of scarecrow trail maps. The young people have chosen to put the donation towards the cost of outdoor sports equipment.

Kippax Kicks session continues to improve attendance now it can be offered to all young people in the Kippax & Methley ward. The younger aged session now has 20 young people regularly attending. The older session has between 10 and 15 young people in attendance. There has been a steady increase in the amount of female young people attending. They more than hold their own playing against male young people. Some of the attendees have recently had trials at 2 Yorkshire professional clubs. The session improves fitness levels and encourages the group to stay active once the traditional football season ends. Young people have been engaged in discussions around how fitness and playing team sports can help with improving mental health as well as physical health.

Temple Newsam

Youth Workers have resumed supporting the KICKS Programme at Meadowfields Primary School in the Halton Moor Ward, after a period of no sessions the attendance is gradually picking up and positive relationships with the young people are being built. The Multi agency partnership approach is ensuring bad behaviour and ASB is not tolerated, and action undertaken against perpetrators. The Session with Leeds United, Police & Youth Service is providing young people with a positive opportunity to develop physical, mental health & life skills. Recently a group of 14+ were selected based on their excellent football skills, and attending for each session, to play in a tournament in Nottingham. The team were very excited to be selected and speaking to their coach, the young people played well against other teams and had a fantastic time representing Halton Moor.

Young people from the ward signed up for the summer trips and visits and they were instrumental in choosing what trips they wanted to be included in the programme. The Activity Day for the Temple Newsam took place on 03 August 2022 on Corpus Field and received an excellent turnout.

Youth workers continue to engage with young people on a range of issue-based work including:

- Health & wellbeing
- Transitioning to high schools

- Drug and alcohol awareness including vaping
- Addressing ASB
- Healthy Relationships

As youth service don't currently have a base in the ward, the work is carried out in streetwork/ detached sessions including the football sessions on Tuesday evenings, when allocated a space, we look to establish a Youth Matters Group as some young people have already expressed an interest in having a group.

Youth Workers have been engaging with young people in Temple Newsam and are currently looking to create painted stones to add to the snake which was created during and after lockdown when parents/ carers were out taking daily exercise with their children/ wards. This activity also encouraged young people to participate in creative art.

Youth Workers have sign posted young people into Pathways with some young people reporting they now have apprenticeships/ employment.

13. Community Engagement: Forums

Local engagement forums for the Outer East will be scheduled for this municipal year in due course.

14. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 1 Social Media Report provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period. The report covers from 28 June 2022 – 01 September 2022. The four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages have been suspended.

Corporate Considerations

15. Consultation and Engagement

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

16. Equality and Diversity/ Cohesion and Integration

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.

17. Council Polices and City Priorities

Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan

- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

18. Resources and Value for Money

Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

19. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

20. Risk Management

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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

23. 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.