

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner South Community Committee:
Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

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To Note

Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

Children and Families - Champion: Cllr G Almass

3. The next Children & Families sub-group will take place on 6th March 2023. A verbal update will be provided by Cllr Almass.

Environment and Community Safety Champion: Cllr Iqbal (Environment & Community Safety)

4. An Environment & Community Safety sub-group will take place on 4th April 2023. An update will be provided at the next Inner South Community Committee.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Burke

5. A Health and Wellbeing sub-group took place on 24th February. A verbal update will be provided by Cllr Burke.

Update from Key Services

Police Update

Youth Diversion

6. Work continues and is showing positive results in terms of youth diversion through the Hunslet Rugby Club, Leeds United (Premier League Kicks Campaign) and the Belle Isle Music Studio. We are now starting to work with young people who are at risk of involvement with criminality. Some funding streams have been secured to support this work.

Elland Road – Match days

7. Inspector Perry has spoken with the Public Order Commanders around the ASB after games and efforts are being made to support the egress of fans away from the area post-match to mitigate ASB.

Other issues

8. Middleton race/hate relates predominantly to one resident who suffers from severe mental health issues. They are being appropriately supported by police, and we have precluded the reports made. We have escalated the need for mental health care with the appropriate services. There is no wider race/hate issue here.
9. There have been some noteworthy incidents, including a stabbing in Middleton and an attempted kidnap in Holbeck. Both incidents received prompt and effective responses, with arrests made and significant investigations underway. We have been monitoring for community impact and taking measures where necessary.
10. Dewsbury Road features repeatedly in crime/ASB issues and I have started work with LASBT and others to explore the Clear/Hold/Build methodology to target the multiple issues in that small area, such as trap houses, ASB, drinking and vagrancy.

Crime Statistics

November December January

Beeston and Holbeck: E05011386A

Burglary	10	11	9
Robbery	7	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	13	13	11
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	3	6

Hate crime	6	10	1
Hate incident	3 Race	1 Race	1 Sexual

Hunslet and Riverside: E05011399A

Burglary	16	12	14
Robbery	4	5	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	12	13	23
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	4	6
Hate crime	6	11	3
Hate incident	1 Disability 3 Race	0	1 Race 1 Sexual

Middleton and Belle Isle: E05011404

Burglary	10	12	12
Robbery	1	1	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	8	5
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	3	4
Hate crime	8	13	16
Hate incident	2 Disability	1 Disability	9 Disability 3 Race

Majority of incidents from one address Manor Farm Way
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ASB

Beeston and Holbeck:

ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED

LOWFIELDS AVE	1
PARKWOOD CR	1
DEWSBURY RD	1
NEW PRINCESS ST	1
TOWN ST	1
ST MATTHEWS ST	1

PHILIPPA WAY

ALCOHOL

BEESTON RD 1
DEWSBURY RD 2
ELLAND RD 1

FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING

COTTINGLEY DR 1
PRESTON PDE 1
CROSS FLATS PARK
PARKFIELD AVE 1
RING RD 1
ST LUKES GRE 1
INGRAM RD 1

NEIGHBOUR RELATED

RING RD 1
WESLEY ST 1
COTTINGLEY FOLD 1
CROW NEST DR 1
BARTON TER 1

NUISANCE CAR/VAN

UNITED BUSINESS PK 1
BENYON PARK WAY 1
GELDERD RD 1
LOWFIELDS RD 1

**NUISANCE
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

MALVERN RD 1
THIRLMERE GDNS 1
HEATHCROFT DR 2
PARKFIELD RD 1
WAINCLIFFE PL 1
HEATHCROFT DR 1
INGRAM RD 1
MALVERN RD 1
DEWSBURY RD 1

YOUTH RELATED

HEATHCROFT VALE 1
HEATHCROFT DR 1
GELDERD RD 1

BEESTON PARK PLACE	
COMMUNITY CENTRE	1
DEWSBURY RD	1
TOWN ST	1
DULVERTON GR	1
COTTINGLEY RD	1
CROSS FLATTS AVE	1
RING RD	1
CROSS FLATTS GR	1
TOP MOOR SIDE	1
CROSS FLATTS CR	1

Hunslet and Riverside:

**ADULT NUISANCE - NON
ALCOHOL RELATED**

LODGE LN	1
GREENMOUNT ST	4
DEWSBURY RD	1
MAUD AVE	1
GARNET RD	1
SUSSEX GRE	1
TEMPEST RD	1
TUNSTALL RD	1
GARNET TER	1
CITY SOUTH RETAIL PK	1
FULHAM ST	1
COLWYN RD	1

FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING

DEWSBURY RD	3
ARTHINGTON VW	1
ST PETERS CT	1
TRENTAM TER	1
ARTHINGTON VW	1
WESTBOURNE MT	1
DISRAELI TER	1
NORTHCOTE CR	1
NATIONAL RD	1
NORTHCOTE DR	1
LODGE LN	
PEPPER RD	1
WOODVIEW RD	1

**LITTERING/DRUGS
PARAPHERNALIA**

WAKEFIELD RD	1
HUNSLET HALL RD	1
NATIONAL RD	1

NEIGHBOUR RELATED

ATKINSON ST	1
FLAXTON CL	1
AIRE QUAY	1
OLD MILL LN	1
TRENTHAM ST	
LONGROYD PL	1
CRESCENT GRA	1

NUISANCE CAR/VAN

MIDDLETON RD	1
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**NUISANCE
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

CITY SOUTH RETAIL PK	1
BISMARCK ST	1
MIDDLETON CR	1
THE PENNY HILL CENTRE	1
SANDON PL	1
TULIP ST	1
TUNSTALL RD	1
COUPLAND RD	1

YOUTH RELATED

TULIP ST	1
WATERSIDE INDUSTRIAL PK	1
DEWSBURY RD	4
TUNSTALL RD	4
BURTON RD	1
STRATFORD AVE	1
DISRAELI GDNS	1
CHURCH ST	1
ARTHINGTON AVE	1
DEWSBURY RD	1
BROMPTON ROW	1

Middleton and Belle Isle:

**ADULT NUISANCE - NON
ALCOHOL RELATED**

SISSONS TER	1
THROSTLE RD	1
THROSTLE ST	1
BELLE ISLE RD	1

FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING

BROOM PL	1
RING RD	1
EAST GRANGE RS	1
HOLME WELL RD	1
BODMIN RD	3
MIDDLETON GR	2
RING RD	1
EAST GRANGE RD	1

NEIGHBOUR RELATED

EAST GRANGE RD	2
PARNABY RD	1
RING RD	1

NUISANCE CAR/VAN

OLD RUN VW	1
BODMIN RD	1
TOWN ST	1
MIDDLETON PARK AVE	1
SISSONS TER	1
EATON MWS	

**NUISANCE
MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE**

TOWN ST	1
HELSTON WK	1
BELLE ISLE RD	1
OLD RUN VW	1
ACRE MT	1
BOULEVARD RS	1
WINROSE GR	1
MIDDLETON GR	1
SHARP LN	
HOLME WELL RD	3
WEST GRANGE GRE	1
SHELLDRAKE DR	1

RAYLANDS WAY	1
NEWHALL GR	1

YOUTH RELATED

BELLE ISLE RD	1
HIGHLANDS GR	1
OAK DR	1
LINGWELL APPR	1
KIELDER DR	1
SHELLDRAKE DR	1
CRANMORE CR	1
WINDMILL RD	1
SHARP LN	1
MIDDLETON PARK AVE	1
THORPE GDNS	1
RING RD	1
KIELDER DR	1
MIDDLETON GR	1
TOWN ST	2
BODMIN CR	1

Leeds 2023

11. The LEEDS 2023 year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” event held at Headingley Stadium on 7 January, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced (<https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on>) with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year.

12. The signature event MY LEEDS 2023, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood host for each ward. The Neighbourhood Hosts are participating in a paid training scheme during which they will:
 - Develop their skills in community engagement, event management and producing
 - Design and deliver a community grants scheme
 - Collaborate with their community and co-create activity in each ward across the summer
 - Acts as a community ambassador, creating opportunities for people in their ward to engage with LEEDS 2023.

13. Neighbourhood Hosts are currently working six hours per week, which includes their time spent in training and this reduces to three hours from September. The Neighbourhood Host scheme has been designed to increase the capacity for hyper-local community engagement in each of the wards, and to create opportunities for people across the city to participate in activity as part of the Year of Culture. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward / a

nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighbourhood Hosts and their community by:

- Sharing with the Neighbourhood Host their knowledge of the ward and experience engaging with communities
- Sharing possible opportunities for engagement with ward members
- Making introductions, where appropriate, to members of the community who could further support activity.

14. The Neighbourhood Hosts and anchor organisations for the wards in this Community Committee area are:

- Beeston and Holbeck – Amitoj Kaur supported by Slung Low
- Hunslet and Riverside – Karen Peters supported by Hamara
- Middleton Park – Alison Hughes-Waters supported by Health for All

15. The community grants scheme was launched in early February. Designed collaboratively by the Neighbourhood Hosts, the community grants scheme will support participation in one of the 33 My Leeds activities being produced across the summer.

16. Residents are invited to apply for a community grant via the LEEDS 2023 website. All grant proposals will be considered by a panel of Neighbourhood Hosts and funds allocated accordingly. The grants are open to anyone over 18 with a UK bank account, and LEEDS 2023 are hoping to receive a high number of applications from a diverse range of people and organisations. Elected Members' support in sharing the opportunity across their wards would be greatly appreciated.

17. Across season one, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging communities and schools to take part in Waking the Artist, a city-wide exhibition of art by people of Leeds. Community groups are invited to take part by making art and creating a display in their local library, community space or window. Communities can lead their own art-making workshops or are able to book a free facilitator or resource pack to support their engagement. Display labels and more information is available at:

<https://leeds2023.co.uk/take-part/waking-the-artist>

Opportunities for schools

18. Every child and young person of school age in Leeds is getting the chance to take part in the Year of Culture. LEEDS 2023's creative learning programme features free activities for learners in all key stages, including classroom resources, facilitated workshops, participatory activities, and opportunities for learning outside the classroom. With links to the curriculum, the programme supports teaching across a variety of subject areas and helps learners develop their creativity. Learning

resources for schools can be found on the LEEDS 2023 website

<https://leeds2023.co.uk/creative-learning>

19. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in Leeds Artists Show. Spring term will see over 2,300 pupils across 40 schools take part in facilitated workshops, including an interschool slam poetry competition, Commonwealth theatre, and Leeds Young Film. The following schools have either participated in an activity or are already booked onto an activity in the Spring term:

- Cockburn School, Authors Abroad
- Ingram Road Primary, Leeds Artist Show and Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Hunslet Moor Primary, Off the Curriculum
- Ruth Gorse Academy, Authors Abroad
- Cockburn John Charles, Leeds Young Film and Authors Abroad
- Cockburn Laurence Calvert, Leeds Young Film and Authors Abroad
- Middleton Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Springwell Leeds Academy, Leeds Cultural Heritage

20. In addition, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging and enabling schools to take part in The Wild Escape in partnership with Leeds Museums & Galleries, which will see children across the city engage with museum collections, learn about conservation and create their own art.

Other events and projects taking place in Inner South area

21. A LEEDS 2023 signature project – the Yinka Shonibare sculpture is planned for later in the year and will be installed in Meadow Lane Green Space in Hunslet and Riverside ward.

Employment & Skills

Universal Credit

22. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Inner South Community Committee area is 7,375. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (65%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 178 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.

23. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner South Community Committee area and by ward.

Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs								
	March 2020		June 2020		September 2022		October 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	42,762	8.4%	43,819	8.2%
Inner South	4,023	7.0%	6,638	11.6%	7,197	12.6%	7,375	12.9%
Beeston & Holbeck	1,295	7.2%	2,133	11.9%	2,285	12.7%	2,314	12.9%
Hunslet & Riverside	1,311	6.1%	2,217	10.3%	2,444	11.4%	2,518	11.8%
Middleton Park	1,417	7.9%	2,288	12.8%	2,468	13.8%	2,543	14.2%

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

Employment and Skills Services

24. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)
Inner South	1,234	1,574	268	311	252	322
Beeston & Holbeck	383	521	83	90	86	110
Hunslet & Riverside	505	719	97	141	120	139
Middleton Park	346	334	88	80	46	73

25. Between April – September 2022 Employment & Skills supported:

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 1,574 of whom were residents from the Inner South
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 311 of whom were residents from the Inner South. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 322 of whom were from the Inner South

26. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops, which 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 the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.

27. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include Dewsbury Road, City Centre, Hunslet and St Georges Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile bus is now running Monday-Friday a schedule stop includes Holbeck Community Centre.

28. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>

29. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
30. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
31. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
32. Between September – December 2022, in the Inner South, 27 courses were delivered at 8 venues. 300 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.
33. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Inner South, 36 courses are also planned for online delivery, city-wide. In the Inner South, 48 courses, including ESOL, English, Maths and IT, are planned at 10 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.
34. A Celebration of Learning Festival is planned for 16th February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years including personal achievements and home-schooling.
35. Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability, work readiness, health and wellbeing programme which aims to help people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment.
36. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
37. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers focuses on narrowing inequalities taking the strengths and limitations of the Lincoln Green Employability Project, expanded to a one system approach across the sector adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice models in the system. The programme aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in Leeds to improve access to long term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education, and training in the sector.
38. Since September 2022, 169 people have attended the assessment sessions. 41 have achieved a qualification, and 35 people have been supported into work. 38 people are

being supported to improve functional skills to achieve the required level to move into employment within the sector.

39. Between April – December 2022 Employment and Skills supported:

- 287 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
- and attended careers events and parent's evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 7,674 young people, 367 parents and carers and 282 teachers.

Delivered Events

40. Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022 (LDCF22) took place on 12th – 16th September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information, and guidance, approximately 100 people attended. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1,269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15th September 2022 with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, approximately 1,700 people attended.

41. Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) a weeklong festival of activities took place 14th – 18th November 2022 with a Creative Skills Showcase event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17th November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.

Planned Events

42. Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF) took place on Monday 6th February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week, 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and includes a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event.

43. Jobsfairs are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:

- City Centre, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on Wednesday 25th January 2023
- Armley, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ on Friday 3rd February 2023
- Dewsbury Road, 190 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 6PF on Thursday 9th February 2023
- Compton Centre, Harehills Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 7BG on Thursday 16th February 2023

44. Reducing Re-Offending in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority an event is scheduled for Spring 2023 to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun and aims to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction event (w/c 23rd January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.
45. Community Engagement Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire, which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills.
46. SEND Next Choices, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds.

Public Health

Health and Wellbeing update

47. National HIV Testing Week starts Monday 6 February, and there's no better time to get tested and know your status. HIV testing is free, quick and easy, you can even test at home. Remember, anyone diagnosed with HIV in the UK can access free treatment and support. For more info on where to test or to order a FREE HIV test kit see: www.startswithme.org.uk

Winter pressures

48. There are significant pressures locally and nationally across the system, with recent figures showing one in every eight hospital beds being used by someone with either Covid or flu.
49. Almost two thirds of those eligible for a Covid booster in West Yorkshire have had the jab since the rollout started last autumn. However, that means there are still over 400,000 people at increased risk from the virus who have yet to get protected.

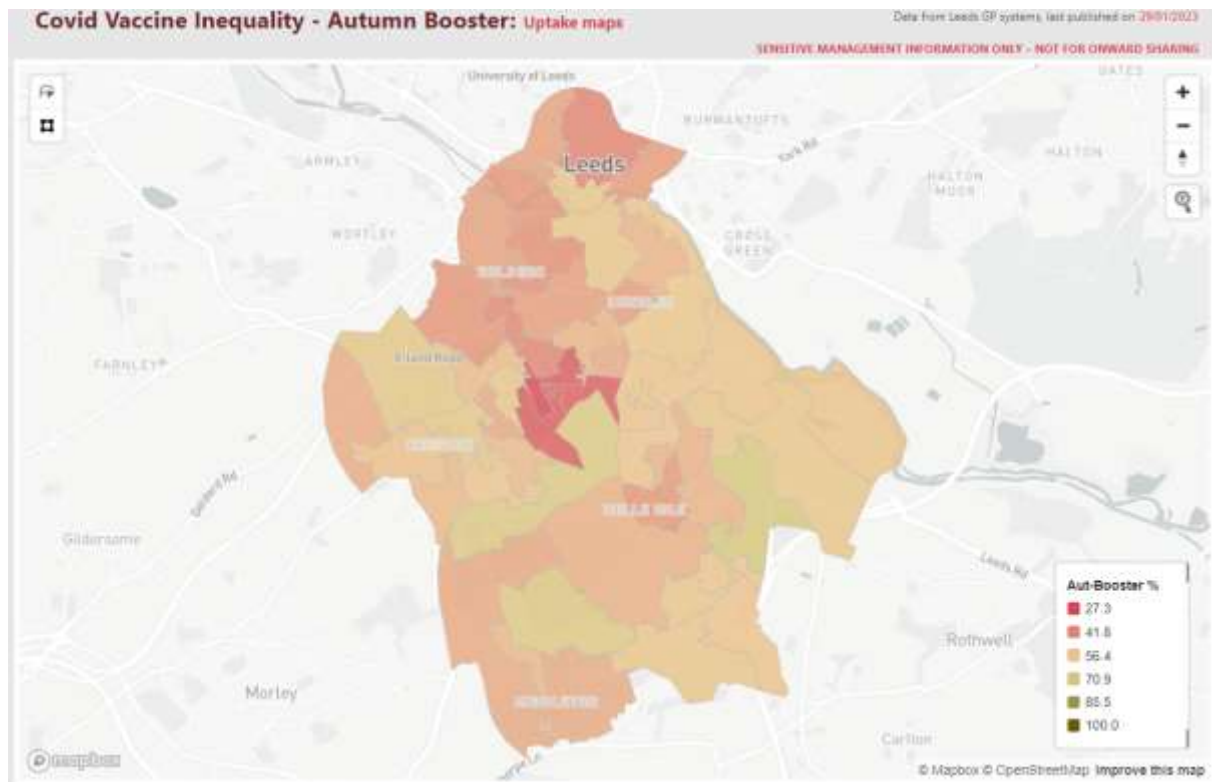
50. People can book an appointment online here or by calling 119, or find details of their nearest walk-in clinic here.
51. A winter wellbeing comms toolkit is available with copy and assets for bulletins and social media. You can access the toolkit in the Weather and Health campaign 2022 folder at: <https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/news-and-blog/news/get-jabbed-plea-top-doctor>.
52. The winter wellbeing webpage gives information about staying safe and well. This can be accessed at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/winter-wellbeing>
53. The cost of living webpage has information about the support that is available. This can be accessed at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living>

Flu and Covid

54. Key messages continue to focus on safe behaviours:
- Get boosted with Covid and flu vaccines
 - Stay at home and avoid close contact with others if you're not feeling well
 - Wash your hands regularly
 - Let fresh air in if you're meeting indoors
55. Vaccinations against flu and Covid are available to all front-line staff.
56. General information on the flu vaccine is available as follows:
- Information on eligibility can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>
 - A list of pharmacies offering the flu vaccination is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacy-nhs-flu-vaccine-service/>

Covid Data

57. There is very limited area specific covid infection data since mass testing ended last April, the data is available at Leeds level now and is updated once a month. The data is available here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey, UK Statistical bulletins - Office for National Statistics](#)
58. The autumn booster vaccine uptake data is available by practice, PCN and ward [here](#):
59. Below is a map showing the 3 wards that make up the Inner South area. The map shows uptake data for the Covid Autumn booster:



Finding joy in January

60. A great way to find joy in January, or any month of the year, is to get your body moving. Whether it's by [playing in the park](#), [dancing with your friends](#) or finding your way to wellbeing through [mindful movement](#), there are so many ways to enjoy the feel-good hormones that come with being active.
61. If you're looking for inspiration, check out the films in the links above, produced by Leeds TV in partnership with Leeds City Council Public Health teams.

Dying Matters Community Grants

62. Dying Matters Leeds aims to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life.
63. Organisations are invited to apply for a Dying Matters Leeds Community Grant to deliver an event or activity in their local community during Dying Matters Week which takes place from 1 to 7 May. The deadline for submitting applications is 5.00pm on 24 February. Applicants will be notified of the decision by 17 March. You can find out more at: <http://lbforum.org.uk/news-and-events/dying-matters-leeds-community-grant-now-open/>

Cost of Living

Household Support Fund Leeds – Cost of Living Grants

64. Forum Central launches grants to support individuals in hardship over winter.

65. Grants of up to £1,000 and £5,000 are being administered by Forum Central, and distributed to organisations who support Communities of Interest including cultural diversity, people with mental health difficulties (including Young People), learning disabilities, physical and sensory impairment and older people.
66. There is no deadline – applications will be assessed weekly until all funds allocated. All grants must be spent by March 2023 and there is still funding available.
67. The Household Support Fund (HSF) is a Central Government fund, provided to Local Authorities to support individual households with access to food and fuel over the winter period. A priority of this fund will be to support people with food and fuel costs. For example, fuel meter top-up cards and payments or the provision of energy efficient equipment.
68. Alongside Leeds Community Anchor Network and Leeds Food Aid Network, Forum Central will be distributing a proportion of this funding to third sector partners to enable this support to reach those most vulnerable. In order to work quickly, a rolling grant programme will be available. Further information about the fund can be found at <https://forumcentral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Grant-information-to-potential-applicants-.pdf>

The Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Grant Fund

69. The Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Grant is distributing £1 million across the UK and have funds available to support 1,000 children across West Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Dales, Harrogate and York.
70. In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now this new grant fund aims to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental wellbeing of children who are struggling. This includes food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider applications for anything that helps meet children's most basic needs.
71. Grants are £50 per child, and they aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.
72. More information and applications can be found at: <https://planetradio.co.uk/pulse1/charity/>

Cost of Living Research

73. Mentally Healthy Leeds is looking to talk to people about how the cost of living crisis is affecting them, in particular people on low incomes. This research is designed to capture the real impact this crisis is having on vulnerable people and inform future service provision. As a small thank you participants can enter a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher.

74. As well as online (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CR2HRPZ>) and paper questionnaires we are keen to come along to groups and events to talk about this with people in person.

75. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a group or event to reach out to then please email quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk. The deadline is 3rd March.

Training and Development

76. A Webinar on the impact of Covid-19 on mental health will take place on 21 February, 10.30am to 12.00pm.

77. The impacts of the Covid pandemic have been felt by all of us in different ways and to differing degrees, with many people still being affected now. The effects of lockdowns, fear and anxiety, isolation, and the removal of traditional networks of support, along with other factors, has had long term detrimental effects on the mental health of people in Leeds – with the most vulnerable in our society often being the most greatly impacted.

78. The long-term effects on mental health are continuing to be felt, with an expectation that some of the impacts may take several years to be realised.

79. The webinar will cover:

- The impact of Covid on the mental health of different groups in Leeds
- insight into Covid data around mental health as a result of the pandemic and the impact in Leeds as a city
- what we are doing now
- useful resources to support mental health in Leeds

80. You can find out more and book a place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-mental-health-tickets-478196176637>

Inner South

Better Together

81. The Better Together partners provide a community development approach to improving health and wellbeing across the inner south, with particular emphasis on areas of high deprivation. A mixture of groups are delivered which include arts and crafts, exercise, cook and eat, parent and tots groups, peer groups and more.

82. Beeston and Holbeck ward have 17 groups running currently running in venues such as Beeston Village Community Centre, St. Marys church, Ingram Gardens and St Matthews church. Attendance figures average at 20 people per group.

83. The Hunslet and Riverside ward have 15 groups running currently with an average of 16 people attending. Last quarter, the groups had a wide range of variety from ESOL, digital skills to menopause.

84. Middleton Park ward have 17 groups currently running in venues such as Middleton Family Centre, South Leeds Youth Hub, St Georges Centre and Cranmore and Raylands Community Centre. Across the groups, there is an average attendance of 15 people per session.

Your Space

85. Delivers a preventative public mental health project across the inner south and east of Leeds. Using an ABCD approach with co-production as a strong element, the Your Space team deliver groups in the community which simultaneously interest people while creating a safe environment to talk about mental health. Average group attendance is 7 per group.

86. Beeston and Holbeck ward currently have 5 groups running at Jamyangs, and St. Matthews. Activities range from home cooking groups, women's wellbeing and Toasie Tuesdays.

87. Hunslet & Riverside ward have a Chess group running out of Dewbury Road Hub

88. Middleton Park ward have a womens' book club and an art and crafts group, these are held in Cranmore and Raylands Community Centre and St George's community hub.

89. A mental health and wellbeing social prescribing model for children has been commissioned by the Integrated Care Board and is currently mobilising. The lead delivery organisation is Barca, with Health for All as a partner. Depending on the age and needs of the presenting young person, the service will have a role in signposting to existing groups for young people and identifying gaps in services, or may offer one to one support for a limited time.

Beeston and Holbeck

Fuel Poverty

90. A proactive targeted approach to reaching out to people most likely to be at risk of harm caused by living in cold conditions is ongoing. This initiative contacts people directly from GP patient lists and offers an introduction to 'Care and Repair'.

91. A referral into Leeds Care and Repair Fuel Poverty scheme is made if patients have discussed this as a concern and they fit their eligibility criteria. (Annual income of less than £30k and saving less than £16k).

92. Care and Repair would conduct a home assessment and offer a holistic package of care which will include existing care and repair services; energy advice and equipment (such as radiator panels, and draft proofing) in addition to the distribution of required home energy appliances, known to reduce home energy consumption (for example air-fryers and slow cookers).
93. In addition, there is an offer of financial support via the Green Doctor for meter top-ups. There is also an opportunity for further referral into food pantry's/food banks/MH services local and city-wide support services.

Hunslet & Riverside

Increasing appropriate community pharmacist use

94. When a patient with minor illness symptoms contacts their GP practice requesting an appointment the care navigator or receptionist will ask them a series of questions using a standard appropriate symptom checklist. If their symptoms are appropriate, the GP practice can refer them for a same-day consultation with a community pharmacist. With the patient's consent, the practice team can send an electronic referral message to the pharmacy the patient has chosen, to support safe follow up and audit.
95. Following the referral, the pharmacist will contact the patient the same day by phone and either carry out the consultation by telephone, or arrange for the patient to attend the pharmacy, if appropriate. Some patients may be offered a video consultation by the pharmacist.
96. The pharmacist will take the patient's clinical history and ask about symptoms and any current medication. Following the consultation, the pharmacist will offer clinical advice and may sell the patient an over the counter product if appropriate and they agree.
97. Pharmacists are trained to recognise 'red flag' symptoms suggestive of more serious illness and after initial triage, where symptoms do suggest something more serious, the pharmacist will help the patient to arrange an urgent GP appointment using the practice's dedicated professional number or escalate to an urgent care setting such as the emergency department, if needed.
98. The pharmacist will make a record of the outcome of the consultation and send it to the patient's GP via secure digital message.

Middleton Park ward

LEAP

99. Integrated Care System, Health Inequalities Bid. Funding for an exercise on prescription programme. Leeds Encouraging Activity in People (LEAP) is in the final

stages of mobilisation. Partners in this project include; Public Health, Active Leeds, Middleton PCN, Armley PCN and Groundworks.

100. This project will initially target people diagnosed with hypertension and COPD and offer an activity intervention. Support of a clinically trained exercise facilitator will be provided who will assess the persons needs and motivation towards exercise, before referring them into a suitable activity. One such activity could be the creation of BITMO's community garden in Belle Isle.

Domestic Violence task and finish group

101. The group continues to meet and are working up aim and objectives. The overarching aims are:
- Prevention
 - Raising community and professional awareness of services and referral pathways
 - Supporting those experiencing domestic violence and abuse
 - Support for people who are abusive in relationships.

Green Spaces

102. Public health, with the help of BITMO and housing colleagues have conducted a consultation on people's use of the green spaces, specifically in Belle Isle, but including Middleton Park.
103. Young peoples' views were missing from the consultation. This is being addressed in partnership with colleagues directly in contact with young people and is currently ongoing.
104. Using the insight collected during the first consultation, partners viewed the various green spaces highlighted by the community as potential improvement areas. This project links in with the LEAP project by using funding to set up a light gardening activity for those newly engaging with activity and movement.

Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck Ward

105. In January 2023, localities staff, ward members and partners hand delivered over 700 copies of the Holbeck community safety newsletter to houses and venues around Holbeck.
106. The 4th edition of the Holbeck newsletter has been compiled and printed to share good news stories with the people of Holbeck. Localities staff, ward members and partners met to hand deliver copies on 17th February.
107. The Underpass on Top Moor Side in Holbeck which provides access for Holbeck residents on to Holbeck Moor has received a street art makeover. The street art installation depicts Holbeck landmarks and iconic red brick houses as well as

welcoming people to Holbeck in multiple languages. The project was completed by Leeds Street Gallery and funded by the Inner South Community Committee.

Community Engagement – Hunslet & Riverside

Brickfield Park's Tree Planting Day

108. The next phase of the developments at Brickfield Park continued on Saturday 14th January, creating an edible orchard on Brickfield Park in Beeston Hill. A total of 21 fruit trees were planted by volunteers from the community, Council officers and Councillors. This has been part of a positive coproduction work between the Council, residents, and partners.

Residents Led Forums - Greenmounts and Area TARA

109. The new 'Greenmounts and Area' Tenants and Residents Association is up and running with elected officers in place. Councillors and officers are working with the new group to identify and address environmental issues in the area.

Beeston Hill Residents Meeting

110. Beeston Hill Residents Association was launched on Monday, 21st November at Building Blocks Centre, and a follow up meeting held on Monday 30th January at Hamara Centre. Residents present at both meetings are keen and enthusiastic to set up a community association that will be led by residents and will enable the community to develop ideas for the area, hold regular forums, and have better ongoing dialogue with the Council, Police, and other organisations.

Community Engagement – Middleton Park Ward

Green Spaces

West Wood

111. CEL will remove rubbish from this site and then phase 1 of the work programmes will commence in April.

New Forest

112. Groundwork are currently developing plans for this site and a further update will be received in March.

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

115. 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

116. 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

Resources and Value for Money

117. 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

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

Risk Management

119. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹ 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.