

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 and Families Sub-Group met in September and agreed to go ahead with an Inner North West Youth Summit focussed on primary age children with a later climate focussed event for High School and Sixth Form. The Summit is planned to take place in January with sessions both at The Civic and the City Museum.

4. Environmental: Champion Cllr Garthwaite

The Environment Sub-Group has focussed on the Thornvilles Mural Project. Local artists were invited to submit ideas and apply for Wellbeing funds provided through the Committee to paint one mural each on 5 gable ends facing onto Royal Park Road. A local panel decided between ideas submitted by 36 artists, and the 5 chosen worked during July and August. Local children participated in some of the

painting, and reaction has been very positive. Anti-graffiti varnish has been painted on each mural to avoid tagging.

The Leeds City Council project managers are now compiling an evaluation report. From this we shall decide on further activity.

Other environmental issues are litter, rats and on a more positive note, the planting of trees, shrubs and bulbs by community groups and others.

Health and Well-Being: Champion Cllr Walshaw

WINTER FRIENDS TRAINING AND INFORMATION-LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS INITIATIVE.

Message from Michelle Budd-Offer for any Winter Wellbeing Events you may be holding.

In advance of the colder months to say that [Winter Friends](#) will be launching again this winter 22/23 and would love to attend some winter events. This year, more than ever, with the cost-of-living crisis means that so many people will be left isolated and vulnerable and Winter Friends would like to be there to help. If you know of any winter/health/wellbeing/community-related events or have any future in yourself, please do keep us in mind and drop us a little note. We can bring helpful resources and '[Okko the Owl mascot](#)' too. Thank you so much in advance (back to the last few weeks of summer - enjoy!)

Best wishes,

Michelle Budd

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HEALTH INEQUALITIES FUND-CARING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT-COMMUNITY 'CHECK-IN PROJECT'. (UPDATE).

Public Health working with North Central Local Care Partnerships have secured some health inequalities funding for Little London to run health checks at Little London Community Centre. This project will allow local residents especially those reluctant to visit GP surgeries to access free blood pressure checks as well as assistance for mental and emotional health issues and support in surviving the 'cost of living crisis'. Healthy living advice will be available after the blood pressure tests and signposting to relevant health services. The project's friendly and informal nature set in the community will hopefully encourage more local people to enjoy the benefits of this service and build resilience and self-sufficiency in financial as well as emotionally tough times as we emerge from the pandemic. Partners are very excited to have secured the funding which should secure eight months worth of activity on these vital topic areas. This project will commence end of September/October. For more information please contact: Bill.Owen@barca-leeds.org

Update – North West ONE Family Services Team – covering Burley, Quarry Mount and Little London – Mandy Quayle

We are planned for service delivery from September and have a number of things happening: I have enclosed the What's on – just in case committee want to take a peek, but in a nut shell we will be delivering:

- Stay and Play groups in Burley and Little London
- PEEP – A group for both parents and their children to come together in Quarry Mount
- HENRY (Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the really young)– Virtually
- Preparation /Birth and Beyond -In Burley
- Infant Massage - In Burley
- Family Learning for adults – Little London and Burley Park
- Stay Safe Programme - In Little London delivered by LDVS.
- Breast feeding group in Burley

We have just moved into a lovely space in the lower school at Little London – so this is where we will deliver the new stay and Play group. This is likely to commence in Early October as we are in the process of setting it up.

Moses Basket scheme – 10 gifted

Chatterbox Scheme – The project is very busy -as we are receiving more referrals from professionals where speech and language is an identified need. We will hopefully be approaching the committee for additional funding to enhance this project as we wish to purchase books in additional languages / resources that are specific for children with additional needs.

Home Learning Packs - This is another really valuable resource which is used as part of the family services offer. Committees generously supported this project and we will be asking for further funding to support the enhancement of this project as we need additional resources for babies /Books in additional languages /and equipment for additional needs.

Committee members are welcome to attend any of our sessions to meet the staff and parents and children.

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Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Headingley & Hyde Park + Little London & Woodhouse Wards

rollout will be happening 21st September and the enforcement patrols will begin the week after. This is running alongside the continuing patrols in the Headingley/Estcourts area. Our first set of prosecutions for PSPO offences committed in the last academic year will be heard in court on the 23rd December, once successful we will be looking at carrying out a press release to hopefully improve compliance in the areas by showing the severity of the penalties of breaching the PSPO conditions. **Street Cleansing**

The team are now working zonally to ensure all areas of both wards are serviced weekly as well as main/busy routes and fly tip hotspots are cleansed daily. We are still dealing with a backlog of annual leave carried over from last year due to covid and lockdowns, which can cause minor disruption in the service, in these cases we work to prioritise resources based on current demand. We have also recently recruited to a vacant post which will help us deliver the service.

Enforcement

We are currently receiving a high amount of service requests for enforcement action within both wards and the 2 officers we have are managing this and prioritising based on risks to public health. These 2 officers are also still completing all the back work from student changeover which at the moment is serving notices on landlord/letting agents to have them produce waste receipts for the changeover period. This is to ensure none of their commercial waste was disposed of illegally and will also encourage better behaviours going forward.

Education

We have recently recruited a new street warden who has gotten off to a really good start. He will be carrying out education work within the wards to inform residents and students on better habits with waste and also make them aware of legal responsibilities. James is targeting our hotspot areas where we receive complaints and regular fly tipping issues.

Housing Leeds

Income Performance

The Little London & Weetwood Area staff are working hard in assisting residents with any welfare benefits claims and carrying out financial assessments where required. We are providing high support to all tenants who maybe experiencing financial difficulties.

We are ensuring that all residents are maximizing their income and where necessary recovery procedures are escalated.

2022/23 Annual Tenancy Check In Programme

Annual Tenancy Check-In programme has been refreshed and has launch in April 2022. After trailing an online form and telephone contacts in the past year, Housing Leeds will be moving back to a home visit-based contact this year. Housing Leeds aim to visit everyone every 3 years.

Little London Area Updates

Estate Walkabouts:

All this year's walkabouts have been arranged and dates confirmed within the Little London, Woodhouse, Headingley & Hyde Park area. We have advised the Housing Officers to book them in their diaries and invite the local ward members and tenant representatives.

We are currently in quarter 2 of this year. We can confirm that quarter 1 estate walkabouts have been completed and Housing Officers have provided feedback / outcome of the estate inspection to the attendees. All actions have been documented and completed or are currently ongoing. The Housing Officers will also provide feedback to the Team Leader, Ward Member and all residents who attended the estate inspection.

Improvements are however still being made on the estate. Referrals to be made accordingly for the various areas of concern within Little London Area.

We have also tasked the Housing Officers to look for environmental improvement projects within the Little London, Woodhouse, Headingley, Hyde Park area. This will be identified during the estate walkabouts as we are keen to submit HAP bids and utilise our Local Initiative Budget.

Weetwood Area Updates

Estate Walkabouts:

All this year's first walkabouts have been completed. Attendance by local area residents was low and we are looking at ways in which we can increase resident involvement for our second and final walkabout of the year in September/October.

Housing Officers have provided feedback and outcome of the estate inspections in their areas. All actions have been documented and completed or are currently ongoing. The Housing Officers will also provide feedback to the Team Leader, Ward Member and all residents as required.

Improvements are however still being made on the estate and teams are utilising local environmental budget resource as well as submitting HAP bids for larger schemes and investments.

INW Block inspection or High-Rise feedback:

We carry out weekly block sweeps on all high-rise blocks. These inspections help us to look for things that will improve the block such as ordering repairs, removing items that have been left in communal areas or identifying improvements that could be made.

Should you wish to get involved or are interested in becoming a block champion, you can help in coming along and pointing out areas of concern or sharing your ideas on how we can improve your block. If you are interested, please contact us by via email on housinginvolvement@leeds.gov.uk . Alternatively, you can talk to your local housing officer.

INW Fire Safety

We receive daily stage 1 fires safety reports from our cleaning contractors. We action the recommendations in the report and log this on our computer system in line with our Fire Safety procedure

We also carry out monthly stage 2 fire safety checks and report all the findings and raise the necessary repairs as required.

Low rise blocks inspections are also being carried out now on a quarterly basis in line with the fire safety Checks.

INW Anti-Social Behaviour

Housing Leeds, LASBT and WYP are working together, and we encourage residents to follow the protocol and report all breaches either online or through the telephone. We are continuing to work with partners through telephone, email and office interaction so that both teams we are up to date.

Good News Stories

Little London

Through partnership working with our Neighbourhood Service Officer, the following environmental improvement projects have been agreed in principle

- Blenheim View – x2 Planters have now been installed. Residents are very happy with his and are enjoying making this their own by adding additional plants.
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- Charing Cross in Woodhouse – The recently Housing Advisory Panel funded table & chairs which were used at the recent Jubilee celebrations. The event was a success and enjoyed by all attendees.
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- Lovell Park View – Has had additional lighting in place which has provided additional lighting as requested by residents.
- Fencing Project for Lovell Park View Area has been successful at last Housing Advisory Panel meeting and community committee meeting. LEDA has provided comments in relation to this project and this has been forwarded to the contractors who are completing the project.
- In the last Housing Advisory Panel Meeting we are pleased to confirm that x3 Little London bids were approved. These covered a range of themes.
 - Residents at Eltham Court requested additional seating to make best use of outdoor space. This was approved and residents are looking forward to using these.
 - Blenheim View Residents Association, requested Bag Hoops to assist with their litter picking. This was approved and residents are looking forward to using these.
 - Joint Bid with Inner North East in relation to an annual event known as Meanwood Olympics was approved and this will be going ahead in August 2022.
- Partnership working with Digital Inclusion colleagues to hold weekly sessions at Woodhouse Community Centre on Thursday afternoons. The sessions are free and inclusive to all residents and all are welcome.

Housing Leeds are looking at new ways of how we can increase residents & tenant engagement. Neighbourhood Services Team are currently piloting a scheme where they have sent out 500 emails to residents in Little London Area promoting residents & tenants engagement with Housing Leeds. If this pilot scheme is successful, this will be rolled out to all the residents in Little London Area and city wide

Weetwood:

- Benches to the Iveson estate have now been installed following successful funding through the HAP. Residents are already using them to sit down and have a natter with friends and neighbours.
- An action day has been held on the Ivesons estate. Partner organisation worked alongside Housing Officers to deliver real change in the area, tackling overgrown areas, dumped rubbish and an amnesty on bulky waste items was held, resulting in several tons of waste being removed from the estate. The mobile office was on site to host resident enquiries and the fire service, local ward members and LASBT also took part

Woodhouse community centre to help people access women’s walking football, yoga and boxercise.

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Employment and Skills – Champion Cllr Kayleigh Brooks

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Inner North West Community Committee area is 3,058. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (89%), the number of claimants remains high but is starting to decrease. There is a very small decrease of 12 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month.

The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner North West 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%
Inner North West	1,802	2.3%	3,420	4.4%	3,070	4.0%	3,058	3.9%
Headingley & Hyde Park	549	1.9%	1,152	3.9%	970	3.3%	1,002	3.4%
Little London & Woodhouse	862	2.7%	1,441	4.3%	1,377	4.1%	1,339	4.0%
Weetwood	391	2.7%	827	5.7%	723	5.0%	717	5.0%

**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 Inner North West 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)
Inner North West	1,168	1,285	270	363	632	293
Headingley & Hyde Park	344	382	90	114	173	94

Little London & Woodhouse	623	688	143	185	333	138
Weetwood	201	215	37	64	126	61

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, 1,285 of whom were from the Inner North West.
- Supported 3,473 people into work, 363 of whom were residents from the Inner North West. 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, 293 of whom were from the Inner 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. 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 Armley and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop on Tuesdays at Headingley Community Hub, 10:00 – 5:00.

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobsfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships and courses. Please link to our accounts:

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 8th 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 8th 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 in response to Covid-19 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 Inner North West, 241 courses were delivered at 12 venues. 328 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, for to find a course, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk/>

Adult Learning supported the Little London Community Day on the 23rd July 2022, and talked to residents about the benefits of adult learning including digital activities.

Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For residents living in Inner North West the courses are being delivered at the City Centre Community Hub.

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 23rd 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.
- **Jobsfair** took place on Thursday 18th August 2022 in the City Centre Community Hub. A range of vacancies and opportunities were promoted with Leeds City Council, the Army, Plusnet, Aspire Healthcare, and First Direct. Jobshop staff were in attendance to support people with CVs and job applications. Information was also available from training providers, such as Prince's Trust, Scope, Get Technology Together, and Jobcentre Plus for those wanting to improve their skills.
- **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 15th September 2022, to book please visit: <https://leeds.digitalcareersfestival2022.com>.
- **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 17th 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.

Social Media

5. The Inner North West Community Committee Facebook Page now has 913 followers (13/09/2022) an increase of 26 from July

Project Update- Art Camp Summer Holidays Camp based at Shire Oak School

Shire Oak Art Camp Summer Review

The five week Summer holiday camp in Leeds was a great success, further compounding the reputation of Art Camp as a high quality service provider to the children of West Yorkshire. Specifically at Shire Oak, we have developed a strong bond with many of our Art Camp participants.

The calibre of our professional artists is matched by the dedication, care and nurturing of our support staff. They form a vital link between our children and myself as Manager; their discretion in supporting children from a wide socio-economic spectrum with differing needs and experiences is highly valued by all of us, permitting bonds of trust to grow between attendees and staff. It is this pastoral care element, when conjoined with the incredible creative experiences on offer on a daily basis, that makes Art Camp a particularly unique experience.

From a logistical perspective, the relatively clement weather this Summer has permitted many of our activities to take place outside. The parents and guardians of our children often cite this as being most beneficial as some of our attendees spend their free time locked into technology indoors. These outdoor opportunities are an integral part of our Art Camp programming, Forest Schools activities being instructed across all our camps on a daily basis.

Art Camp was also instrumental in providing extra curricular activities and visits and this continued throughout summer 2022. We had a visiting Professor of Punch & Judy, instruction in Maypole Dancing and a visit from Miniature Ponies; all these activities are planned and organised in addition to the daily operation of Art Camp. This year's events culminated with an afternoon fete, to which local councillors were invited. This proved to be incredibly popular, a fitting conclusion to a successful summer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our organisation and its activities. This year, we were able to support several Ukrainian children and the manner in which they were welcomed into the Art Camp family by our regular attendees spoke volumes about the ethos of our organisation.

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

7. 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

8. 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:
9. 76Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
10. Best City Plan
11. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
12. Children and Young People's Plan
13. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
14. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

15. 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

16. 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

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