

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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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

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

Updates from Key Services

Youth Service

9. The Youth Work Report detailing the summary of the Youth Work delivered across the wards Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby can be seen in Appendix 1.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

10. 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.
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 29th November 2023 – 5th March 2024.

Service Request Type	
A Board	0
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	2
Abandoned Vehicle	10
Bin not Returned	7
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	4
Damage to Highway	9
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	0
Drainage	7
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0

Housing - Defect	2
Housing - Vacant	4
Illegal Advertising	3
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	0
Litter from vehicles	1
Litter Problems	25
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	0
Nuisance - Light	2
Nuisance - Other	8
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	1
Obstruction	18
Odour - Other	0
Placard	3
Rodents	2
Smoke from Bonfire	4
Smoke from Chimney	4
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	4
Total	120

Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bulky Waste Collections	193	154	178
Enforcement Fly Tipping	42	19	57
Fly Tipping	73	23	90
Ginnel Clearances	2	3	2
Litter Complaints	8	6	12
Overgrown Vegetation	54	25	30
Road Sweeping	18	22	26

13. The citywide Cleaner Neighbourhoods Service (CNT) will be undertaking a review of how the service areas operates in response to workloads. The aim will be to minimise as much as possible the impact on the day-to-day cleanliness of streets and neighbourhoods; with the priorities remaining to empty litter bins, clear and investigate fly tipping, remove offensive graffiti, and ensure streets are swept to reduce the risk of flooding.
14. Resources will continue to be focused in those areas where the need is greatest and in support of corporately agreed priority neighbourhoods. The review will also look at how residents and local groups can be better supported in community led action to keep their neighbourhoods clean and green.
15. The CNT Service continues to work exceptionally hard in difficult circumstances to deliver essential street cleansing services in the area.

Climate, Energy and Green Space

16. Scholes Primary School play equipment has been installed and the play area is in full use and being enjoyed by the pupils.
17. Continuing to work with Scholes Parish Council on the proposals for the play area in the public park.

18. A suitable location has been agreed for the new edible bed at Holywell Lane, Shadwell. Support is continuing from the Parish Council and discussions are ongoing with regards to funding.
19. Tree planting has been completed at The Ings, Wetherby. Discussions are ongoing with regards to the repairs to the barrier.
20. The new signage showing the route for the Harland Way, Wetherby is programmed in for Spring 2024 once the handover is complete.
21. Consultation has taken place in partnership in Housing and with residents on proposals for a refurbishment of the Cranmer Bank play area. The results have been analysed and bids have been submitted to HAP for funding.

Public Health

22. **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
23. A winter comms toolkit is available which includes public and workforce facing copy and assets for social media, bulletins etc. The toolkit is available [here](#).
24. **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 [here](#).
25. **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.
26. There is further information about seasonal vaccinations and winter health [here](#). There is further information about the flu vaccine [here](#).
27. **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 [here](#).
28. **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 [here](#).

29. 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](#).
30. **Move Mates Leeds.** 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.
31. Move Mates are looking for referrals within the Outer North East from the LS17 postcode for Alwoodley, Bardsey, East Keswick, Eccup, Harewood, Moortown, Shadwell, Slaid, Hill, Weardley, Wike areas. Please contact Elaine Barrow elaine@movethemasses.org.uk.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

32. Of the 33 new cases opened in the last month none of these were in the Outer North East area which is a positive.

LASBT East Caseload	Count	% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	147	+ 4%
Cases Open in last month	33	+136%
Closed Cases in last month	40	-32%
% of active citywide caseload	32%	-2%

33. Of the 33 new cases opened none were in Outer North East. There are no emerging trends in either areas or case type.
34. The current active caseload across the Outer North East area remains at 14 cases as follows:
- Aberford x 1 for Threats / Actual Violence
 - Alwoodley x 6 of which 1 Verbal Abuse, 3 Noise, 1 Threats / Actual Violence, 1 Misuse Public Space
 - Boston Spa x 3 of which 1 Noise, 1 Rowdy Behaviour, 1 Drugs / Substance Misuse
 - Thorner x 1 for Verbal Abuse
 - Wetherby x 3 all were Threats /Actual Violence

Community Hubs

Welcome Spaces

35. 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](#)

36. The following and activities have taken place at Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library since December 2023.
- 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.
 - Brodetsky class visits throughout December.
 - Games Group held every 2 weeks throughout January.
 - Book Trust storytime sessions throughout February.
 - Remaking Midwinter craft event, 4th January
 - Readers of the Lost Book, w/c 12th February.
37. The following and activities have taken place since Wetherby One Stop Centre and Library and Boston Spa Library since December 2023
- Digi Drop ins run weekly at Wetherby.
 - Lego Spike Mighty Machines, 7th October.
 - Hate Crime Awareness Week w/c 23rd October.
 - Sphero Ghost Train, 1st November.
 - Lino Print Workshop, 29th November.
 - Lego Club Special, 17th February.
 - Code club launched on 20th February.

Housing Leeds

38. The following bids have approved since the last Community Committee:
- Leeds Rhinos Wetherby Sport Camp.
 - Moor Haven Court White Lining
 - Retirement Life Schemes Tablecloths and Bingo Machine.
 - Scotts Hill Close Residents Parking Only Parking Sign
 - Slaid Hill Litter Bins

39. Please see the tables below for updates on budgets for Outer North East

Budget Summary Sheet 2023/24	Totals	2023/24 Budget Expenditure
Budget for 2023/24	£24,545.28	66.93%
Carry Forward from 2022/23	£5,167.50	
Total 2023/24 Budget	£29,712.78	% available
Approved Budget Spend 2023/24	£19,886.39	33.07%
Available Budget (Balance)	£9,826.39	

Budget by Ward	Number of Projects Submitted	Number of Projects Approved	Amount Committed by Panel	% Committed	Other Funding Contributions
Alwoodley	8	4	£9,325.04	31.38%	£18,860.00
Wetherby	7	5	£9,769.00	32.88%	£58,115.60
Harewood	4	3	£641.00	2.16%	£-
Multiple ONE	2	1	£151.35	0.51%	£151.35
All ONE	0	0	£-	0.00%	£-
Total	21	13	£19,886.39	66.93%	£77,126.95

40. The last Outer North East Housing Advisory Panels meeting will take place on Thursday 14th March. From April 2024 the Tenant Engagement Team will support with:
- Communications materials (hard copy and digital)
 - Identifying training opportunities
 - Making links with other groups, LCC services, Third Sector/Voluntary organisations and other Public Services
 - Setting up and running tenant and resident groups
 - Sourcing funding opportunities

Employment and Skills

41. **Universal Credit.** The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Outer North East Community Committee area is 1,511. This is an increase of 131% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and an increase of 22 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		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 East	653	1.9%	1,489	4.3%	1,511	4.4%
Alwoodley	387	2.9%	819	6.2%	832	6.3%
Harewood	95	0.9%	243	2.4%	247	2.4%
Wetherby	171	1.5%	427	3.8%	432	3.8%

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

42. **Activities and Provision.** The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Outer North East 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 North East	216	295	55	69	92	102
Alwoodley	157	209	40	41	72	77
Harewood	36	57	11	23	13	16
Wetherby	23	29	4	5	7	9

During April – December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 216 of whom were residents from the Outer North East.
 - Supported 2,457 people into work, 55 of whom were residents from the Outer North East. 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, 92 of whom were from the Outer North East.
43. **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 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 include the City Centre Community Hub. There is a pop up Jobshop at Moor Allerton Community Hub on Thursday 9:00 – 17:00.
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 North East area, 95 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 and 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.
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.

51. Delivered Events and Activities

- **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 East of the City:
 - Abbey Grange C of E Academy, Allerton Grange, Allerton High School, Bishop Young Academy, Boston Spa, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Corpus Christi, Mount St Mary's, Roundhay High School, Temple Moor High School Science College, The Temple Learning Academy, Wetherby High, Springwell Academy, Ruth Gorse Academy and Leeds College of Building.
- **BNI Golden Triangle Business Network Meeting** held 1st December 2023 at Days Inn Wetherby, E&S presented and networked to raise awareness of business offer to 12 different businesses.
- **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 Leeds 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** an 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).

52. 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.
- **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.

53. **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.
54. BNI Golden Triangle Business Network Meeting held 1st December 2023 at Days Inn Wetherby, E&S presented and networked to raise awareness of the E&S business offer to 12 different businesses.
55. 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.
56. 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.
57. 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

58. **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: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds

X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds

Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

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

Ward Member Meetings

59. Ward Member meetings take place on a regular basis either face to face at the Civic Hall or online via teams. Services attending those meetings include, the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team, Parks and Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management and Highways Maintenance and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.
60. 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

61. The Town and Parish Council Forum meeting took place on the 19th February 2024 at Wetherby Town Hall. The agenda included updates from West Yorkshire Police and a presentation and update on Planning Policies and Processes. The next meeting will be in June 2024, venue and date are to be confirmed.

Leeds Festival Working Group

62. The Leeds Festival Working 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.
63. 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.
65. This years Leeds Festival is planned for 23rd, 24th and 25th August, with entertainment for those camping starting on Thursday 22nd. The first Working Group meeting for the 2024 event will take place on 19th March 2024.

Community Engagement

66. Appendix 2 provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

68. 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

69. 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

70. 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

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

Risk Management

72. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

75. None.
