



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee

(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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Inner 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.
- This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues Updates by theme

Children & Young People: Councillor Mahalia France-Mir

- 3. Leeds's annual Breeze in the Park event took place on Wednesday 14th August 2024 (12pm to 5.30pm) at Scott Hall Playing Fields. The event featured a packed schedule of sports, games, art, music and other fun activities, all designed to add some memorable extra sparkle and shine to the school holidays. Children and their parents enjoyed the sunny weather and attended in their hundreds to enjoy the activities that was on offer.
- 4. The Breeze in The Park events had two main sessions, one running from midday to 2.30pm and the second from 3pm to 5.30pm. Both sessions were well attended and there were queues forming on the slides throughout the afternoon.



- 5. The localities officer was present and had a stall at the Breeze event where he undertook YAF surveys with young people aged 8 to 17 years.
- 6. Youth Services have been working closely with West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to deliver targeted youth sessions with young people about personal safety. The interventions with vulnerable children and young people have looked at preventative measures to reduce dependency on blue light services.



Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

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Food Access

7. More food access points have opened up across the area including provision at the following places:

Tuesday – new foodbank at St Martins Church - noon until 2pm Wednesday – Holy Rosary Church offers provision Sunday – The Mosque Spencer Place – pm There is also a food pantry at St Giles on Chapeltown Road

For more information on food access points in the city refer to Leeds Food Aid Network's mapping

https://leedscc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=42c7c9d0 c6ba452fb28d3e33880519b4

Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) HATCH sub group

8. The sub group goes from strength to strength and the next campaign will take place in Autumn focusing on men as victims of DVA. The sub group has been led by the Public Health Advanced Health Improvement Specialist for over 2 years but they will now be stepping back from chairing the sub group. Eileen Fox from GIPSIL will be chairing the group from Autumn onwards.

For more information contact chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk.

Heath Needs Assessment (HNA) ROMA Mental Health

 Following on from the <u>Roma HNA Report (leeds.gov.uk)</u> grant funding was made available for the community and partners to apply for with Public Health awarding grants to four organisations. The grants will be used for advocacy work including:

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- A health drop-in based at Bellbrooke Surgery
- Mental health awareness sessions
- A parents Roma drop-in based at a foodbank to support with signposting to health and wellbeing services to improve the health outcomes of the Gypsy Roma community.

For more information contact catherine.ward@leeds.gov.uk or tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Better Together programme – Inner East and Inner North East

11. The Better Together programme is commissioned by Public Health and delivered by the Orion Consortium led by Feel Good Factor in Inner East and Space 2 in the Inner North East. The consortium provides a wide range of community development activities and outreach. A full list of activities is provided below.

For further information contact Angela angela@fgfleeds.org or Paul paulb@space2.org.uk

Wider Public Health messages

- 12. Summer related content toolkit UKHSA have produced a summer messaging toolkit with assets and copy on the following topics:
 - · Hot weather and health guidance
 - Farm visits
 - Tick awareness
 - Travel-related infections and diseases
 - Sexual health
 - · General hygiene and e-Bug
 - Childhood immunisations

Community Safety: Councillor Sharon Hamilton

- 13. The neighbourhood policing team along with colleagues from Roads Policing Team carried out a day of action in July to target motorist in the North East area after concerns were raised by local residents and ward councillors. The following results were achieved:
 - 7 tickets given for speeding
 - 14 tickets for not wearing a seatbelt
 - 1 ticket given for no MOT
 - 2 tickets given for driving without due care or attention.
 - 2 tickets for illegally tinted windows

1 ticket given for vehicle registration not meeting regulations.

LASBT EAST

		% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	155	+1.3%
Cases Open in last Month	25	-39%
Closed Cases in last Month	44	+19%
INE % of active East caseload	18%	

Current Cases in Inner North East = 77 (CA 17; MT 4; RH 7)

- Chapel Allerton Ward = 17 cases, of which 3 x Rowdy Behaviour, 1 x Verbal Abuse, 4 x Noise, 1 Threats/Actual Violence, 2 x Hate, 3 x Drug Use, 3 x Domestic Abuse.
- Moortown Ward = 4 case, of which 2 x Threats/Actual Violence, 1 x Verbal Abuse, 1 x Rowdy Behaviour
- Roundhay Ward = 7 cases, of which 3 x Noise, 2 x Threats/Actual Violence, 1 x Verbal Abuse, 1 x General Nuisance

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) – Cllr Jordan Bowden

- 14.INE team are struggling for resource due to staff long term sickness and vacancies, where gaps are being filled with operatives from other teams providing, they have no shortages.
- 15. Leeds West Indian Carnival planned for the clean-up and hopefully this will be as successful as the previous years.
- 16. Some of the smaller ginnels which were manageable have been cut back. Again, over the next few weeks we will look at the team's capacity to see if we can complete some furthers ginnels from the service requests.

Enforcement:

- 17. Meanwood Mansion, Woodlea Estate has now been metal sheeted to prevent access by youths.
- 18. PACE interview with alleged suspect in connection with fly tipping on Ridge Road which was conducted by SECT. Awaiting an outcome from the interview.

Employment and Skills: Councillor Lisa Martin

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

- 19. The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of June 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 19,747. This is an increase of 141.6% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 305 claimants on the previous month.
- 20. The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		May 2024		June 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	88,802	17.1%	90,295	17.3%
Inner East	8,172	14.8%	19,442	35.3%	19,747	35.8%
Burmantofts &	2,957	15.7%	6,392	33.9%	6,525	34.6%
Richmond Hill						
Gipton & Harehills	3,230	15.5%	8,099	39.0%	8,182	39.4%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,985	12.8%	4,951	32.0%	5,040	32.5%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

- 21. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 12,602. This is an increase of 128% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 110 claimants on the previous month.
- 22. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in Leeds, the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2024		May 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	55,008	10.6%	55,352	10.6%
Inner East	5,658	10.3%	12,492	22.7%	12,602	22.9%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,068	11.0%	4,165	22.1%	4,166	22.1%
Gipton & Harehills	2,210	10.6%	5,266	25.3%	5,339	25.7%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,380	8.9%	3,061	19.8%	3,097	20.0%

^{*}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

23. The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/202	2022/202	2023/202	2022/202	2023/202	2022/202
	4	3	4	3	4	3
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	Mar)	Mar)	Mar)	Mar)	Mar)	Mar)
Inner East	3,378	3,540	493	527	1,160	970
Burmantofts &	1262	1,269	164	179	434	358
Richmond Hill	1202	1,209	104	179	434	336
Gipton & Harehills	1577	1,677	232	249	496	429
Killingbeck & Seacroft	539	594	97	99	230	183

During April 2023 to March 2024:

- 13,513 people accessed the Service, 3,378 of whom were residents from the Inner East.
- Supported 3,094 people into work, 493 of whom were residents from the Inner 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 4,300 people to improve their skills, 1,160 of whom were residents from the Inner East.

Leeds Employment Hub

- 24. A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Job shops 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.
- 25. All Job shops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Seacroft, Compton and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Burmantofts Community Hub, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 09:00 17:00.
- 26. The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday Friday, the schedule stops include:
 - The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL Thursday 09:30 12:00
 - Windmill Health Centre, Whinmoor Way, LS14 5BD Friday 13:00 15:30

Community Learning

27. 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.

- 28. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 730 courses delivered at 74 community venues in Leeds, with 3,596 residents starting a course. In the Inner East Community Committee area, 225 courses were delivered at 24 venues. 928 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 34 courses delivered on-line.
- 29. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk

<u>Multiply</u>

- 30. 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.
- 31. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 77 courses delivered at 48 community venues in Leeds, with 657 residents starting a course. In the Inner East Community Committee area, 23 courses were delivered at 20 venues. 194 residents have started a course. Courses range from Building Confidence with Maths, Multiply and ESOL, Money and Work, and Basic Money Skills.

Community Engagement

32. Engagement activities with a number of community organisations within the area to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 109 community engagement activities taken place during this period across the city supporting 3,062 people, of these 23 activities have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 351 people.

School and College Engagement

33. There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and college, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 108 School and College activities across the city supporting 7,160 young people, 1,173 parents and carers, and 357 teachers. Of these, 22 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 1,512 young people, 230 parents and carers, 51 teachers.

Events delivered between January and July 2024

- 34. Scape Accommodation Recruitment information sessions delivered at City Centre Hub in July 2024 to support recruitment into roles for Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives and Receptionists, 50 people attended. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the recruiter through informal interviews. Those who demonstrated potential were invited to a second interview, moving one step closer to securing a position, all attendees and candidates were signposted for support throughout the process.
- 35. Connecting Schools to Hospitality programme matched six schools with hotels across Leeds, a total of 90 students participated in the programme, offering a flexible schedule of 3-4 visits to either the school or hotel. The activities included masterclasses in mocktail making, cooking classes, bedmaking, and other skills development opportunities. The programme concluded with a Celebration event on Monday, 8th July 2024 at Leeds City College Printworks campus, where students who showed exceptional passion or enthusiasm were recognised with an award.
- 36. **SEND Next Choices Event** Getting Ready for Adult Life took place on 25th June 2024 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 70 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities along with other specific support. 2,000 young people attended and the feedback was incredibly positive.
- 37. Recruitment to Health and Care Careers 25 Information / Assessment Sessions were delivered in 6 venues across the Priority Wards and the City Centre, 178 people attended. These sessions supported recruitment to roles within Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner, Administrative, Primary Care Navigator, Pharmacy Apprenticeships and Facilities Technician roles.
- 38. Seasonal Gardeners Recruitment Events were held in May and June 2024 at various community hubs. The sessions aimed to provide support for the recruitment of Seasonal Gardeners, a key initiative for maintaining the city's public spaces, 80 residents attended the sessions.
- 39. **Tech Careers Launchpad** workshop took place on 26th May 2024 at Accenture, City Centre for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 38 people attended.
- 40. **Tech Careers Launchpad** specific for WILD (Women in Leeds Digital) took place on 16th May 2024 in the City Centre. Part of the series of Tech Launchpad, delivered in partnership with AND Digital and other digital organisations to deliver a workshop for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 60 people attended.
- 41. Global Banking School Business, Accounting & Digital Jobs Fair was held on 19th April 2024 at Great George Street. Delivered a presentation about Apprenticeships within this sector and promoted our upcoming events, 45 people attended.

- 42. Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad took place on 13th March 2024, hosted at HAYS Tech Recruitment, delivered in partnership with Northcoders. The event welcomed guest speakers who discussed some of the 'routes into tech' including Apprenticeships, bootcamps and tech academies to help attendees understand the various options available to them. 40 people attended the event and around 40% of people attending were female, with attendees including students, graduates, career changers, people out of the labour market.
- 43. **Hospitality Sector Jobs Fair** was held on 23rd February 2024 at Park Place Jobcentre, over 200 people attended. The event was a huge success with many employers commenting on the quality of candidates.
- 44. Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair took place on 5th February 2024. Visitors could find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers across all sectors. 119 exhibitors attended on the day to offer information, advice, guidance, and live vacancies. 11,000 visitors had the opportunity to find out about Apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, higher and degree Apprenticeships as well as hear from apprentices about their journeys. There were 17 presentations, attended by approximately 250 people that ran throughout the event providing an insight on various topics including STEM, Green Apprenticeships, the power of work experience, a day in the life of an apprentice and how to submit a successful application form.
- 45. Careers in Catering recruitment information and interview sessions took place on 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support the promotion of Kitchen Assistant posts in schools across the city.
- 46. **Social Care Recruitment Event** in partnership with We Care Academy took place at the East Recovery Hub on the 24th January 2024. EHub Advisors attended the events supporting the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city.
- 47. **Digital Skills bootcamps** delivered 22nd January 29th March 2024 in partnership with Microsoft and UA92. The options included Cloud skills and Data Analysis, with no prior tech skills required, aimed to help boost people's skills and employment prospects.

Planned Events and Activities

- 48. Recruitment to Health & Social Care Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub in line with planned pre-employment courses that will start in September 2024. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Careers in Care within the NHS, Administrative and Primary Care Navigator roles.
- 49. Leeds Digital Careers Fair is scheduled to take place on 24th September 2024, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The fair aims to connect visitors with the vast opportunities available within the digital and tech sectors, contributing to the growth of Leeds as a digital hub. Preparations for the fair are well underway, with a focus on building upon the success of the previous year's event, which had over 4,000 attendees. The fair serves as a crucial platform for exhibitors to engage with

potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future stars in the digital landscape.

50. Reducing Reoffending Offer as part of the early release scheme introduced to alleviate capacity pressures within the prison estate, Employment & Skills will be conducting an information session for individuals due to be released on 10th September 2024. The session will be delivered to the first cohort on 5th September 2024 and is tailored for those residing in the Leeds area, providing them with essential guidance on employment opportunities, skill development, and support services available upon their release. The aim is to facilitate a smoother transition back into the community by equipping participants with the tools they need to secure employment and build a stable future. Further sessions will be delivered up to December 2024.

Employer Engagement

- 51. 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.
- 52. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter 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

53. 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: <u>facebook.com/eandsleeds</u>
X (Twitter): <u>twitter.com/eandsleeds</u>
Instagram: <u>instagram.com/eandsleeds</u>

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

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

- 54. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds
- 55. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Housing – Tenant Engagement

- 56. Following consultations, the newly updated Engagement 'offer' has now been officially adopted.
- 57. The Tenant Voice Panel is an opportunity for residents to become more involved in shaping services (similar to the role of Housing Advisory Panels). We are actively looking to recruit residents to this city wide panel. Numbers of members from the Inner North East area are a little low so efforts continue to increase numbers.
- 58. Work to bring the Button Hill Tenants Group continues following an impromptu walkabout with the (former) chair of the group. Following on from that the first drop in surgery in the community centre takes place 14 August with a proposal for future monthly sessions. Concerns have been raised by residents about the level / standard of horticultural work so a visit is arranged with the compliance officer on 13 August.
- 59. Meanwood Olympics is currently underway and will run over three weeks on a Wednesday. (7th 14th and 21st).

Summer Holiday Updates

Feel Good Factor

- 60. Feel good Factor (FGF) were delighted to have Andrew from British cycling take a session during their recent summer holiday club. The children who could ride were taught riding skills and 4 children who could not ride a bike before the session started were happily cycling around the park by the end of the afternoon.
- 61.FGF put out a questionnaire before holiday club started asking who could ride a bike and if they owned their own. From this information 8 children did not have a bike, working closely with Dan from Odd Bike FGF were able to give those youngsters a reconditioned bike to take home, so they can continue riding afterwards.
- 62. Dan very kindly donated the bikes to FGF, the children and parent/carers were delighted, surprised and very grateful to receive them.



Community Remembrance and Reflection Garden – Roundhay Park

Visit to Yorkshire Air Ambulance Air Base at Nostell Priory, Wakefield

- 63. The INE Community Committee has been working very closely with colleagues from Parks and Green Spaces and Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA). In April 2024 YAA unveiled its Community Remembrance and Reflection Garden at the Harrogate Flower Show, winning 'Best in Show' and the Premier Gold.
- 64. Following the flower show, YAA were thrilled the garden would be reinstalled alongside Leeds Roundhay Park's existing Specialist Gardens, which are managed by some of the best horticulturalists in the city through Leeds City Council and Friends of Roundhay Park.
- 65. Councillors and partners involved in the project were invited to YAA Airbase at Nostell Priory in Wakefield to see at first hand the work they do. Everyone who attended got to see the workings of the helicopter and had the opportunity to sit in it. Attendees were so fortunate that during their time with the helicopter pilot and paramedics there were no emergency call outs.





Meanwood Olympics

- 66. The 13th Meanwood Olympics took place at Woodhouse Cricket club. Inspired by the London Olympics in 2012, the Meanwood Olympics invited families across the Inner North East area to get involved with sports, games and arts & craft.
- 67. The summer of activities took place over 3 Wednesdays in August from 12pm-3pm, every child who participated received a medal from the local councillors and Leeds Rhino player.
- 68. Maureen Lillywhite, the organiser from Interact said: "To keep children entertained in the school holidays every day is quite a task. "The best part about it is that it's a really, really safe place. Once they are in, they can't get out. Parents can sit down and enjoy the kids just having fun and running around."





Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

70. 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

71. 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:

Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
Best City Plan
Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
Children and Young People's Plan
Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

72. 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

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

Risk Management

74. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants can deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

77. 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.