

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Outer North East Community Committee  
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

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## **Outer North East 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**

#### **Updates by theme**

##### **Environment and Community Safety: Champion Cllr Lamb**

3. An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

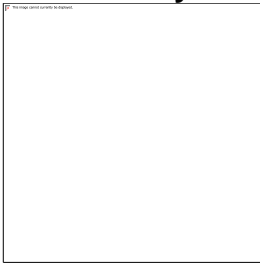
##### **Children & Families: Champion Cllr R Stephenson**

4. Each Community Committee has been allocated a Youth Activity Fund which it is responsible for administering. The Youth Activity Fund has been made available to provide local activities for children and young people aged 8-17 years across the city.

5. The Youth Activity Fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. Children and young people are involved in the funding process and advise Community Committees on the activities they would like to take part in, in their respective areas.
6. A Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey is now 'live' and young people can complete the survey by clicking the YAF Survey link, or alternatively, by scanning the QR code. The last day that young people can respond is the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**YAF Survey link:** <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/H5X5TG/>

**YAF Survey QR code:**



#### **Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion Cllr S Firth**

7. An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

#### **Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr N Harrington**

8. An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

#### **Updates from Key Services**

##### **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team**

9. If you have any unwanted items that are not suitable for donation and you cannot get to a Recycling Centre, you can book in a free unwanted items collection (bulky collection). If you live within the Leeds council tax area the service can collect up to 5 items per collection, with a maximum of 4 collections per year.
10. De-leafing is due to start week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. If there are specific sweeping issues especially of a health and safety nature please continue to report in the normal way via the online portal or by emailing at [eneaction@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:eneaction@leeds.gov.uk).

##### **Parks & Countryside**

11. The memorial benches for Queen Elizabeth II have been delivered to Parks & Countryside. Officers have therefore been working with Councillors and Parish Councils to identify suitable locations for the benches, so that they can be installed.

## Public Health

### World Suicide Prevention Day

12. World Suicide Prevention Day is marked on September 10<sup>th</sup> each year, to promote worldwide action to prevent suicides. Various events and activities are held during this time to raise awareness of the fact that suicide is a major preventable cause of early death.
13. Every person lost to suicide is someone's partner, child, friend, neighbour and/or colleague and their death will hugely affect people in their family, workplace and community. We can all play a vital role in reducing and preventing suicide by making people comfortable to talk about suicide and mental health, by encouraging people to have these conversations.
14. The West Yorkshire Check in With Your Mate Campaign aims to promote these conversations and to raise awareness of the factors and signs that may lead to suicide, inspiring people to start conversations about mental health with the men in their life - at home, in the community and at work, potentially saving lives.
15. To support the Public Mental Health Team in promoting the '[Check in With Your Mate](#)' (CIWYM) campaign and help to prevent suicide, click [here](#) for a range of free resources. Colleagues are encouraged to download the CIWYM email signature to show support for the campaign throughout September and share/distribute campaign posters as appropriate.
16. For helpful guidance and support around language and to help prevent further harm when talking about suicide, we would recommend you familiarise yourself with the following [guide](#). If you have been affected by suicide, at any point in your life, the [Leeds Suicide Bereavement Service](#) offers a safe space to talk and get support.

### Heatwave and Health: Communications Toolkit

17. The summer weather/heatwave comms toolkit has been available for use across the city, with assets for bulletins and social media. The messages are based around the new impact based alert system. The heat health alert system is operated by UKHSA in partnership with the Met Office and is outlined below:
  - Green: general preparedness and awareness raising.
  - Yellow: where impacts may be expected for those who are particularly vulnerable, or where confidence in the weather forecast for more severe periods of heat is low.
  - Amber: for situations where impacts are expected across the population.
  - Red: significant risk to life for even the healthy population.
18. The toolkit was made available during the Heatwave campaign for use by agencies and groups to support residents.

## Winter Vaccines Rollout: Building Vaccine Confidence for Higher Risk Populations

19. Free webinars were offered during August in preparation for the vaccine rollout which begins in September. Various dates and times were offered to raise awareness of the rollout programme and information that can be passed on to residents in the city.

## Climate Change

20. The directors of Public Health in Yorkshire & Humberside have made climate change one of their priorities for collaboration across the 15 local authorities. A strand of the action plan is a programme based on the insight and learning from a survey sent out earlier in the year.

21. Climate change is the single biggest threat to population health. Public health professionals have a key role to play in climate mitigation and adaptation and drawing attention to the health co-benefits of addressing the factors that drive climate change. Their in depth understanding of health inequalities is crucial to ensure that climate change does not further compromise the health of the most vulnerable.

## Better Conversations

22. Part of the Leeds Health and Care Academy, these skill sessions are open to anyone working in Health and Social Care in Leeds. The workshops aim to enable health and care colleagues to deliver and encourage more collaborative conversations, primarily between a health and care professional and patient or service user, or when speaking to members of the public, with three learning packages on offer:

- Level 1: eLearning, introducing the principles of better conversations.
- Level 2: virtual interactive workshop, better conversations, reflective practice (28th September, 22nd November and 14th December).
- Level 3: in person workshop, better conversations, a personalised approach to conversations (13th September and 17th October).

## Rightsizing Campaign

23. People aged 50 and over living in West Yorkshire are being targeted with an innovative new campaign to help them 'rightsized' and find a home that's right for them. The aim of the 'rightsizing' campaign is to help people choose where they live before other factors, such as ill health, make that decision for them.

24. The campaign press release is [here](#) or alternatively you can visit the new website for more information [Your home, your choice](#). If you wish to help promote the campaign a toolkit is also available here: [Rightsizing campaign toolkit](#).

## Drowning Prevention

25. During the summer, the risk to young people through accidental drowning increases significantly. When the weather is hot young people can be tempted to go for a dip in the local river or reservoir but swimming in open waters is extremely dangerous.

26. A range of water safety campaign resources are available for digital channels. They can be downloaded [here](#). The Royal Life Saving Society [website](#) also provides information and resources on water safety education.

### **Annual Flu Report**

27. UKHSA's Annual Report has been published and summarises the levels of Influenza (Flu) across the UK for the winter period, 2022 to 2023. The analysis indicates that excess deaths in England associated with Flu were higher (14,500) than the average figure (13,500) for the five years before the pandemic. This is the highest figure since the 2017 to 2018 season, when there were 22,500 excess deaths associated with flu. You can read more [here](#).

### **Measles Action Cards**

28. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Yorkshire and Humber have recently circulated communications and guidance to acute trusts and primary care following a rise in the number of confirmed Measles cases both within Yorkshire and Humber and nationally during the first part of 2023.

29. Children and young adults continue to be susceptible to infection due to a gap in immunity, contributed to by the fall in vaccination uptake rates during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measles action cards for healthcare settings are available and inform staff of the symptoms to be aware of as well as the actions to be taken should a patient present with measles like symptoms.

30. The Health Publications Website contains UKHSA measles resources for settings which can be downloaded and printed or ordered (usually for free). To access all of the available resources visit [Publications - Health Publications](#).

31. The 'If you think you've got measles call ahead' poster can be printed [here](#) to be displayed in surgeries, or if you would like this to be posted to you please contact the Public Health Resource Centre [PHRC@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:PHRC@leeds.gov.uk). This poster can also be shared on social media platforms and GP practice websites to raise public awareness of measles symptoms and actions.

### **National Energy Action: E-learning Courses**

32. The National Energy Action training aims to equip people with the skills and knowledge to help mitigate against the impact of the energy crisis on vulnerable households.

- Fuel poverty and health: information [here](#).
- Introduction to domestic energy efficiency: information [here](#).
- Delivering high quality domestic energy advice: information [here](#).

## Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

		% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	171	+ 4%
Cases Open in last Month	34	+ 10%
Closed Cases in last Month	40	+ 8%
% of active citywide caseload	36%	

33. Cases opened in the last 3 months by ward; Alwoodley = 5, of which 2 x Noise; 3 x ASB, 0 x Hate, 0 x DV; Harewood = 1, of which 1 x ASB, 0 x Noise, 0 x Hate, 0 x DV; Wetherby = 3, of which 3 x ASB, 0 x Noise, 0 x Hate, 0 x DV. Current active caseload in Outer North East = 14.
34. Citywide Nuisance Vehicle PSPO is now live and enforceable and it is hoped that this will help to address the ongoing vehicle related issues at King Lane Park and Ride and at the Wilderness Car Park in Wetherby. 20 Fixed Penalty Notices have already been issued to address this behaviour at other locations in the city. Signage has been erected at key “hotspots” and shortly to be extended to the main arterial routes into the city.

## Community Hubs

### Summer Reading Challenge 2023, Ready Set Read!

35. School engagement has taken place via library visits and school assemblies to promote this summer’s challenge, Ready, Set, Read! Librarians visited Primrose Lane, St Joseph’s, Carr Manor, Moor Allerton Hall, Wigton Moor, Manor Wood and St Paul’s schools to deliver assemblies.
36. There has been a fantastic level of involvement to the challenge, with the following sign-ups to date:
- Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library: 810 children
  - Wetherby Community Hub and Library: 231 children
  - Boston Spa Library: 64 children
37. There has been some excellent feedback received regarding the summer reading challenge, including, “We had a customer come into Wetherby Library whose daughter was currently participating in the Summer Reading Challenge. She said that her daughter was currently loving the books and now instead of her asking her mum to use her phone, she asks for a book instead”.

## Housing Leeds

### Housing Advisory Panel

38. An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

## Employment & Skills

39. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Outer North East Community Committee area is 1,486. This is an increase of 128% since March 2020, and no change in the number of claimants on the previous month. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer North East 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 North East</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Alwoodley	387	2.9%	851	6.4%	858	6.5%
Harewood	95	0.9%	219	2.2%	216	2.1%
Wetherby	171	1.5%	416	3.7%	412	3.6%

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

## Employment and Skills Activities & Provision

40. The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from Outer North East 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 North East</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>126</b>
Alwoodley	224	266	65	55	60	92
Harewood	60	66	26	27	13	20
Wetherby	34	51	18	8	10	14

## April 2022 – March 2023

41. During April 2022 to March 2023 the service assisted with the following:

- 14,179 people accessed the service, 383 of whom were residents from the Outer North East.
- Supported 2,999 people into work, 90 of whom were residents from the Outer North East.
- Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and communications.
- Supported 3,753 people to improve their skills, 126 of whom were from the Outer North East.

42. 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. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025. All Jobshops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include the City Centre Community Hub.

43. Community Learning provision 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. Between April 2022 - March 2023, in the Outer North East, 5 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 164 residents have accessed a course. In addition, there were 50 courses delivered on-line.
44. Between April 2022 - March 2023, 15 Developing You Health and Wellbeing courses, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment, were delivered across the city. 123 people completed the course, 24 of whom were supported into work. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
45. The Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers work focuses on narrowing inequalities with a one system approach across the sector, adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice in the system, targeting the priority wards. The pathways that are being delivered provide people with a supported programme into Administration and Care roles within the NHS and Adult Social Care. There are functional skills (Maths, English and ESOL) support provided to upskill individuals to the required entry level for their pathway of choice. Since February 2022, 422 people, 51% of whom were from the priority wards have attended the information sessions, 167 have achieved a qualification and 174 people have been supported into work. New pathways that have been developed for children's residential, Care Practitioner and Care Navigators roles within GP practices, will be delivered from September 2023. For further information please visit: [Health and Care Careers](#).
46. Within the last year the Employment & Skills Service has supported 342 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.

### **Delivered Events & Activities**

47. The service delivered the following events & activities.
  - **Informed Choices:** supported school careers events and parents evenings and delivered apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 10,535 young people, 458 parents/carers and 409 teachers.



- **Next Steps:** support for young people following GCSE or A Level results hosted on Start in Leeds [Next Steps after School or College](#).
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers:** delivered 28 information sessions between January and July 2023 at 7 venues across the city, 5 of the LCC Community Hubs, Age UK and One Community Centre.
- **Jobs Fairs:** 19 recruitment events delivered since April 2023 at 10 venues across the city, seven LCC Community Hubs, Wetherby Community Hub, Farnley Community Centre and the White Rose Shopping Centre.
- **Leeds Community Learning and Employer Provider Apprenticeships Celebration Awards 2023:** took place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Civic Hall to celebrate the accomplishments of all learners and tutors.
- **SEND Next Choices Event:** Getting Ready for Adult Life took place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 67 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and leisure activities, along with other specific support. 2,200 young people attended with very positive feedback.
- **Financial Wellbeing Events:** delivered in partnership with Credit Union, Yorkshire Water and Leeds City Council, for residents concerned with the rising cost of living. Support provided included debt advice and employment assistance.
- **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF):** took place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. A total of 106 organisations participated and 8,000 visitors attended.
- **Family Learning Festival:** delivered on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Carriageworks Theatre, with approximately 150 people participating, along with 25 exhibitors from across the Community Learning sector. Local skills providers, colleges, universities and employment advisors attended to provide advice for anyone looking to develop their skills further or to plan their next steps.
- **Reducing Re-Offending:** construction recruitment events took place on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at HMP Leeds. 5 construction companies attended offering employment opportunities. 77 serving prisoners engaged with the advisors who delivered employability support sessions.

## Planned Events & Activities

48. The service is planning the following events & activities.

- **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](#).

- **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.
- **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](#).
- **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.

### Further Information

49. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, apprenticeships, and courses: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
50. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
51. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter was launched in March 2023, which provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 2,700 subscribers. To find out more please visit: [www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com](http://www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com)

### Ward Member Meetings

52. Ward Member meetings are taking place on a regular face to face basis, either in the locality or in the Civic Hall. Services attending those meetings include, the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team, Parks & Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management and Highways Maintenance, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the Youth Service.
53. Councillors find this format of meetings useful, as it allows them to be briefed on what is happening in the service areas and also allows them to raise any questions with the service directly, which they can then relay back to their constituents.

### Town and Parish Council Forum

54. An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

### Leeds Festival Working Group

55. In 2022 a Leeds Festival working group was set up, with a purpose of looking at local concerns and ways that the event can improve matters for local residents and attendees of the festival. All parties involved found the meetings useful

and have decided to carry on the process again to discuss the festival in 2023.

56. The group is co-chaired by the Harewood and Wetherby Councillors. Invited to be part of the working group are Leeds City Council officers, Leeds Festival Event Management, the Police and Councillors from the Town and Parish Councils in both wards.
57. The first meeting for Leeds Festival 2023 took place on the 14th March, where items discussed included a review of 2022, the current plans for 2023 and potential challenges for this year.
58. Leeds Festival 2023 took place on the 25th, 26th and 27th August, with entertainment for those camping starting on Thursday 24th. A debrief and lessons learned meeting is due to take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **Community Events**

### **Compassionate City Awards**

59. The Compassionate City Awards 2023 are open for nominations. The awards recognise the outstanding individuals and organisations who make a difference to their communities. They showcase the best that Leeds has to offer, highlighting those who go above and beyond to help make Leeds a special place to live and work.
60. If you know of any exceptional individuals, projects, or organisations that may be suitable for an award, you can nominate them here: [bit.ly/compassion2023](https://bit.ly/compassion2023) in one of the nine award categories.
61. The deadline for nominations is the 29<sup>th</sup> September and the awards culminate in a ceremony on the 7th December at the Civic Hall in Leeds.

### **Community Engagement: Social Media**

62. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

64. 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**

65. 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**

66. 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**

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

## **Risk Management**

68. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

71. 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.