



Report of:	Head of Locality Partners	ships					
Report to:	Outer North West Community Committee						
	(Adel and Wharfedale, G and Yeadon)	Suiseley and Rav	wdon, Horsforth and Otley				
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Outer North 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.

Updates by theme:

- 3. Children and Families: Cllr Paul Alderson & Cllr Emmie Bromley
- 4. Environment and Community Safety: Cllr Barry Anderson
- 5. Transport: Cllr Ryk Downes & Cllr Raymond Jones
- 6. Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Cllr Caroline Anderson
- 7. Employment and Skills update: Cllr E Thomson

Children and Families:

1. Children & Families Sub Group met on the 7th February 2024 to finalise the details of the upcoming ONW Youth Summit 2024, to be held on Friday 15th March 2024. An update on the Youth Summit will be provided at the next Community committee meeting.

Environment and Community Safety:

1. The Environment Sub Group met on 8th January 2024 to discuss leaf clearance and Environmental Enforcement.

2. Update from LASBT

Date 09.02.2024

There are currently 33 actives ASB cases for the Outer North West area which have been listed below in ward areas with a brief break down of what the cases within each area are in relation to.

- Adel & Wharfedale 8
- Guiseley & Rawdon 13
- Horsforth 3
- Otley & Yeadon 9

Adel & Wharfedale (8 active case with LASBT)

- 2 cases in relation to noise complaints which include complaints about: shouting & arguing inside a property, banging from inside a property & loud music being played inside a property
- 1 case in relation to a youth who was involved in serious ASB in the area. An interim injunction is in place & a trial is to take place in April.
- 1 case in relation to allegations of assault by one neighbour to another. This is currently being investigated by the Police & they're sharing information with LASBT for the case.
- 1 case in relation to drug related ASB. This case has now reached the stage where LASBT will be looking to close as LASBT have taken action where evidence has allowed them to do so & there has not been any further incidents occur.
- 2 cases in relation to verbal abuse & aggressive behaviour from one neighbour towards another.
- 1 case in relation to allegations of assault by one neighbour to another which has been denied & a counter allegation has been made.

Guiseley & Rawdon (13 active cases with LASBT)

 9 cases in relation to noise complaints which include complaints about: barking dogs, shouting & arguing inside a property, banging from inside a property, loud music being played inside a property or shouting in the garden/street late at night. In 1 of these noise cases, a breach of a Community Protection Notice has been witnessed so a prosecution file is being put together & will be submitted to the Magistrates Court.

- 1 case in relation to allegations of hate related ASB. This case has now reached the stage where LASBT will be looking to close as they have taken action where evidence has allowed them to do so & there has not been any further incidents occur.
- 3 cases in relation to verbal abuse & aggressive behaviour from one neighbour towards another.

Horsforth (3 active cases with LASBT)

- 1 case in relation to verbal abuse & aggressive behaviour from one neighbour towards another
- 1 case in relation to allegations of assault by one neighbour to another. This is currently being investigated by the Police & they're sharing information with LASBT for the case.
- 1 case in relation to unknown youths causing ASB outside a low rise block of flats. Work is being done in conjunction with residents & the Police to identify those involved.

Otley & Yeadon (9 active cases with LASBT)

- 2 cases in relation to neighbours fighting with one another. This is currently being investigated by the Police & they're sharing information with LASBT for thier cases.
- 1 case in relation to allegations of verbal abuse & aggressive behaviour from one neighbour towards another.
- 1 case of drug related ASB. Recent drugs warrant executed & LASBT are pursuing legal action on the back of this.
- 3 cases in relation to noise complaints which include complaints about: barking dogs, shouting & arguing inside a property, banging from inside a property & loud music being played inside a property

• 2 cases in relation to regular, rowdy behaviour at separate addresses. Both properties are now the subject of closure orders.

Transport:

This update will be provided at the next Community Committee.

Health & Wellbeing:

1. The Adults and Health Sub Group is due to meet on 6th March to discuss Social Prescribing and the recently introduced Pharmacy First programme.

2. Health and Wellbeing Update

Winter Messaging

Whilst exposure to cold weather can affect anyone, some people are particularly at risk.

A reminder of the key messages:

- check on family, friends and neighbours who are at higher risk of becoming unwell
- Check the weather forecast and the news

- Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine
- Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home
- Heat the rooms you spend most time in, to 18°C if you can
- Keep bedroom windows closed
- Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing
- If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and Covid
- Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

A winter comms toolkit is available which includes public and workforce facing copy and assets for social media, bulletins etc. The toolkit is available <u>here</u>.

Cost of living support

The Leeds City Council Cost of Living page signposts to support and advice on everything from welcome spaces to seasonal health advice.

You can find out more <u>here</u>.

Flu and Covid update

Recent data from UKHSA shows that flu rates have continued to increase and Covid rates have stabilised, following recent decreases.

The Covid vaccination programme has now ended. The flu vaccination programme closes on 31 March.

There is further information about seasonal vaccinations and winter health here.

There is further information about the flu vaccine here.

Measles

There is an increase in cases of measles, with outbreaks in the West Midlands and London. Further outbreaks will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake.

You can read more <u>here</u>.

HIV: launch of community grants programme

National HIV testing week started on 5 February and encourages people to take advantage of free, quick, confidential tests, which are available across Leeds as well as ordering online tests, available <u>here</u>.

A community grants programme has been launched to support communities and residents living with HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis as the city marks one year on from becoming a global fast-track city.

Information about the grants programme is available here.

Training and Development Want to know more about... Just one more 14 March, 2.00 to 3.00pm

This campaign aims to encourage people to increase their vegetable intake by "just one more" portion per day.

The webinar is suitable for anyone who promotes healthier eating as part of their role including early years, schools, healthy holiday providers, youth clubs, workplaces, and community groups working with all ages.

You can find out more and book online here.

Want to know more about... Suicide prevention and unpaid carers 21 March, 11.30am to 1.00pm

Suicide is a complex and devastating event and leaves lasting impacts on families, friends and entire communities. Many factors can contribute to suicide including poor mental health, social isolation, economic pressures, relationship breakdowns and more. In this webinar you will hear the latest evidence on suicide risk in unpaid carers and explore the factors that put carers at risk. Drawing on the lived experience of carers, and recent deaths by homicide-suicide, the webinar will also consider steps that local authorities, third sector organisations and health and social care professionals can take to identify and support at-risk carers.

The session is suitable for anyone who works with carers in Leeds or anyone who is interested in suicide prevention.

You can find out more and book online here.

Move Mates Leeds

Move Mates Leeds (<u>Leeds - Move Mates</u>) pair people up carefully and volunteers go the extra mile to enhance their beneficiary's life, through walking, running and generally getting out and about. There are some heartwarming stories of the impact this has had on residents on their website. Beneficiaries commensurate with their ability enjoy enhanced physical, mental and emotional health through the project. Please contact Elaine for more information: Elaine Barrow <u>elaine@movethemasses.org.uk</u>

CURENTLY LOOKING FOR REFERRALS IN THE FOLLOWING POST CODE AREAS

• LS2 = Leeds City Centre, Woodhouse

- LS6 = Beckett Park, Burley, Headingley, Hyde Park, Meanwood, Woodhouse
- LS7 = Beck Hill, Buslingthorpe, Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown, Little London, Lovell Park, Meanwood, Miles Hill, Potternewton, Scott Hall, Sheepscar
- LS8 = Fearnville, Gipton, Gledhow, Harehills, Oakwood, Roundhay, Moortown
- LS9 = Burmantofts, cross Green, East End Park, Gipton, Harehills, Mabgate, Osmondthorpe, Richmond Hill, Halton Moor
- LS16 = Adel, Bramhope, Cookridge, Eccup, Far Headingley, Holt Park, Ireland Wood, Lawnswood, Moor Grange, Tinshill, Weetwood, West Park
- LS17 = Alwoodley, Bardsey, East Keswick, Eccup, Harewood, Moortown, Shadwell, Slaid, Hill, Weardley, Wike

Universal Credit

The update will be provided at the next Community Committee meeting.

Employment and Skills Services

Employment and Skills Outer North West Community Committee

Date: 31st January 2024

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Outer North West Community Committee area is 2,458. This is an increase of 128% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and a decrease of 4 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 202	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 North West	1,080	2.1%	2,462	4.8%	2,458	4.8%			
Adel & Wharfedale	257	2.3%	631	5.7%	626	5.7%			
Guiseley & Rawdon	207	1.5%	536	3.9%	536	3.9%			
Horsforth	268	2.0%	542	4.0%	535	4.0%			
Otley & Yeadon	348	2.7%	753	5.9%	761	6.0%			

*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

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023
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	Dec)	Dec)	Dec)	Dec)	Dec)	Dec)
Outer North West	290	443	90	85	112	160
Adel & Wharfedale	112	186	15	32	50	64
Guiseley & Rawdon	26	61	18	20	9	25
Horsforth	107	114	30	18	39	49
Otley & Yeadon	45	82	27	15	14	22

During April – December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 290 of whom were residents from the Outer North West.
- Supported 2,457 people into work, 90 of whom were residents from the Outer North 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, 112 of whom were from the Outer North West.

Leeds Employment Hub

A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to <u>all</u> 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 includes City Centre and Hawksworth Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshops at Holt Park Community Hub, Holtdale Approach, LS16 7RX, Friday 9:00 – 17:00.

Community Learning

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.

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 North West area, there were 4 courses delivered at 3 venues, and 128 people started a course.

For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <u>https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk</u>

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.

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.

<u>Multiply</u>

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.

Delivered Events and Activities

- **CC Highways and Transportation** Information and recruitment sessions delivered at Yeadon, Hunslet and Seacroft Community Hubs to help improve recruitment within the locality of their depots. The session provided an overview of vacancies and an opportunity for attendees to talk to Highways employees. Support provided by Employment Advisors with applications for the roles or seeking alternative employment. Engaged with 22 customers.
- School and College Engagement and Delivery during July December 2023, delivered 55 activities to a total of 5,660 young people, 596 parents and carers and 129 teachers. This included 48 Apprenticeship Awareness sessions delivered at 27 schools to a total of 3,730 young people, 518 parents and 119 teachers. The sessions were delivered at the following schools in the West of the City:

- Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Coop Academy Priesthorpe, Dixon Unity Academy, Farnley Academy, Horsforth School, Lawnswood School, The Pennington Centre, Springwell Academy, Ruth Gorse Academy and Leeds College of Building.
- **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** 19 Information and Assessment Sessions were delivered from July to December 2023. 197 people engaged in the sessions of whom 82 were referred to pre-employment courses, 23 referred into We Care Academy and 68 were referred for Numeracy and Literacy support via Community Learning.
- Security Recruitment Event at the City Centre Community Hub held on the 27th July 2023. Advisors engaged with 53 customers and DWP for a Sector-Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP) Fair on 27th September 2023
- A tech careers information session was delivered at Leeds Maximus office on 6th September 2023. This session provided information to 15 employment advisors and team members to let them know about tech career options and entry routes to help support their customer groups into sustainable employment options in the tech sector.
- Black Young Professionals event held at the Infinity Works office in Leeds on 6th September 2023, 25 people attended. The team promoted upcoming events and support for finding employment in Leeds, the aim was to encourage a diverse audience to consider digital and creative careers.
- Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad 3.0 Getting Hired in Tech took place at BJSS office in Leeds City Centre on 20th September 2023. Guest speakers from BJSS, Glean and NHS LTHT joined the session to provide guests with knowledge and tips on getting hired in tech roles. 40 people attended.
- The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023 took place on 26th September 2023, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at those new to a career in tech and digital. 4,000 attendees were given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available, plus attend interesting talks and demonstration sessions.
- Virtual Careers Expo (LDCF) as part of Leeds Digital Careers fair, a virtual careers expo was launched on 26th September until 31st December 2023. This was an immersive platform for young people to access careers and skills information and opportunities in Leeds, with a focus on our emerging sectors. A mini roadshow also took place at 3 higher education venues to showcase the virtual careers expo to students and encourage sign ups, allowing more students access to the emerging sector careers information.
- Reducing Re-Offending: Jobs Fair was delivered at HMP Wealstun 28th September 2023.
 7 organisations attended with Advisors engaging with 60 prisoners to offer support on their release.
- **UK University Search Jobs Fair** held at Elland Road on 17th October 2023. 480 young people aged 15-19 attended. Delivered a presentation on benefits of doing an Apprenticeship to approximately 180 of the attendees.
- **SEND Employment** Forum was launched by E&S on 17th October 2023 at the City Museum. 100 people attended and covered:
 - How to help young people with additional support needs take their first step on the career ladder
 - Pathways to employment, including supported internships
 - How you can help to build an inclusive workforce across the city
 - How to sign up for a supported internship
- Jobs Fairs Community Hubs working in partnership with DWP delivered the following:
 - Youth Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 27th October 2023.
 - Jobs Fair at Kirkgate Market 20th October 2023.

- Over 50's Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 22nd November 2023.
- Have a Go Fortnight as part of the national Lifelong Learning campaign, local partners delivered taster and have a go skills sessions from 6th November 2023 to 17th November 2023. The focus was on digital and other priority sector skills as part of the fortnight of activities, aiming to encourage adults to undertake further learning to help progress their career. 4 skills taster sessions took place with 26 people attending the in-person and on-line sessions.
- **Refugee Jobs Fair** held at the Civic Hall on 7th November 2023, 71 refugees and migrants attended, with lots of previous experiences and transferable skills.
- The BIG Social Care Jobs Fair was delivered on 15th November 2023 at the Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts. The event was co-ordinated in partnership with We Care Academy and provided information and opportunities for people interested in accessing roles within the care sector. 304 visitors attended. 27 employers provided opportunities offering interviews, collected CVs and distributed applications form. Employers included Children's Residential, private care homes and Adult Social Care. E&S Advisors also provided support, 10 job offers were made on the day.
- Leeds Creative Skills Festival returned to the Leeds first direct arena on 20th November 2023 with exhibitors showcasing opportunities in the creative and cultural sector. The event offered the 3,081 visitors a chance to speak to 63 exhibitors including training providers, colleges and universities who offer creative courses; talk to employers; attend interesting speaker sessions to learn about creative careers, skills and pathways; and also offered interactive activities. 9 Leeds schools block booked students and were sent the targeted LCSF23 presentation prior to the event.
- EME (Elected Home Educated) Community Forum held on 23rd November 2023 at Civic Hall, attended by parents/carers and young people to gain a better understanding of various opportunities available to them in Leeds. Offered support and guidance for post 16 options through E&S.
- **Migrant Access Project** 8 week facilitated training programme for 14 migrants new to Leeds. The event took place at Dewsbury Road Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services which included DWP, West Yorkshire Police (WYP), Prevent and Employment and Skills (E&S).

Planned Events and Activities

- **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- **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.
- **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

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.

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.

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.

The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 5,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: <u>linktr.ee/eandsleeds</u>

Facebook: <u>facebook.com/eandsleeds</u> X (Twitter): <u>twitter.com/eandsleeds</u> Instagram: <u>instagram.com/eandsleeds</u> LinkedIn: <u>linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/</u> YouTube: <u>youtube.com/@employmentandskills</u> Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: <u>bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds</u>

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

B. 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

- C. 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

D. 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

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

Risk Management

F. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

I. 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.