

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Outer West Community Committee  
[Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley]

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**To note**

### **Outer West Community Committee - Update Report**

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#### **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**

##### **West Yorkshire Police – Rachel Smith**

3. There is work ongoing with the Police at Pudsey Bus Station to engage with Youths and divert them from the centre.
4. Ongoing enquiries are taking place around the use of off-road bikes and quads that have been causing issues around the Acres Hall area of Pudsey.
5. Funding has been approved by the Outer West Community Committee for Outer West ASB and Road Safety operations 2023/24. Officers will be working extra shifts to tackle speeding and dangerous driving.

6. In relation to the recent arson at Hainsworth Park, 3 suspects have been arrested and are currently on bail whilst the offences are under investigation.
7. There have been 2 arrests on separate occasions made in the Rycrofts where both were found in possession of drugs therefore investigations ongoing for PWITS.
8. Residents particularly in Farnley and Wortley are reminded to continue reporting to the Police as they are intelligence led.

## **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Update from Jon Hindley (Public Health)**

### **Cost of Living Resources**

9. Local residents in Outer West wards continue to struggle with increasing fuel, energy and food prices as well as general clothing and school uniform. Leeds City Council, Public health and Partners have a series of resources to assist citizens with the ongoing crisis.
10. For advice and support on financial matters please see the links below:
  - <https://citizensadviceleeds.org.uk/>
  - Resources for Professionals:
  - [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1JFvxQk8e3wEz\\_ayzNCKYOITmmQzspVzm](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1JFvxQk8e3wEz_ayzNCKYOITmmQzspVzm)
  - Food Banks: <https://leedsfoodaidnetwork.co.uk/food-banks/>
  - Fuel & Food Poverty: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-food-and-bills#:~:text=To%20get%20a%20referral%20to,to%20Friday%209am%20to%205pm>
  - Gambling Related Harm: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/gambling-addiction/>
  - Insulating your Home and advice on Energy Efficiency: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/north-east-and-yorkshire/home-plus-leeds/>
  - Money and Debt Advice: <http://moneybuddies.org.uk/>
  - Advice on Money matters: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic/Home>
  - Stop a Loan Shark; <https://www.gov.uk/report-loan-shark>
  - Help with the Cost of Living: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living>
  - Financial Exploitation Team: <https://www.wyjs.org.uk/trading-standards/wyfeat/>
  - Careview : All resources listed on one app. [Care View Leeds](#)

### **Housing Team – Update from Sophie Roberts (Housing Manager – Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley)**

11. Walkabout season has started, and dates should now have been shared with Cllrs.
12. The team are looking at ways to improve areas with assistance from HAP funding for example the housing land at Parkwood Road in Calverley that is being considered for use by the local primary school. Housing will also be approaching HAP to fund a new gate at Clifton Court to enable the grass cutting so that it is not a problem next year.

**Housing Team – Update from Andrew Sheader (Housing Manager – Farnley & Wortley)**

13. The Wortley Housing Team continue to work from home but are now remobilised meaning Housing Officers are out on the patches they manage on a weekly basis. Staff are working from the office 3 days a week.
14. The ASB experienced in The Heights East and West was under control. Issues with youths gaining access and congregating around the block/garage area. The Mobile ASB Patrols have been returned to The Heights West. Residents are reminded to report any issues directly to the Police and once done so to their Housing Officer.
15. The team are waiting for an update on the demolition of the Nutting Grove Garages, there are significant issues of unknown people damaging the garages. Requests have been made that the area be painted with parking spaces as the Heights Garages were.
16. Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as, annual tenancy check-ins, ASB, concerns relating to the environment, doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted.
17. Revised Flyers have been provided promoting the Mobile Community HUBs and several staff have looked inside the vans. Staff will enclose these in letters and email them to tenants and verbally promote this service. Venues are:
  - The Butterbowl Pub (Mondays 09:30 – 12:00),
  - Henconner Lane/Butt Lane (Mondays 13:00-15:30),
  - The Hanover Arms (Wednesday 09:30 – 12:00 )
  - Farnley Village Green (Wednesday 13:00-15:30).
18. Details of 2023/2024 Walkabouts have been emailed to Members.
19. Green Guardian scheme has recommenced and Housing Officers requested to ensure that they utilise this service for vulnerable tenants.
20. Skill Mill, a social enterprise providing entry level training and employment for young people by giving them the opportunity to work as part of a team and build up their life and work skills, is still suspended, but we continue to make referrals to Community Payback.
21. Block Sweeps and Block Inspections continue to take place with a weekly and monthly basis, respectively.

22. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes, ideally via the Online Facility while on site.
23. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East and The Heights West is still not resolved. We have requested that the parking areas be repainted and are looking at legal options to resolve the matter. Car parking and emergency vehicle areas are also going to be repainted in Gamble Hill Croft and Gamble Hill Grange
24. Phase B of a planned programme of footpath improvements on the Bawn Estate started on 5th June 2023 and the work is anticipated to last for 12 weeks. Phase B is the footpaths between Bawn Lane to Bawn Drive. The residents have been informed via a letter drop.
25. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Service Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting the projects to HAP for consideration and expect that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

**Cleaner Neighbourhood Team- Update from Sharron Almond**

26. Currently issues around collection points. CNT are having to send a team in every day to clear up as this is causing fly tipping and waste in gardens. The team are working with other services to try and resolve these issues.
27. It has been identified that there is potentially an issue surrounding communication to residents regarding where and when the collection points are. Again, this is causing fly tipping and rubbish being left out.

**Employment and Skills - Employment and Skills Officer**

**Universal Credit**

28. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 3,654. This is an increase of 105% since March 2020, and an increase of 45 claimants on the previous month.
29. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2023		May 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	46,811	9.0%	47,079	9.0%
<b>Outer West</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	690	4.8%	702	4.8%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	1,764	11.5%	1,765	11.5%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,155	7.6%	1,187	7.8%

### 30. Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2022/23 (Apr – Mar)
<b>Outer West</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>237</b>
Calverley & Farsley	129	147	56	39	40	58
Farnley & Wortley	537	454	127	129	111	127
Pudsey	157	207	56	62	41	52

### Planned events and activities

31. **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** information sessions are planned to be delivered at the following venues:

- Richmond Hill Community Centre on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Reginald Centre on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Dewsbury Road Community Hub on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Compton Community Hub on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- City Centre Community Hub on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Beeston Community Centre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Kentmere Community Centre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Armley Community Hub on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

32. **The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023** will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event is aimed at those exploring a career in tech and digital. Attendees will be given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Digital Careers Fair 2023](#).

33. **Reducing Re-Offending** a jobs fair to take place at HMP Wealstun on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The event will offer support to prisoners due for release. A range of employers, from different sectors, are attending alongside Employment and Skills Advisors.

34. **The Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event will showcase the wide range of opportunities within the creative and culture sector. There will be a range of employers and providers as well as interactive activities and information sessions. For further information and to book please visit: [Leeds Creative Skills Festival 2023](#).

35. **The Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** will take place at Leeds First Direct Arena on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Further details will be available in the Autumn.

### Community Engagement: Social Media

36. The **Social Media Report Appendix** provides the Committee with the latest information on digital posts relevant to the Committee area and details an overview of recent social media activity for the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page.

37. The report covers the last 3 months June 2023 – August 2023. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of **1485**.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

39. 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**

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

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

41. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

43. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

46. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.