

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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Outer West 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

West Yorkshire Police – Inspector Lise Jones

3. Many of the thefts of motor vehicles and burglaries in the Outer west wards were caused by unsecure vehicles and properties. WYP would like to remind residents to lock their doors to avoid this.
4. Reporting is essential as WYP are intelligence led, it is important residents report directly to the Police. For emergency call 999, for non emergency call 111 or use the online chat [Report it | West Yorkshire Police](#)

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

Weight Management-Early Years

5. With overweight and obese children increasing in prevalence over time in our wards we can see in the table below the situation has deteriorated across the city in our poorer areas and for reception age children in general, exasperated during the pandemic when schools were closed. Many wards are above the Leeds average which is a concern.
6. Whilst the wards within outer west do not have some of the worse trends the situation still requires support and monitoring. Most wards for adults especially are above the Leeds average. Whilst figures do fluctuate, encouragingly we can see the progress most wards have made, some wards more significant than others.

7. National Child Management Programme 2015-2020

Improvement	
Deteriorated	

RECEPTION (Age 4-5)

WARD	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Calverly & Farsley	6.0	10.1	7.8	6.2	8.7
Farnley & Wortley	10.5	10.1	10.8	9.3	17.8
Pudsey	10.8	5.9	5.3	7.6	5.8

YEAR SIX

WARD	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Calverly & Farsley	15.1	15.5	12.0	18.0	13.4
Farnley & Wortley	26.1	18.2	23.1	20.3	24.5
Pudsey	18.1	16.3	18.5	16.5	17.7

8. Important to note that the next set of data due for the years 1920/21, 1921/22 and 1922/23 will keep us a clearer picture of the overall trend. Primary Care Networks (PCN) and Local Care Partnerships (LCP) teams are working hard to support patients living with obesity and related diseases such as diabetes.

9. West Wards-Weight Management Directory

10. To compliment the more formal clinical interventions around, diet, nutrition and behaviour a West-Wards directory has been developed to allow residents to access a whole range of free, fun and family friendly activities around healthy cooking and exercise. To access a copy, sign up to the LCP digest at LCPDEVELOPMENT (LEEDS COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST) lcht.lcpdevelopment@nhs.net

11. Covid-19 Information -Winter Update-January & February 2024

12. Leeds City Council Public Health Locality Teams recommend the following government advice as more people stay indoors in the colder weather especially our more vulnerable residents.
13. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced the winter vaccination programme has been brought forward as a precautionary measure to deliver greater protection against the potential impact of the new Covid variant, BA.2.86.
14. **Important messages for the public:**
15. Vaccines remain our best defence against severe disease and hospitalisation from flu and COVID-19. everyone eligible to take up the vaccine when offered.
16. If you are experiencing any symptoms of respiratory illness, you should avoid mixing with other people, especially those who are vulnerable. This will help combat the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, including flu. COVID-19 - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
How to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19 - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
17. Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day, especially after you cough, sneeze or blow your nose, and before you eat or handle food.
18. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and encourage children to do this.
19. Regularly clean surfaces you touch often (such as door handles and remote controls) and in shared spaces, such as kitchens or bathrooms.
20. **What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19**, You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms.
21. COVID-19 symptoms and what to do - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
22. You may be able to look after yourself at home if you have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19.
23. Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child have symptoms and either:
- have a high temperature
 - do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare, or do your normal activities
24. You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature

25. **What to do if you have tested positive COVID-19 symptoms and what to do** - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

26. You are no longer required to do a Covid rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms test, however if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old – children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

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

27. Many of the walkabouts have been completed for 2023/24, there are some left to carry out but all will be done before the final quarter of the year.

28. Housing has a list of projects with parks funded through Community Committee and Hap that they are looking at timescales on.

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

29. Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as, annual tenancy check-ins, ASB, concerns relating to the environment, doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted.

30. Details of 2023/2024 Walkabouts have been emailed to Members.

31. Bollards are to be installed at Gamble Hill Grange which is funded through HAP. A Parking space has now been hatched to help to try resolve the issues with bin collections

32. There are issues around bin collection at Gamble Hill Croft, there has been several incidents where there has been blocked access for the bin crews. Housing is looking into installing signs when access need to be kept clear.

33. The mobile unit is back at the Gambles as there have been incidents of people gaining access into the blocks and causing damage and ASB. Residents are reminded not to let unknown people into the blocks.

Cleaner Neighbourhood Team- Update from Sharron Almond

34. There were no issues over the bonfire period due to proactive work from the team along with housing colleagues.
35. CNT have been working hard to clear Flooding Hotspots, particularly over the last week due to the recent storm.

Parks and Countryside - Update from Richard Hern

36. Drainage issues are ongoing at Western Flatts. Parks have had meetings with Flood Risk management to look at ways this can be resolved.
37. Work is underway for playground however they are changing some of the items for better accessibility after being approached by the public.
38. There is also Flooding issue at Queens Park again they have had meetings with Flood Risk Management and are looking into drainage solutions.

Employment and Skills – update from Keri Evans

39. Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 3,936. This is an increase of 121% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and an increase of 68 claimants on the previous month.

40. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2023		November 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	48,825	9.4%	49,108	9.4%
Outer West	1,783	4.0%	3,868	8.6%	3,936	8.7%
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	741	5.1%	757	5.2%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	1,864	12.2%	1,891	12.4%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,263	8.3%	1,288	8.5%

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024 (Apr - Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr - Dec)	2023/2024 (Apr - Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr - Dec)	2023/2024 (Apr - Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr - Dec)
Outer West	556	630	152	167	164	182
Calverley & Farsley	110	114	30	25	43	47
Farnley & Wortley	315	352	88	99	83	100
Pudsey	131	164	34	43	38	35

42. During April – December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 556 of whom were residents from the Outer West.
- Supported 2,457 people into work, 152 of whom were residents from the Outer West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in construction, health and care including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,975 people to improve their skills, 164 of whom were from the Outer West.

Leeds Employment Hub

43. 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

44. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes City Centre and Armley Community Hubs. There are pop up Jobshops at Pudsey Community Hub, Monday 9:00 -17:00 and New Wortley Community Centre, Wednesday 09:30-16:00.

Community Learning

45. 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 includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

46. Between April - December 2023, 3,554 people started a Community Learning course. There were 559 courses delivered at 118 venues, in addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line. In the Outer West area, there were 6 courses delivered at 2 venues, and 129 people started a course.

47. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
48. Employment & Skills had a full Ofsted Inspection from 11th – 14th December 2023. The Community Learning provision was graded Outstanding across all areas, the first Local Authority to achieve the Outstanding judgement since the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF) commenced in September 2019. The inspectors found:
- Adult learners gain valuable skills, which often transform their lives.
 - They benefit from a highly ambitious curriculum that meets a diverse range of needs across the city, widens participation in learning, improves life chances and develops stronger communities.
 - Subcontractors are carefully selected with expertise in community learning to enable them to meet the needs of specific local communities and groups, and to meet skills priorities.
 - Subcontractors deliver highly effective, bespoke programmes to support the most vulnerable learners to access education
49. The first event Community Learning Celebration Awards took place on the 18th July 2023 at Leeds Civic Hall. This event celebrated the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embraced their future progression into further/high education, volunteering and/or employment.

Multiply

50. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children.

Planned events and activities.

51. **Leeds Local Offer Event** planned for 21st March 2024 at the Pudsey Civic Hall. The event will provide a marketplace where families of children with special educational needs and disabilities in the city can find out about services available to them.
52. **Social Care Recruitment Events**, in partnership with We Care Academy, will take place at Vale Circles on 19th January 2024 and East Recovery Hub on 24th January 2024. The events will support the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city. Advisors will be attending to support delivery.
53. **Careers in Catering** recruitment information and interview sessions planned for 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support promotion of kitchen assistant posts in schools across the city.
54. **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** will take place on 5th February 2024. Visitors can find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers. Over 100 organisations have booked stands to exhibit at the event and approximately 6,000 visitors are expected on the day.

55. **Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair Community Events** community based information sessions will be delivered early in the new year within the priority wards to support the engagement of residents with the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 5th February 2024. The sessions will give those attending the opportunity to speak to E&S staff about Apprenticeships and what to expect from the recruitment fair.
56. **Smart Works Jobs Fair** at Leeds Beckett University Students' Union planned for 8th February 2024. This event will provide information on vacancies, Apprenticeships and supported internships to all attendees.
57. **Migrant Access Project** 8 week facilitated training programme for migrants new to Leeds, starting January 2024. The advisors will attend the event taking place on 9th February 2024 at Compton Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services.
58. **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** fortnightly Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the priority wards and City Centre Hub. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner and Administrative roles. Additional Community Learning provision will also be in place.
59. **Reducing Re-Offending** a planned pilot to offer support to prisoners due to be released into Leeds from HMP Wealstun will be offered early in the new year. Advisors will establish contact with the identified group prior to release to enable support in accessing employment and training opportunities when resettled.
60. **Digital skills bootcamps with UA92 and Microsoft** on-line and Tech North training centre. Working with UA92 and Microsoft to support 2 digital skills bootcamps to be delivered to Leeds residents, to upskill them in areas of Cloud and Data. On completion of the 10-week bootcamp, graduates will be supported to gain employment in the tech sector.

Employer Engagement

61. Within the last year the Service has supported 385 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
62. E&S provides a school brokerage service 32 businesses provided activities to approximately 1,680 young people at 6 events. The events included a careers fair, 4 mock interview sessions and an employability session.
63. A Business Sustainability Event was delivered on How to Build a Greener Future, in partnership with Leeds Beckett University and West Yorkshire Combined Authority E&S delivered the first Business Sustainability Breakfast Event in Leeds with over 20 businesses signing up to attend. Guest business speakers included Dawn O'Keefe, Co- founder and Director at Shine and Jannice Dye, HR Manager at C-Capture shared their green journey experiences to date and plans for the future. Businesses attending the event found out about a range of support options available.
- Measuring their environmental impact, understanding how climate change might affect their operations and taking steps to improve energy efficiency or flood resilience measures.

- Ensuring they attract, develop and retain a greener, healthier and inclusive workforce.
- Accessing research and academic expertise to enhance their business.

Leeds watch – Update from Siobhan Power

64. Appendix One – CCTV incidents captured 1st May – 30th October 2023.

65. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Outer West area committee, for the six-month period, 1st May to 30th October 2023.

Camera Number	38	39	40	99	100	317	318	323	324	325	326	Total incidents per category
Alarm Activation												0
ASB	1	4	2			2	4					13
Cash In Transit												0
Drugs		1										1
Enforcement												0
Fire							4					4
Health & Safety					1							1
Metro		1										1
Police Operation	1											1
Public Order		1				2	2		1	2		8
Road Traffic												0
Sexual Offences												0
Suspicious Events												0
Travellers												0
Theft		1										1
Total Per Camera	2	8	2	0	1	4	10	0	1	2	0	30

Community Engagement: Social Media

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

67. The report covers the last 2 months Nov-Jan. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of **1492**.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

69. 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

70. 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

71. 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

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

Risk Management

73. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

76. 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.