

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 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

Children's Services

3. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Environment and Community Safety.

4. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Employment, Skills and Welfare.

5. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

6. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Updates from Key Services

Climate, Energy and Green Space

7. The Forestry Team have been busy this quarter due to Storm Lilian, attending to a total 532 reports across the city, 32 of which were in the Outer North East. Whilst the storm was back in August it has generated months' worth of work for the in-house team and external partners.

Storms Ashley and Bert have also generated a small number of incidents to respond to. The teams' current priorities are parks tree inspections. The service has 2 vacancies which are out to advert.

8. The table below shows the statistics relating to completed tree related works, April – November 2024, for the Outer North East.

Ward	Cat 1 (same day)	Cat 2 (7 working days)	Cat 3 (4 weeks)	Cat 4 (13 weeks)	Cat 3a (6 Months)	Cat 3b (12-18 months)
Alwoodley	1	3	0	0	11	0
Harewood	0	0	0	0	12	0
Wetherby	1	0	0	0	4	0
City Wide	26	190	141	71	104	0

9. In the Outer North East, the Technical and Operations and Public Rights of Way teams are working on the following projects:

Alwoodley

- Cranmer Bank. Discussions are continuing with the local community with regards to how the current play area can be improved.

Harewood

- Scholes. The weather has impacted on a delayed start on the new improved play area next to the library is on track to be completed by the end of November.
- Thorner. The drainage issues at Miry Carr (Public Footpath No.19) are continuing and will be addressed when the proposed football pitches are installed. An update with regards to timescales is expected in January 2025.

Wetherby

- Millennium Fields. A consultation event was held on 28th November 2024 both on site and at Wetherby Town Hall to collate residents' views on the field. To date approx. 600 surveys have been completed.

Community Hubs

10. The following activities have taken place at Community Hubs and Libraries in the Outer North East.

Moor Allerton Community Hub

- Digital Health Drop in Session. Took place on 3rd October 2024, in partnership with Alwoodley Medical Centre. Approx 20 people attended. This is a follow up from the successful sessions delivered in the in the summer when approx. 600 people attend. The sessions were arranged to help people to register with PATCHs, the GP online contact system.

- School Class Visits. Took place in October and November. The Librarian provided all children with an introduction to the library and explained how to join and borrow books, the visit allows time for children to browse the shelves and ask questions. The librarian invites all children to talk about the books they like and there is a discussion around the different genres of books they will find around the library.
- Hebocon Robot. An event took place on 28th October 2024 to make the world's best worst robot! 21 children and 9 adults attended.
- Monthly Kids Club. A new monthly kids club started on 4th October 2025, each session has a different activity inspired by books and stories. The first activity was Lego which was based around book characters. A second club was run in November, approx. 10 children attended across both sessions.
- Chess Club. Takes place every two weeks, run in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities and is open to players of all ages and abilities.
- Barclays Bank. The pop-up service continues Mondays and Thursdays.
- Hearing Aid Clinic. Is held on the fourth Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
- Story and Rhyme Time. Delivered weekly on Tuesdays, a fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment. Average attendance is approx. 40 children and adults.
- Neighbourhood Policing. Alwoodley Neighbourhood Policing Team contact point held every three weeks on Tuesdays where PCSOs attend to listen to any concerns and give support and advice.
- Pop Up Job Shop. An advisor is available weekly on Thursdays providing support, career advice and guidance, tips on CV writing and completing job applications and support with preparing for an interview.
- Digital Drop In. Held weekly on Mondays during term time only. Customers receive support with their tablet, smartphone or using the library desktop computers. Average attendance is approx. 2 - 3 adults.

Wetherby Library and One Stop Centre

- Author Event. Held on 3rd October 2024, Emily Kerr, the author of feel-good romantic comedies and the Romantic Novelists' Association Award Winner 2023. 15 adults attended.
- How to Find a Bookworm. A performance and workshop delivered by Libellule theatre company, on 1st November 2024. 20 children and 12 adults attended.
- Story and Rhyme Time. Delivered weekly on Wednesdays, a fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment. Average attendance is approx. 10 children and adults.
- Milner's Solicitors. A free legal clinic held every second Thursday of each month. They offer free legal advice to both businesses and individuals.
- Wetherby Inhouse Readers Group. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month. monthly to discuss the chosen book.
- Knit, Stitch and Natter Group. Meet. The group gets together weekly on Thursday afternoons like-minded people who enjoy chatting and sharing their skills.

Boston Spa Library

- Fostering Pop Up. A fostering advisor and foster carer ambassador was on site on 9th October 2024 offering advice and guidance.

Housing Leeds

11. Fuel Voucher Scheme. The scheme which ran successfully last year is available again this Winter. PH Jones Gas Contractor, as part of their Social Value commitments, have partnered with British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) and are able to offer Council Tenants up to £200,000 of free energy vouchers.
12. The value of each individual voucher is £49, and dependent on the resident's individual situation, tenants could receive up to a maximum of three vouchers for the same address which can either be issued separately or in the same transaction.
13. The scheme is only available to existing council tenants who must meet the strict criteria of:
 - Having a prepayment meter (gas or electricity)
 - Have no current meter debt.
14. Tenants do not need to be a British Gas customer to receive the vouchers. Tenants who are eligible for the scheme will need access to a mobile number or email to receive the voucher information, but these can be issued to a family member, or friends contact details, if needed.
15. Housing Services will ensure that the vouchers are used to support the most vulnerable tenants, those who are struggling with their finances or are in fuel poverty. Distribution of the vouchers will be monitored to ensure use across the city and to ensure that the budget is fully spent.
16. Service Possession Proceedings. The notice of Intent to Service Possession Proceedings (NISP) and Warrant Amnesty will be paused over the Christmas period. The last date the Housing team will service a NISP notice will be on Monday 16th December 2024 with the last Warrant Panel held on Thursday 19th December 2024.
17. Income Management. The Outer North East Area Teams covering Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby are continuing to assist residents with any welfare benefits claims and carry out financial assessments where required. In addition, high support is provided to all tenants who may be experiencing financial difficulties. The team also ensure that all residents are maximizing their income and where necessary recovery procedures are escalated.
18. Estate Walkabouts Continue to be undertaken with frequent issues reported including fly tipping, damaged paths, graffiti, abandoned cars, damaged notice board and potholes. Ward members and local resident associations are invited to attend the walkabouts. Partnership working with internal departments continues to ensure appropriate orders are raised and feedback is provided to ward members and residents.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

19. There are 26 current active caseloads across the Outer North East area, representing 18.5% of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) East caseload.

The table below shows the service request figures by ward.

Ward	Total	Type
Alwoodley	12	7 Noise, 3 Threats/Violence., 2 Rowdy Behaviour
Harewood	0	
Wetherby	14	7 Threats/Violence, 2 Hate, 1 Verbal Abuse, 4 Noise

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

20. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) continues to provide essential street cleansing services and support for residents and local groups, in their efforts to keep neighbourhoods clean and green
21. The tables below show the service request figures by ward and committee for 25th Sep - 25th Nov 2024

Ward

Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bulky Waste Collections	92	67	74
Enforcement Fly Tipping	4	10	6
Fly Tipping	29	26	10
Ginnel Clearances	1	0	0
Litter Complaints	3	0	1
Overgrown Vegetation	10	25	9
Road Sweeping	2	4	4

Committee

Service Request Type	
A Board	0
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	0
Abandoned Vehicle	16
Bin not Returned	6
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	2
Damage to Highway	2
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	2
Drainage	0
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0
Housing - Defect	6
Housing - Vacant	1
Illegal Advertising	0
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	0
Litter from vehicles	0
Litter Problems	1
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	2
Nuisance - Light	0
Nuisance - Other	5
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	0
Obstruction	9
Odour - Other	0
Placard	0
Rodents	1
Smoke from Bonfire	7
Smoke from Chimney	3
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	6
Total	69

Public Health

22. The Health and Wellbeing Report Public Health Report is attached at Appendix 1.

Voice and Influence

23. The voice and influence guides for children and young people in the Outer North East area is attached at Appendix 2.

24. For further information please visit: <https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/wish-3/>

Employment and Skills

25. Updates are provided bi-annually with the next update due March 2025.

Ward Member Meetings

26. Ward meetings take place regularly allowing ward members to be kept informed of service area priorities. The meetings provide an opportunity for members to raise any questions with services directly. Officers attend from Housing, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Climate, Energy and Green Space, Highways and Transportation and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

28. 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

29. 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

30. 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

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

Risk Management

32. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

35. None.