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Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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Outer 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

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

3. The Children and Families Sub Group took place on **Monday 16th October 2023** at 6:15pm. This meeting included young people from the Outer South Youth Matters group and the Morley Children's Mayor candidate. At the meeting the sub group and young people heard all about Early Help Hub and met the South Manager who has now joined the group at direct request from the young people at a previous meeting. The group reviewed the terms of reference which are available on request. They also coproduced the planning of the 23/24 Youth Summit that will take place on Wednesday 7th February 2023. The group also heard updates from Youth services.

4. The next Children and Families Sub Group will take place on Monday 4th December 1pm at Morley Town Hall this will be a business meeting between professionals.
5. This will be followed by a Children and Families Sub Group Monday 4th March 2023 6:15pm at Lewisham Community Centre with the young people from the Outer South Youth Matters group to do a dragons den style look at the YAF application for 2024/25. Where applicants will come in and have to answer questions on their application for the sub group to make recommendations to the community committee.
6. In addition to this the communities team also attended the children's mayor election night. There were 2 candidates from the Outer South area that made it through to the top ten candidates and the Children and families sub group are working with both young people to see if actions from their manifestos can still happen in the Outer South area.

Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South – July – September 2023

Introduction

7. **Appendix 1** - This report will focus on the work of the Outer South Youth Service Localities Team.

Environment: Cllr Andrew Hutchison

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report

Statistics for Outer South Leeds from 01/05/2023 – 09/08/2023

	Ardsley/ Robin Hood		Morley North		Morley South		Rothwell	
S_FLYT	20	18	30	17	28	16	28	21
E_FLYT	15	11	17	8	25	9	7	8
S_LITR	3	3	7	4	7	8	1	4
S_ROAD	11	8	6	6	6	6	7	7
H_OVEG	52	54	50	33	44	21	30	27
E_WIG	8	1	6	4	10	7	6	1
S_SCBC	193	155	213	168	254	178	228	205

8. Description of above codes:

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S_FLYT: Fly tipping that has been collected proactively or reported to us which doesn't contain evidence and no further actions can be taken.

E_FLYT: Fly tipping found/reported which contains evidence and some further action is taken by Enforcement.

S_LITR: Reports to service about litter issues

S_ROAD: Reports to service about streets requiring sweeping.

H_OVEG: Reports to service of issues relating to overgrown vegetation affecting the Highway.

E_WIG: Reports to service about Waste in gardens.

S_SCBC: Scheduled Civic/ Bulky Collections (free waste collections from households)

9. Cleaner Neighbourhood Team (CNT) are currently moving into the leafing season so all elected members will receive a weekly report from the team advising of the works carried out in their specific ward area.
10. At this time, there will probably be more reports for street and path sweeping but hopefully with a proactive/planned works will help keep issues and further reports for service to a minimum during this time.
11. The last quarters figures have been left on the above chart to show the difference compared to this quarter and where the figure has been highlighted Green there has been a reduction in requests for service and where it is highlighted red there unfortunately has been an increase in reports for service.
12. The exception to this rule is the last set of figures for the FREE bulky/civic collection which have all taken a fall in requests for the service throughout the whole of the Outer South (hence being highlighted red as a negative), the fact there has been fewer requests to pick up waste directly from resident's home addresses doesn't reflect negatively with regards reports of Fly tipping within the areas.

Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update

13. LASBT officers are working a mixture of remote, community work and office based. Citywide Nuisance Vehicle PSPO is now live and enforceable, and it is hoped that this will help to address the ongoing vehicle related issues around the ward areas.
14. A new mediation team has been formed within LASBT to deal with low level cases at the initial point of reporting. This is often used in low level neighbour disputes and noise complaints in order to solve the ASB quickly and without the use of legal tools and powers. For mediation to take place both parties must agree to take part.
15. 55 Cases across the ward areas (increase of 7)

Current open cases:

16. Ardsley & Robin Hood = 17 (decrease of 3)
17. Morley North = 7 (stayed the same)
18. Morley South = 17 (increase of 5)

19. Rothwell = 14 (increase of 5)

Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Assault	0	0	0	0
Noise	2	3	1	0
Hate	0	0	4	0
Threats	4	2	3	1
Litter	0	0	0	0
Youth Nuisance	7	0	4	5
Criminality	0	0	0	2
Rowdy	3	0	0	2
Verbal	0	2	5	0
Nuisance	1	0	0	2
Drug/Substance	0	0	0	1
Domestic	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	1

Ardsley & Robin Hood

20.5 ASBI Warning served in relation to youth nuisance, and housing cautions given to parents of children residing in council tenancies. 1 ABC agreed in relation to youth nuisance issues. NISP served in regards of criminal matters, issues now ceased.

Morley North

21. There was a successful warrant application in order to carry out a seizure on noise equipment due to breaches of a Section 80 Noise Abatement Notice. 2 ABCs and 3 ASBI Warnings have also been served (these cases are now closed due to an improvement in behaviour).

Morley South

22. There has been an increase in ASB in the Morley Centre especially around the Halloween/bonfire period with youth nuisance involving fireworks. LASBT work with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) to carryout joint visits to the young people involved and their parents. There have been 4 ASBI Warnings served on young people in Morley South.

23. There are no specific trends although ASB involving young people has been a frequent issue over all ward areas.

Rothwell

24. Motorbikes continue to be a problem for WYP in Rothwell and all areas if names are provided to LASBT the appropriate action will be taken. Problem property in the area, gathering evidence to assess for legal action. Youth nuisance being reported currently

at Rothwell Community Hub and Morrisons, the Hub's issues are under investigation by the Police, they are obtaining CCTV to make Ids. 2 ASBI warnings served to youths causing issues around the area and a housing caution given to parent who is a council tenant.

Police Update

25. Ardsley and Robin Hood

	September Crime	October Crime
Burglary	3	9
Robbery	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	3
Hate crime	3	6
Hate incident	0	2

26. Morley North

	September Crime	October Crime
Burglary	3	10
Robbery	1	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	8
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	14
Hate crime	0	2
Hate incident	0	1

27. Morley South

	September Crime	October Crime
Burglary	7	9
Robbery	1	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	8
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	12
Hate crime	5	3
Hate incident	0	0

28. Rothwell

	September Crime	October Crime
Burglary	10	5
Robbery	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	5
Hate crime	2	1
Hate incident	0	0

ASB

29. Ardsley and Robin Hood

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	2
HAIGH MOOR RD WAKEFIELD RD	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	7
FAIRLEIGH CR FAIRLEIGH RD FAIRLEIGH RD FAIRLEIGH RD SMITHY LN SMITHY LN SMITHY LN	
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
THE CRESCENT WESTERTON RD	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	7
CONSTABLE RD EASTLEIGH DR FAIRLEIGH RD LOFTHOUSE HILL GOLF CLUB POPPLETON RS THORPE LN WOODHOUSE LN	
YOUTH RELATED	13
BRADFORD RD CHERRY TREE WK COMMON LN FAIRLEIGH RD LEEDS RD OAKLEY ST REDHILL AVE REDHILL AVE REDHILL CL THORPE LN THORPE LN WESTERTON RD WESTERTON RD	
Grand Total	31

NPT Priorities

- 30. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe
- 31. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1093 Osborne
- 32. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and nuisance motorbike usage around the Northfields estate in Carlton. This also overlaps into Rothwell with bikes crossing into the manor estate using the Rothwell Greenway.
- 33. ASB related crime in and around Tingley

Updates from September Priorities

- 34. NPT have targeted several youths in Tingley who are currently pending court action for the offences they have been charged with, officers have also worked with Leeds anti-social behaviour team and youth offending who are working with these youths and others to attempt to prevent and deter this offending.
- 35. NPT continue to pay regular attention to the area in order to - deter anti-social behaviour. Officers are targeting those found to be involved, the team will work with the offroad bike team and Leeds anti-social behaviour team to target this behaviour.
- 36. Morley North

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
CROMWELL CT	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
A58	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1
KINGSWAY	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
A650	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	6
A58 CHAPEL HILL KING ST STREET LN VICARAGE AVE WOODHEAD LN	
YOUTH RELATED	4
BIRSTALL LN SPRINGBANK RD TOWN ST WHITE ROSE SHOPPING CENTRE DEW RD	
Grand Total	13

NPT Priorities

37. Lead Area Sergeant: PS 3147 Duncan
38. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3300 Sheldon
39. NPT are working at tackling youth ASB by identifying perpetrators and educating them working alongside Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT). With repeat offenders officers are utilising the powers available to them to deter and prevent.
40. In Gildersome officers are enforcing the HGV restricted road by stopping all HGV's and where appropriate utilising powers, on some occasions the HGV's have valid reasons to be on the road. This deployment is based on the team's ability to deal with operational demand.
41. To target and act against speeding vehicles throughout Drighlington, Gildersome and Churwell, attending at locations identified by the community, with the use of trained officers using speed measuring equipment offenders will be prosecuted utilising legislation available to us, if appropriate, consider the use of Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings and seizures for the more deliberate and serious offences.
42. Working to improve road safety around primary schools in the area in collaboration with Leeds City Council ready for the new term in September.
43. Regular patrols are conducted in the area, however if you do see any ongoing ASB/criminality please do contact the police via 999/101 or through a web report and NPT can deal with it positively.
44. Morley South

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	2
DENSHAW DR WIDE LN	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
HOWLEY PARK WAY	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	9
A653 BRUNTCLIFFE RD DEWSBURY RD INGLEBOROUGH DR NEWLANDS CR QUEEN ST RYDAL DR VICTORIA RD	

WIDE LN	
YOUTH RELATED	30
ALBERT DR	
ALBERT DR	
ALBERT DR	
ALBION ST	
ALBION ST	
ALBION ST	
BRITANNIA RD	
COMMERCIAL ST	
HOPE ST	
HOPE ST	
JUBILEE TER	
LONSDALE RS	
MAGPIE LN	
MIDDLETON RD	
MILLBECK APPR	
PEEL ST	
QUEEN ST	
QUEEN ST	
QUEEN ST	
QUEEN ST	
QUEENSCOURT	
QUEENSWAY	
REIN RD	
RYDAL DR	
RYDAL DR	
VICTORIA MWS	
WIDE LN	
WIDE LN	
WIDE LN	
WINDSOR CT	
WINDSOR CT	
Grand Total	43

NPT Priorities

45. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 83 Martin

46. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4335 Brown

47. To target and take appropriate action against anti-social use of vehicles in and around the Morley area paying attention to specific roads highlighted by community intelligence. This will include focused speed enforcement.

48. To engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour within the local parks. NPT will conduct high visibility and covert patrols and where proportionate use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if necessary. The team will continue to work in partnership with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the parks.

49. NPT will continue to act upon community intelligence in relation to the use and supply of drugs.

Updates from ongoing priorities above:

50. WYP community contact van has a regular booking on Queen Street in Morley Town Centre parked outside Santander. Dates are published on the West Yorkshire Police - Leeds South Facebook page. This will often incorporate officers conducting a 'Bike Register' event.

51. A regular contact point at Morley library on Tuesdays between 1000 and 1130, again dates will be posted on the West Yorkshire Police - Leeds South Facebook page.

52. NPT have continued regular high visibility patrols around Windsor Court and Morley Town Centre to deter anti-social behaviour.

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ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	0
ALCOHOL	1
WINDMILL CH	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	2
JAIL YARD PDE SIXTH AVE	
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1
FOURTH AVE	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
JAIL YARD PDE WAKEFIELD RD	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	8
BULLER LANE FIRST AVE HAIGH RD MARSH ST METHLEY LN METHLEY LN OULTON LN PENNINGTON LN	
YOUTH RELATED	12
BLACKBURN CT COMMERCIAL ST INGRAM PDE INGRAM PDE INGRAM PDE INGRAM PDE INGRAM PDE JAIL YARD PDE JAIL YARD PDE LEEDS RD MARSH ST OULTON LN QUARRY RD	
Grand Total	26

NPT Priorities

- 56. Lead Area Sergeant: - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe
- 57. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 316 Owens

- 58. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial Street, Rothwell, the town centre. NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.

- 59. ASB on off road and other motor bikes along the Rothwell Greenway, links to issues on the Northfields estate on the Ardsley – Rothwell boarder.

Updates September Priorities

- 60. NPT have very much focused their attention of this problem some suspects have been dealt with at court for different offences and the team have seized several bikes. Leeds off road bike unit are aware of the issues and heading to the outer south area more often.

- 61. Officers have recently used dispersal order legislation to prevent and deter asb in the town centre there has been a decline in this behaviour and officers continue to work to reduce it and will re-use the legislation available if needed.

- 62. NPT are working with stores and partners to identify the youths involved in asb in the town centre, some have already been given community resolutions and ASB warnings by ASB team. The team are continuing this work.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Universal Credit

- 63. The Employment and Skills team send an update twice a year and as they updated at the last meeting, the update will come to the next meeting.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor Stewart Golton

- 64. The next Outer South Health and Wellbeing Sub Group will take place in January 2024. The 4 ward Councillors representatives will meet with the Localities Officer and the LCP representatives to review the ward priorities and look at forward planning.

Public Health Update

Health and Wellbeing update November 2023

Heating on Prescription

65. Public Health Localities and Primary care have been successful in securing funding from Household Support Fund 4 to redeliver the Heating on Prescription scheme in primary and secondary care. The overarching aim of the scheme is to ensure that those most clinically at risk of ill health due to cold are able to stay well and warm at home this winter. The scheme is being delivered by third sector organisation Care & Repair, in partnership with Green Doctors and will be available until 31st March 2024. Heating on Prescription provides eligible patients financial assistance towards paying energy bills and practical solutions to reduce energy costs and tackle the causes of heat loss, damp and mould. Patients will also be supported with onward referrals to other organisations for additional support if needed. Referral pathways have been in-built into Primary and Secondary Care clinical systems to support a quick and efficient referral process and over the coming months, public health will be working with PCNs to raise awareness of the scheme at upcoming flu clinics.

66. For more information please contact: Jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk

Winter wellbeing

67. Cold weather increases the risk of heart attacks, strokes, lung illnesses, flu and other diseases. People slip and fall in the snow or ice, sometimes suffering serious injuries. Some groups, such as older people, very young children, and people with long term conditions are particularly vulnerable to the effects of cold weather and living in deprivation.

68. Although there are several factors contributing to winter illness and death, in many cases simple preventative action could avoid many of the deaths, illnesses and injuries associated with the cold.

69. Key messages are as follows:

- Get vaccinated – if you're eligible ensure you've had your flu jab and Covid booster.
- If you are able to, keep the inside of the house warm. If you can't heat the whole house, then heat the room you're in
- Seek help if you're struggling with fuel bills or energy efficiency.
- Keep active and seek support if you're worried about a fall.
- Have regular hot food, drinks and snacks.
- Connect to the local community.
- Be prepared for winter.

70. For advice and support visit <https://bit.ly/LCCcostofliving>

Flu and Covid update

71. The latest information from UKHSA shows that Covid case rates have slightly decreased, flu rates remain low, and more people have come forward for both their

Covid and flu vaccines. Those aged 75 and over continue to have the highest hospitalisation rates from Covid, although these have decreased from the previous week.

72. The national booking system for autumn Covid vaccines is open. Those eligible include all those aged 65 and over, pregnant women and those with an underlying health condition. These people will receive invitations from the NHS to encourage them to get their Covid and flu vaccines.

73. The Covid national booking system can be accessed here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-vaccination-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/>

74. UKHSA guidance on how people can protect themselves against flu is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why>

75. Information about eligibility for the flu vaccine this autumn is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine>

76. General information about the flu programme, including a video for health care professionals and a flu immunisation e-learning programme is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme#2023-to-2024-flu-season>

ABCD Work

77. Innovative ABCD in Leeds programme celebrates milestone: <https://news.leeds.gov.uk/news/innovative-abcd-in-leeds-programme-celebrates-milestone-at-special-city-event>

78. An event marking a special birthday of a pioneering asset-based community development programme in Leeds took place recently.

79. Over 150 attendees, including members of third sector organisations, interested representatives of other local authorities and city councillors came together to celebrate the 10th birthday of the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) programme.

80. Developed in partnership between Leeds City Council and third sector organisations, a key aim of ABCD in Leeds is to shift power back into the hands of local communities and provide them with the support and tools they need to make meaningful change in the areas they live through a variety of different projects. In doing so, ABCD has played its part in helping to improve the skills, learning, and health and wellbeing of residents, and the tackling of different issues such as loneliness and social isolation.

81. You can find out more about ABCD in Leeds here: <https://www.abcdinleeds.com/>

Campaigns

Lung cancer awareness month November

82. Lung Cancer is the third most common type of cancer in the UK. The symptoms are difficult to spot early on, so it's important to know what to look out for and how you can reduce your risk.
83. There is further information here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lung-cancer/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
84. LTHT has a walk-in chest x-ray service for adults aged over 40 with signs of potential lung cancer. This service can be accessed without the need for a referral or appointment.
85. There is further information here: https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/radiology/radiology-departments/gotacough?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
86. A recording of the 2022 'Want to know more about' session on cancer is available to watch. Titled 'Cancer – Removing barriers and improving cancer outcomes in Leeds', it is suitable for anyone working to improve health and wellbeing in Leeds.
87. You can watch the webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8VBjmQ66NQ>

Training and Development

88. Want to know more about... HIV and stigma - 28 November, 10.00 to 11.30am
89. HIV has gone from being a terminal diagnosis to an easily managed condition that is impossible to pass onto others when on medication. However, the biggest challenge has remained unchanged for 40 years: HIV disproportionately affects people in vulnerable populations that are often highly marginalised and stigmatised.
90. The webinar will cover:
- HIV facts and figures – looking at HIV prevalence in Leeds, the UK and globally.
 - HIV stigma - how it manifests and how to stop it.
 - HIV support – what Skyline can offer to support those living with HIV, what you can do to support people living with HIV.
 - Fast Track Cities Anti Stigma Campaign Leeds
91. The webinar is suitable for people working within health, social care or third sector.
92. You can find out more and book online here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-hiv-and-stigma-tickets-740654225727>
93. Want to know more about... Winter messaging - 13 December, 11.30am to 12.30pm

94. Extreme cold can have a significant impact on people's health. Reasons for the increased risk of ill-health during cold weather include poor quality housing, increased circulation of flu and other infectious diseases, physical hazards such as snow, and poor mental health related to isolation. Increases in the cost-of-living and the impact that food and fuel poverty can have on health especially during winter months is also a factor.

95. The webinar will cover:

- National Adverse Weather Plan and new weather alerts
- Key Public Health winter messages
- Organisations and services in Leeds to support the most vulnerable
- Winter vaccination messages
- Mental Health risk factors and support
- Cost-of-living support and signposting
- Resources and support links

96. The session will be delivered by staff from the Public Health team.

97. You can find out more and book online here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-winter-messaging-tickets-744284423747?aff=oddtcreator&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Success

98. On 11 October the ninth annual Public Health and Wellbeing Conference took place at Leeds Civic Hall – A Bridge over Troubled Water: Public Health in a “cost of living crisis”. The conference was aimed at anyone who works, volunteers or studies in Leeds and has a role or interest in promoting health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities.

99. The event was a great success with over 80 delegates attending and there was a real buzz with great speakers including the Joseph Rowntree Foundation talking about their research into deep poverty and 28 local organisations holding stalls and able to promote the fantastic work they are doing in Leeds in response to the cost of living crisis. Delegates were also able to attend a range of interactive workshops including ‘In Our Shoes: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children in Leeds’; ‘There's no self-care without self-empowerment - mental health, money, power and the cost of living crisis’ and ‘Marmot and the Localities Public Health team practical application’.

Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Bob Gettings

100. The Outer South Community Centre Sub Group will meet in December 2023 to discuss the centres in the Outer South and get an update from the Morley Town Deal team on the work that is commencing at Morley Town Hall.

Morley Town Deal

101. **Appendix 2**, is the Morley Town Deal November Highlight Report.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

102. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter is produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.

103. **Appendix 3**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs and Libraries Update

Ardsley & Tingley Library

Activities/Events (September to November 23)

104. Good Things Foundation 'Pop up' – 20th October – Digital support, online session to help people build confidence using their personal devices and promote courses through the foundation.

105. 'Once upon a Slime' – 2nd November- Library led event for over 5's and their families. Halloween event with fun 'spooky' and messy crafting activities.

106. Leeds Fostering Services pop up – 27th November 2023

107. East Ardsley Primary school visits – a total of five sessions led by the Community Librarians engaging with classes across the primary school year groups with the purpose to increase joiners and encourage young people to embrace the joy of reading at an early age.

Upcoming Events

108. Santa Story Time – 13th December at 10.30am – Festive stories and songs for under 5's and their families with a surprise visit from Santa and his helpers bearing gifts!!

Regular activities

109. Coffee afternoon - Every Monday – 2pm to 4pm – free warm drink and biscuits for all ages – to have a chat and engage in company.

110. Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am.

Morley Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events (September to November 23)

- 111. HSBC Pop ups – 2nd & 11th October – HSBC staff supporting customers with accounts following the closure of the branch in Morley.
- 112. Leeds Fostering services Pop up – 22nd November.
- 113. Lego Club – 18th November 2023 – Free Librarian led event for over 5's and their families.

Upcoming Events

- 114. Santa Story Time – 12th December at 10.30am – Festive stories and songs for under 5's and their families with a surprise visit from Santa and his helpers bearing gifts!!

Regular activities ongoing

- 115. Lego Club - Free Library led event for the over 5's. Runs every third Saturday of the month 11am - 12pm with the exception of school holidays.
- 116. Story & Rhyme Time sessions are still taking place every Tuesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- 117. Morley 'Pop' up Jobshop - Tuesday 10.30am - 5pm & Wednesday 9am-5pm
- 118. Money Buddies drop in - every Thursday morning 9am till 12pm. Money Buddies provide free and impartial advice to help customers save money on their bills, maximise their income, develop budgets, complete financial statements for creditors, negotiate with people they owe money to, help switch utility suppliers and apply for grants.
- 119. Morley Book Club - Every third Thursday of the month from 2pm
- 120. Chatty Café – Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Members of the public can pop in, meet other customers and sit for a drink at the chat and natter table.
- 121. Councillor Surgery – Every Saturday 10.30am to 12pm.

Rothwell Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events (September to November 23)

- 122. Leeds Fostering Pop Up 25th October 2023.

123. Lego Club: Lego Builds – 25th October – Free Library Led event for over 5's and their family.

Upcoming Events

124. Incredible Edible - 24th November – 5pm till 8pm – Seed and plant swap giveaway initiative

125. Northern Dreaming Christmas Storytime – 19th December at 2pm. Northern dreaming storytelling session is based on the first part of the Northern Dreaming book that is being gifted to children as part of Leeds 2023. The session is aimed at children ages 0 - 7 years old and their families. The Storyteller brings 5 short stories and poems to life in a magical performance designed to captivate the youngest of audiences.

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Regular Activities ongoing

127. Lego Club – has been set up and run through the Community Librarian. This runs the second Tuesday of each month 3.30pm to 4.30pm, which is a free family event for children aged 5+.

128. Story & Rhyme Time sessions continue and are still taking place every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am.

129. Spanish Classes – Every Wednesday evening 7pm till 8pm.

130. Leeds South & East Foodbank service from Rothwell Fire station offering food parcels to individuals and families in need and housing officers are now able to refer into this service from the Community Hub and Library.

131. South Leeds Archaeological Group – Once a month, Thursday evening 7pm till 10pm.

132. NatWest Pop Up service 10th July till 18th September – With the local NatWest Rothwell branch closure at the end of June they had reached out to us at the Community Hub to help enable them to introduce a pop-up site locally so they can continue to support communities with their day-to-day banking needs post closure. They may extend the Pop Ups if the demand is still there after the 18th of September.

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Morley Housing Report - Estate Management

Walkabouts

133. Walkabouts are well underway across the area which are now being done twice a year instead of four times. This is only the formal walkabout though; staff are on the estates every week dealing with issues as and when they arise. If anyone would like

an accompanied ad-hoc walkabout with their Housing Officer, then feel free to get in touch with the relevant office or manager. Current walkabouts for Morley are due in January/February time.

Community Payback

134. Community Payback and Skill Mill are now both available for officers to utilise and they have been doing exactly that. Projects include ginnel clearances on Middleton Grove & Middleton Close as well as work on Birch Court clearing footpath encroachment. Recently dealt with a site on Margetson Road where large overgrowth of vegetation.

Income Collection

135. Positive reduction in arrears in Morley which has resulted in the team being 6th in the city this week for rent collection. Focus remains on supporting tenants through the cost of living crisis. British gas recently allocated a pot of £200k to housing to distribute to tenants in financial hardship, Morley have managed to fully allocate their vouchers within the first 10 days since the project went live.

136. Housing staff continue to support residents through the cost-of-living information session. Officers utilise vital knowledge to support residents during this difficult time, as well as signposting to different partner agencies such as Green Doctor and Step Change to support with energy bills and general budgeting/debt advice respectively.

Lettings & Void Performance

137. Void properties are coming back at a much quicker rate due to additional contractor resources which is showing an improvement in the number of void properties in repair. The biggest challenge is the number of adapted properties been returned which then means an occupational therapist needs to attend the viewing which is causing some delays.

138. Morley currently have 2 ready to let properties which the team are working hard to get through. They have revised staffing structures to deal with the pace of returned properties and have trained up some of their existing staff on the allocations process. Work is underway to extend this training further with the Housing manager currently undergoing training to assist in allocations as well as the full complement of housing assistants to be skilled up on lettings duties.

139. The team are pre-allocating properties in repair again but there is still some work to do on this to reduce turnaround times.

Summary of Annual Tenancy Contacts

140. Morley have visited over a third of their highlighted Annual Visits for this year. The team have been focusing on tenants who are deemed priority cases, those who the team know have had previous support needs or have issues previously picked up

within their tenancies. Priority cases are those that have shown signs of struggling to maintain their tenancies in the past, whether that be through property condition, financially or ability to keep on top of general household maintenance.

141. Feedback on progress made on visits will continue throughout the year to the committee.

ASB

142. The team focus on directing customers to the Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Housing also have police officers working within the team to share information.
143. Morley North & South have a total of 10 cases; an increase of 4 since the last report however a number of them are due to be closed. All cases are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. The main complaints across all wards are around noise nuisance and neighbour disputes.
144. The team have 6 weekly partnership working meetings booked in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams. Also, Housing regularly attend the Community Safety Meeting and Lauren Steward (Housing manager) is on the panel for the citywide Hate Crime MARAC and Housings community safety group.
145. Recently an ASB surgery has been set up to offer advice and assistance to residents at the Morley Hub on the third Thursday of every month between 1pm and 3pm. This is advertised on social media.

AOB

146. Lauren Steward the former team leader has successfully been promoted to Housing manager and is covering both Morley and Middleton Housing offices. Recruitment is underway to fill the Team leader post. Other than the team leader post, the team is fully staffed with Kristina Azarnam returning from maternity leave and getting stuck back into the patch on the Newlands and Denshaws. The team are really pulling together in a difficult time, and their commitment to supporting residents through this cost-of-living crisis is steadfast and consistent. The strong reduction of voids in the area is also having an impact on both income collection and waiting list for properties.

Rothwell Housing Report - Performance

Voids Levels (empty properties)

147. Demand for properties remain high across this management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team have worked hard to reduce the number of ready to let properties and currently have 4 in the area which are booked in to sign up.

Income Collection

148. The rent collection figures at week 34 are:
Rothwell – 95.12%
149. Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, collection has increased by 0.12%.
150. The team is working closely with residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost-of-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.
151. Officers continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The Housing Income Officer is working with more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.
152. British Gas Energy Trust have offered LCC £200,000 of free energy vouchers, which is double the amount initially offered last year, the team will use the vouchers to support the most vulnerable LCC residents to spend on their gas or electricity and help keep their homes warm through the winter months. The vouchers have been shared proportionately amongst the local housing teams based on the number of properties they manage; Rothwell have been allocated £7,889 for the area.

ASB

153. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). The team have strong links with local police officers to share information.
154. There are 7 open ASB cases across Rothwell area office which are managed locally by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.
155. 6 weekly partnership working meetings take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)

156. The team are currently carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed as a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. Officers are also visiting residents who have not had an annual home visit for the last 3 years.
157. The Rothwell Team have visited 44% of tenants since April.

Environmental Actions Team

158. Quarter 3 Estate Walkabouts have been carried out and the main issues identified during the walkabouts is fly tipping. Housing Officers are ensuring they are reporting any fly tipping on the estate whilst carrying out their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work. If any tenants or members do want to have a walkabout in their area just contact their Housing Officer who would be happy to arrange.

Outer South Housing Advisory Panel (OSHAP)

Tenant Engagement Report for Community Committee

Tenants, Residents and Community Groups:

159. Rothwell TARA continues with monthly public meetings and has recruited 23 new volunteers. Winthorpe RA continues to organise regular community events. Tingley TARA is recruiting volunteers. Thorpe CIO organises weekly community activities and is looking to become a Warm Space over the colder months. The Stanhope Gardens Community Centre will have its interior and exterior painted soon by Community Payback and all paints and resources have been donated by Crown Paints. Morley Digital continues with its three digital sessions per week - one F2F and 2 virtual. Carlton Community Events group continue to organise events for all age groups, the In Bloom group continues its good work and does the Cozy Club. The TEO keeps in contact with groups via phone calls, email, Facebook and text messages. Funding updates are provided along with reminders of how groups can access HAP / other funding in line with Communities on Top service offer.

Outer South HAP:

160. The OS HAP budget overspend at the start of the 2023/24 financial year was credited by £177.22 from a 2022/23 bid (to £2,057.08)

161. At the 26th September OS HAP meeting the bids discussed were:

- OS_08_2324: Healey Gardens kissing gate (Ardsley and Robin Hood) for £839.90 with Wellbeing Funding of £839.90 agreed. This bid was funded in full subject to planning permission being granted and LEDA comments being favourable.
- OS_16_2324: Smithy Lane Park accessible barrier (Ardsley and Robin Hood) for £1,150.00 with no other funding. This bid was funded in full subject to LEDA comments.
- OS_19_2324: Newton Court handrails and step improvements (Ardsley and Robin Hood) for £1000.00 with £1,000.00 Wellbeing Funding agreed. This bid was funded in full.
- OS_20_2324: OS Youth Service Hallowe'en Activities (Morley north / south and Ardsley and Robin Hood) for £499.00 with £500.00 other funding agreed. This bid was funded in full.

- OS_22_2324: Glen Road fencing removal (Morley south) for £2,515.00 with £1,000.00 other funding from Morley south Cllrs. This bid was funded in full subject to LEDA comments.

162. The OS HAP budget remaining after the meeting was £15,472.19.

163. The panel funded one bid outside of the November OS HAP meeting by delegated decision: **OS_23_2324**: Thorpe Community Centre items (Ardsley and Robin Hood) for **£575.94** with **£250.00** MICE funding from Cllr Foster. This bid was **funded in full**.

164. There remains **£14,896.24** in the OS HAP budget.

165. The next HAP meeting is on Tuesday 28th November 2023 via Teams from 1:30pm to 2:45pm (approx.).

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

167. 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

168. 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

169. 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

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

Risk Management

171. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

174. 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.