

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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Date: 11th December 2023 **To note**

Outer North East 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

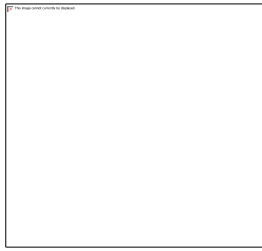
Environment and Community Safety: Champion Cllr Lamb

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

Children and 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 31st March 2024.

YAF Survey QR code:



YAF Survey link:

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/H5X5TG/>

Employment, Skills and Welfare: Champion Cllr S Firth

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

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr N Harrington

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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. The De-Leafing programme is now in full swing, the operational teams are working with colleagues in Parks and Countryside to blow and sweep the leaves. The teams are working via established maps, operational staff knowledge, Councillor and customer referrals to systematically tackle as a priority the vulnerable and high traffic area.
11. Any environmental issues should continue to be reported in the usual way via the online portal or by emailing at eneaction@leeds.gov.uk.
12. Please see tables below for service request figures 1st September 2023 to 28th November 2023.

Service Request Type	
A Board	1
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	0
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Bin not Returned	5
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	3
Damage to Highway	5
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	1
Drainage	2
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0
Housing - Defect	8
Housing - Vacant	0

Illegal Advertising	4
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	0
Litter from vehicles	1
Litter Problems	0
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	1
Nuisance - Light	1
Nuisance - Other	4
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	0
Obstruction	16
Odour - Other	0
Placard	0
Rodents	1
Smoke from Bonfire	5
Smoke from Chimney	3
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	0
Total	62

Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Fly Tips	36	29	16
Bulky Waste Collections	117	118	100
Dead Animal Removal	11	0	2
Ginnel Clearances	1	1	2
Path Sweeping	7	8	12
Road Sweeping	4	12	16
Graffiti	2	0	2
Leafing Issues	8	0	31
Dog Fouling	2	1	1

Climate, Energy and Green Space

13. The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench for East Keswick has been installed. East Keswick Parish Council are looking into raising funds for a King Charles Coronation Bench.
14. Parks and Countryside are working with Harewood Parish Council on the proposals for the play areas in Scholes village, the public park and Scholes Primary School.
15. A proposal has been brought forward by Shadwell in Bloom and Incredible Edible for an edible bed at Holywell Lane recreation ground, Shadwell. Support has been secured from the Parish Council, so an agreement with the group will be drafted regarding the upkeep of the area long term. Support is requested from Harewood Ward members as the proposal is to utilise the existing central shrub border.
16. Climate, Energy and Green Space colleagues are working with Alwoodley Ward members on the proposals for the provision of a slide or additional play items for the playground in Wigton Woods.
17. Tree planting will be undertaken as part of the tree planting season at The Ings, Wetherby.

18. New signage showing the route for the Harland Way, Wetherby is due to be completed by Christmas 2023.

Public Health

Heating on Prescription

19. 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 can stay well and warm at home this winter. The scheme is being delivered by third sector organisation Care and Repair, in partnership with Green Doctors and will be available until March 31st 2024.
20. 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. For more information please contact: jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk

Winter Wellbeing

21. 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.
22. 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. For advice and support visit: [Winter Protection](#)
23. 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.

Winter Messaging

24. 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.

25. A webinar to find out more about Winter Messaging, will be delivered on 13th December 2023, 11.30am to 12.30pm by staff from the Public Health team. You can find out more and book online [here](#).
26. The webinar will include:
 - 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.

Flu and Covid Update

27. The latest information from UK Health Security Agency (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 recorded period. Information about eligibility for the flu vaccine this autumn is available [here](#)
28. UKHSA guidance on how people can protect themselves against flu is available [here](#). General information about the flu programme, including a video for health care professionals and a flu immunisation e-learning programme is available [here](#).
29. 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. The Covid national booking system can be accessed [here](#).

Asset-Based Community Development Work (ABCD)

30. An event marking a special birthday of a pioneering asset-based community development programme in Leeds took place recently. Further information on the event can be found here: [Innovative ABCD in Leeds programme celebrates milestone](#)
31. 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 ABCD programme.
32. 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. You can find out more about ABCD in Leeds [here](#).

Campaigns

33. Lung Cancer Awareness Month November. 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 to can reduce the risk. Further information can be found [here](#).
34. Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (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. Further information can be found [here](#).
35. 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. You can watch the webinar [here](#).

Success

36. On 11th October 2023, 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.
37. The event was a 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.
38. 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'.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

LASBT East Caseload	Count	% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	186	+ 10%
Cases Open in last month	44	-12%
Closed Cases in last month	39	-15%
% of active citywide caseload	34%	+2%

39. Of the 44 new cases opened 2 of these were in Outer North East which were both in Alwoodley Ward, 1 x Noise and 1 x ASB, both of which were in the Moor Allerton locality. No specific emerging trends or issues.

40. The excellent district wide and local planning in the run up to Bonfire Night resulted in a generally quiet period over the weekend of 4/5 and 6th November with very little reported anti-social behaviour related to fires and fireworks. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue also reported that there were no attacks on crews at all over this period, so all in all very successful.
41. Continuing to work with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and LeedsWatch to deal with any vehicle related ASB reported at the King Lane Park and Ride, this is done using tools and powers provided by the city-wide Public Space Protection Order aimed at tackling nuisance vehicles. The Police take the lead on this using a combination of Engage/Educate/Enforce as appropriate. The number of incidents is reducing and there have been no new offenders so in short once they are engaged with and educated they haven't been returning so that's a positive that the message is getting through.
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Community Hubs

Welcome Spaces

44. All Community Hubs and Libraries across Leeds are 'Welcome Spaces' this initiative is to provide a warm welcome with free hot drinks and games where residents can spend some time with company. For further information please visit: [Welcome Spaces](#)

Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library Activities

- ✓ Weekly Storytime and Rhyme Time, Tuesdays, 10.30 - 11.30am.
- ✓ Weekly Digi Drop Ins, Mondays 1.30 – 2.30pm.
- ✓ Chess Club, fortnightly on Wednesdays, 3.30 - 5pm.
- ✓ Long Covid Group, Tuesdays, 2 - 3pm.
- ✓ Hearing Aid Clinic, every 4th Thursday of the month.
- ✓ Barclays Bank every Monday and Thursday, 9am – 4pm.
- ✓ Jobshop Pop-Up, Thursdays, 9am – 5pm.

Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library Events

- ✓ 16th October, Hate Crime Awareness Pop Up.
- ✓ 17th October, class visit from Moor Allerton Church of England Primary.
- ✓ 19th October, class visits from both Manor Wood Primary and Allerton Church of England
- ✓ 30th October, Sphero Ghost Train, part of half-term children's events.

Wetherby One Stop Centre and Library and Boston Spa Library Activities

- ✓ Digi Drop ins run weekly at Wetherby, offering support to people on all matters digital.

Wetherby One Stop Centre and Library and Boston Spa Library Events

- ✓ 7th October, Lego Spike Mighty Machines.
- ✓ 20th October, Hate Crime Awareness Week drop in.
- ✓ 1st November, Sphero Ghost Train at Wetherby part of half-term children's events.

Housing Leeds

Housing Advisory Panel

45. There have been five bids approved since the last Community Committee:

- ✓ Scholes Notice Board Relocation.
- ✓ Cranmer Bank Shrub Bed Clearing
- ✓ Boston Spa Youth Activities.
- ✓ Retirement Life Barwick in Elmet Christmas Meals.
- ✓ MWCA Annual Christmas Event

Budget Summary Sheet 2023/24 Outer North East

	Totals	2023/24 Budget Expenditure
Budget for 2023/24	£24,545.28	
Carry Forward from 2022/23	£5,167.50	50.32%
TOTAL 2023/24 BUDGET	£29,712.78	% available
Approved Budget Spend 2023/24	£14,951.04	
Available Budget (Balance)	£14,761.74	49.68%

46. Please see tables below for updates on budgets.

Budget by Ward	Number of Projects Submitted	Number of Projects Approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% Committed	Other Funding Contributions
Alwoodley	4	2	£7,946.04	26.74%	£18,440.00
Wetherby	4	3	£6,669.00	22.44%	£55,615.60
Harewood	3	1	£336.00	1.13%	£-
Multiple ONE	0	0	£-	0.00%	£-
All ONE	0	0	£-	0.00%	£-
Total	11	6	£14,951.04	50.32%	£74,055.60

Employment and Skills

47. Updates are provided bi-annually with the next update due March 2024.

Ward Member Meetings

48. 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 and Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management and Highways Maintenance and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

49. 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

50. The Town and Parish Council Forum meeting took place on the 1st November 2023 at Wetherby Town Hall. The agenda included updates from Transdev, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and West Yorkshire Police. The next meeting will be Monday 19th February 2024 at Wetherby Town Hall.

Leeds Festival Working Group

51. The Leeds Festival Working Group, set up in 2022 to look 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 the process was replicated for the 2023 Festival.

52. The group is co-chaired by the Harewood and Wetherby Councillors, with Leeds City Council officers, Leeds Festival Event Management, the Police and Councillors from the Town and Parish Councils all attending.

53. This years Leeds Festival took place on the 25th, 26th and 27th August, with entertainment for those camping starting on Thursday 24th. A debrief and lessons learned meeting took place on the 12th September 2023.

54. Overall Leeds Festival 2023 went well and the additional measures put in place have paid off. The work of the Leeds Festival Working Group has helped with communication of traffic management plans, introduction of additional safety and security elements and help liaise with residents. The first meeting for the 2024 will take place on 19th March 2024.

Community Engagement

55. 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

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

57. 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 Policies and City Priorities

58. 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

59. 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

60. There are no legal implications or access to information issues and this report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

61. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

64. None.