

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

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

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Outer West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

West Leeds Local Care Partnership

1. The focus of this multidisciplinary group for the start of 2025 is Children and Young Persons Diseases of the Respiratory System, where hospital stays due to conditions such as asthma can be high in the West according to current data.
2. The group is looking and will be focussing on some of the following factors displayed in the infographic below which may cause more admissions episodes and longer stays in hospital for 0–6-year-olds. Leeds Health & Care Partnership are leading the partnership and providing the data.

3. Current & Previous Work addressing C&YP Respiratory Conditions in Leeds



Cold and Adverse Weather Protection

- Leeds City Council have put together a series of checklists which may be useful. There are both Adult and Children's check lists, available here: [Winter wellbeing checklists](#)
- These comprehensive lists cover everything from falls prevention, winter fuel payments and medication reviews.

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

- The ASB experienced in The Heights East and West is now under control.
- Farrow Vale and Farrow Green garages are due to be demolished. Updates will continue to be provided.
- Housing Officers are addressing a variety of issues, such as concerns relating to the environment, doorstep arrears visits where all other means have been exhausted, ASB and annual tenancy check ins.
- Flyers are being provided promoting the Mobile Community HUBs and staff will enclose these in letters and email them to tenants and verbally promote this service.
- Reports of Drug Dealing Newton Square/Low Moorside Court. This has been reported on Police Partnership Intelligence Portal. Tenants have advised that they are also

reporting to the Police. If Housing are provided with addresses, they can investigate and take tenancy breach action if they are LCC tenants.

- 11.2 yearly Walkabouts are underway, and Housing Officers will feedback to Members and any other attendees after the Walkabout and ensure all issues are reported and dealt with.
12. Housing Officers can make Vulnerable Garden referrals where criterion is met.
13. Block Sweeps and Block Inspections continue to take place with a weekly and monthly basis, respectively, using the new Stage 2 app where information is stored digitally.
14. Housing Officers continue to complete Annual tenancy Checks where support, repairs, money advice can be offered, where needed.
15. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes.
16. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East, The Heights West and Gamble Hill Croft and Grange is pending and no date set yet. Issues with vehicles parking near the Emergency Vehicle area in the car park preventing bins being emptied on occasion. The team are looking at placing a bollard there but need to speak to Emergency Services first.
17. Housing Team continue to make tenants aware British Gas Voucher Scheme where BG criterion are met
18. Promotion of LCC Tenant portal where tenants can report non-emergency repairs, check rent accounts and request permission for alterations, amongst other things

Housing Team – Update from Steph Oliver (Housing Manager Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley)

19. Walkabouts are conducted twice a year and Ward Member are invited to these. Feedback is sent to the Ward Members direct after the walkabout is conducted.
20. Annual Home Visits are now conducted over a 3 year basis, yearly to the vulnerable tenants. The team aim to have 100% by the end of this financial year.
21. Block sweeps are conducted weekly on high rise and monthly on low rise.
22. Housing Officer are able to refer tenants to the British Gas scheme and the take up on this is doing really well.
23. Housing Officers are able to make vulnerable garden referrals when needed and also refer to forestry for tree inspection.

- 24. Pudsey have been regular committed to keeping the Grit bins full and Housing Officer have been checking regular when needs replacing.
- 25. Pudsey have been having issues with ASB at the Bus station and at the last tasking meeting this has seemed to calm down from previous months.
- 26. There is now a regular meeting for the new build at Hough Top

Cleaner Neighbourhood Team – Sharron Almond

- 27. There are ongoing issues in Farnley & Wortley with waste in gardens, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, contaminated bins, missed refuse collections etc
- 28. Multiple missed bin collections had caused a huge amount of work for the team.
- 29. Below shows Tong Drive Bin store before and after CNT had cleared it due to missed bin collections.



- 30. Flytipping at Pipe and Nook aswell as Back Lane are becoming hotspots and relevant teams have been informed.



Andy Shaw – Neighbourhood Policing Team

- 31. **Calverley & Farsley**

Calverley & Farsley Ward (E05011389)	Current 6 Weeks	Previous 6 Weeks	Change	01 Jan 25 – 20 Jan 25	01 Jan 24 – 20 Jan 24	Change	Previous year's 6-week period	Change
Arson	0	0	---	0	3	3	3	3
Burglary - business and community	7	1	6	5	1	4	1	6
Burglary - residential	13	18	5	6	8	2	13	---
Criminal damage	7	11	4	4	3	1	10	3
Robbery	0	4	4	0	0	---	0	---
Shoplifting	3	46	43	3	7	4	7	4
Theft from motor vehicle	4	8	4	2	4	2	8	4
Theft of motor vehicle	1	6	5	1	5	4	6	5
Total	35	94	59	21	31	10	48	13
ASB	20	25	5	15	9	6	19	1

32. Burglary Residential

33. Out of the 13 offences, 2 suspects have been identified, accounting for 1 offence. 3 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 10 offences remain under investigation.

34. 3 offences were recorded as attempts. 1 offence was made possible due to insecurity. Most typically involved suspects snapping locks to facilitate entry. 2 offences involved suspects attacking sheds/garages/outbuildings.

35. Offences typically occurred in and around Farsley and Thornbury. 8 offences occurred around the Woodhalls, Rockwoods, and Moorlands. 3 occurred around streets adjoining Old Road.

36. Burglary Business and Community

37. Out of the 7 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. 4 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 3 offences remain under investigation.

38. 1 offence was recorded as an attempt. Types of premises targeted were varied. Types of items commonly stolen were also varied. Such included cash, vehicles, clothing, and electronics. Suspect/s typically gained entry by smashing windows/door glass.

39. 4 offences occurred just off Rodley Town Street, near to the Aire Valley Tow Path.

40. Robbery

41.0 offences recorded.

42. Shoplifting

43. Out of the 3 offences, 1 suspect has been identified, accounting for 2 offences. All 3 offences remain under investigation.

44. Offences occurred at: One Stop, Galloway Lane (3).

45. Theft From Motor Vehicle

46. Out of the 4 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. 3 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 1 offence remains under investigation.

47. Types of items stolen were varied. 2 offences were made possible due to insecurity.

48. 3 offences occurred around the Woodhalls, Moorlands, and Ederoyds.

49. Theft of Motor Vehicle

50. Out of the 1 offence, 0 suspects have been identified. This offence was filed due to evidential difficulties and occurred on Ravenscliffe Road. Suspect/s approached a Range Rover Evoque parked on a driveway. Suspect/s gained entry via “unknown means” with no sign of forced entry. Vehicle subsequently stolen.

51. Criminal Damage

52. Out of the 7 offences, 2 suspects have been identified, accounting for 2 offences. 1 suspect was charged in 1 offence. 6 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties.

53. 4 offences involved suspects causing damage to vehicles. 1 such crime was recorded as a domestic. Offences were reasonably widespread across the ward.

54. Arson

55.0 offences recorded.

56. Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Type	Count
ALCOHOL	1
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	1
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	1
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	8
YOUTH RELATED	8

57.3 reports relating to nuisance motorcycles were for the area of and around Hainsworth Park (reported over the course of 2 days). 2 were for the Chatsworths. 2 were for the Bunnyfields.

58. Reports relating to youth ASB were reasonably widespread across the ward, with the exception of 2 occurring at Odeon, Dick Lane.

59. Farnley & Wortley

Farnley & Wortley Ward (E05011392)	Current 6 Weeks	Previous 6 Weeks	Change	01 Jan 25 – 20 Jan 25	01 Jan 24 – 20 Jan 24	Change	Previous year's 6-week period	Change
Arson	4	8	4	1	1	---	4	---
Burglary - business and community	2	2	---	0	0	---	2	---
Burglary - residential	20	5	15	10	12	2	20	---
Criminal damage	26	37	11	11	20	9	43	17
Robbery	4	4	---	3	0	3	0	4
Shoplifting	21	15	6	12	6	6	17	4
Theft from motor vehicle	7	10	3	3	9	6	16	9
Theft of motor vehicle	5	8	3	3	3	---	9	4
Total	89	89	---	43	51	8	111	22
ASB	19	40	21	9	10	1	22	3

60. Burglary Residential

61. Out of the 20 offences, 4 suspects have been identified, accounting for 5 offences. 11 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 9 offences remain under investigation.

62. 9 offences were recorded as attempts. 4 offences were made possible due to insecurity. Others typically involved suspect/s snapping locks (on occasions also using blowtorches), or simply forcing entry.

63. 5 victims were over the age of 65. 0 offences involved suspects attacking sheds/garages/outbuildings.

64. 3 offences occurred across New Farnley. 3 offences occurred at or near to Thornhill Road. 2 occurred on Wortley Vale. Others were widespread across the Farrows, Gambles and Greenmoor Avenue/Sandstone Drive.

65. Burglary Business and Community

66. Out of the 2 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. Both offences were filed due to evidential difficulties.

67. 1 offence occurred at a premises on Lower Wortley Road. Suspects gained entry to an insecure office and removed items.

68. The other offence occurred at a Farm. Suspects entered the farmyard and gained entry to a portacabin and a container. They smashed the window of the portacabin and searched draws, taking vehicle keys and V5 documents. They then gained entry to the container, stealing a drill, saw, 4 vehicle keys linked to the V5s and said vehicles. A tool bag was also stolen from 1 of the vehicles.

69. **Robbery**

70. Out of the 4 offences, 1 suspect has been identified, accounting for 1 offence. 2 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 2 offences remain under investigation.

71. 1 offence occurred at Sainsbury's, Ring Road Farnley. Suspect attended the store and were told that they were banned. Suspect was then aggressive towards staff before taking items and leaving without paying.

72. 1 offence occurred at Rumbles, Whincover Drive. Suspects entered and at gunpoint, forced the staff to the empty the till.

73. 1 offence occurred at an address on Heights Way. Suspects entered via an insecure door and found the victim in bed. They threatened to break the victim's legs, demanding money. 1 suspect was carrying a hammer.

74. The final offence occurred at an address on Webster Row. 2 males entered the yard and banged on door. When victim opened the door, they forced their way in. The victim was punched in the face and was ordered to tell the suspects where the money and safe were located. Victim denied having either. Suspects removed the victim's wallet from the top of the fridge.

75. **Shoplifting**

76. Out of the 21 offences, 4 suspects have been identified, accounting for 13 offences. 1 suspect was charged in 7 offences. 10 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 4 offences remain under investigation.

77. Offences occurred at: Co-op, Low Moorside (8), Aldi, Tong Road (1), Sainsbury's, Ring Road Farnley (9), and Shell, Tong Road (3).

78. **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

79. Out of the 7 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. 4 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 3 offences remain under investigation.

80. 2 offences were made possible due to insecurity. Types of items stolen included tools, registration plates, hub caps, cash/bank cards and electronics.

81. **Theft of Motor Vehicle**

82. Out of the 5 offences, 3 suspects have been identified, accounting for 2 offences. 2 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 3 offences remain under investigation.

83. 2 offences were recorded as domestics. Types of vehicles stolen were varied.

84. Offences were reasonably widespread across the ward.

85. Criminal Damage

86. Out of the 26 offences, 9 suspects have been identified, accounting for 9 offences. 1 offence was filed by way of youth restorative disposal. 1 suspect was given a community resolution in 1 offence. 20 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 4 offences remain under investigation.

87. 5 offences were recorded as domestics. Types of property damaged were varied. Offences were reasonably widespread across the Farnley portion of the ward, with clusters of 2-3 seen at or near to Nutting Grove Terrace, Stonebridge Lane, Whingate Primary School, Tong Way, Butt Lane, Farrow Bank, and Greenthorpe Terrace.

88. Arson

89. Out of the 4 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. 3 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 1 offence remains under investigation.

90. 1 offence occurred at an address on Butterbowl Grove. Suspects tried to post a lit firework through the letterbox but failed and dropped it on the floor outside. 3 days later suspects kicked and punched the living room window causing the outer pane to smash. Offence linked to ongoing harassment.

91. 1 offence occurred on Lawns Lane. Suspect removed a green bin and set it on fire in a nearby park.

92. 1 offence occurred at an address on Stonecliffe Gardens. Suspect approached the address via ginnel. Suspect set fire to the contents of a skip that had been placed outside. Collateral damage also caused to a car parked nearby.

93. The final offence occurred on Nutting Grove Terrace. Suspect removed a window from car parked at locus, then started a fire inside.

94. Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Type	Count
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	3
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	4
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	2
YOUTH RELATED	10

95. Reports of adult nuisance were widespread across the ward. 3 reports relating to neighbour nuisance occurred on or near the Tongs. These were unrelated to one another. Reports relating to nuisance motorcycles/quads were for Tong Road/Roker Lane and Farnley Hall Park.

96. 2 reports relating to youth ASB were for Newton Square and Low Moor Side. 2 were for or near to the Stonecliffes. 2 were for the Heights West. 1 was for nearby Heights Drive. 2 were for Butt Lane.

97. Pudsey

Pudsey Ward (E05011409)	Current 6 Weeks	Previous 6 Weeks	Change	01 Jan 24 – 20 Jan 24	02 Jan 25	Change	Previous year's 6-week period	Change
Arson	1	3	2	0	0	---	1	---
Burglary - business and community	10	3	7	5	0	5	1	9
Burglary - residential	16	24	8	5	2	3	18	2
Criminal damage	10	26	16	2	7	5	20	10
Robbery	5	6	1	2	0	2	1	4
Shoplifting	33	37	4	1	17	6	41	8
Theft from motor vehicle	9	6	3	3	9	6	17	8
Theft of motor vehicle	11	3	8	4	0	4	6	5
Total	95	108	13	3	35	3	105	10
ASB	40	25	15	1	12	7	20	20

98. Burglary Residential

99. Out of the 16 offences, 1 suspect has been identified, accounting for 1 offence. 12 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 4 offences remain under investigation.

100. 6 offences were recorded as attempts. 2 offences were made possible due to insecurity. Others typically involved suspects snapping locks in order to facilitate entry, often using blowtorches. 4 offences involved suspects attacking sheds/garages/outbuildings.

101. 2 offences occurred at or near to Tyersal View. 2 occurred on streets adjoining Tyersal Road. Others were widespread across the ward with clusters of 2-3 seen at or near to Carlisle Road, Cavendish Street, and Hough Top.

102. Burglary Business and Community

103. Out of the 10 offences, 2 suspects have been identified, accounting for 2 offences. 1 suspect was charged in 1 offence. 6 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 3 offences remain under investigation.

104. 3 offences were recorded as attempts. Methods of entry were varied.
105. 2 offences occurred at a premises on Occupation Lane. 1 offence involved suspects entered an insecure building and removed a set of car keys. The corresponding car was then taken. The other offence was recorded as an attempt. Suspect/s attended once more, interfered with CCTV, used bolt croppers to gain entry to a locked cage door, before attacking the main lock to the building. Entry unsuccessful. Suspects made off, causing damage to a vehicle in the process.
106. 3 offences involved suspects attacking pubs. Methods of entry and types of items stolen were varied.
107. 2 offences occurred at dental surgeries. 1 was an attempt where suspects kicked the door to gain entry. The other involved suspects smashing a side window, gaining entry, conducting a search before removing an unknown quantity of items.
108. **Robbery**
109. Out of the 5 offences, 1 suspect has been identified, accounting for 1 offence. 1 offence was filed due to evidential difficulties. 4 offences remain under investigation.
110. 2 offences occurred at Co-op, Swinnow Lane. 1 offence involved 3 suspects entering, concealing items, walking past all points of payment, before being confronted by staff. Items retrieved. Suspects became violent towards security. The other offence involved the suspect entering the store, showing a member of staff their machete, and told them to go and open the till. Both tills were opened and suspect left with £500.
111. 1 offence occurred on Queens Park. The victim was walking down a ginnel when they were approached by a suspect carrying a knife. Suspect place knife against victim's stomach and demanded that they hand over the bicycle.
112. 1 offence occurred outside Go Local Extra, Kent Road. Victim was approached by 2 suspects and asked to hand over their mobile phone. Suspect/s assaulted the victim by pushing them around. Victim had their wallet taken.
113. The final offence occurred on Park Avenue. Suspect was walking their puppy when they were approached by the suspect, with suspect trying to take the pup. Suspect then hit the victim over the head. Victim tried to protect themselves and sustained an injury to their hand, requiring surgery.
114. **Shoplifting**
115. Out of the 33 offences, 24 suspects have been identified, accounting for 22 offences. Suspects were charged in 3 offences. 3 suspects were given community resolutions in 3 offences. 12 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 17 offences remain under investigation.

116. Offences occurred at: B&M, Church Lane (1), One Stop, Lowtown (1), Sainsbury's, Church Lane (1), Asda, Owlcotes Centre (24), M&S, Owlcotes Centre (1), B&M, Owlcotes Centre (1), Post Office, Church Lane (1), and Co-op, Swinnow Lane (3).

117. **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

118. Out of the 9 offences, 0 suspects have been identified. 8 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 1 offence remains under investigation.

119. Types of items commonly stolen were tools. 1 offence was made possible due to insecurity. Others involved suspects smashing windows or entering via "unknown".

120. Offences were widespread across the ward, with clusters of 2-3 seen at or near to South Parade, Swinnow Gardens, and Swinnow Lane.

121. **Theft of Motor Vehicle**

122. Out of the 11 offences, 1 suspect has been identified, accounting for 1 offence. 9 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 2 offences remain under investigation.

123. 2 offences were recorded as attempts. 1 offence was recorded as "drive a motor vehicle which had been taken without the owner's consent". 3 offences involved suspects stealing motorcycles. Other types of vehicles stolen were varied.

124. Offences were reasonably widespread across the ward, with clusters of 2-3 seen at or near to Gibraltar Road, and Glebe Mount.

125. **Criminal Damage**

126. Out of the 10 offences, 6 suspects have been identified, accounting for 6 offences. 4 offences were filed due to evidential difficulties. 6 offences remain under investigation.

127. Vehicles were the type of property most commonly damaged (7). 2 occurred at or near Acres Hall Drive, and 2 offences occurred near to Lowtown. Others were reasonably widespread.

128. **Arson**

129. Out of the 1 offence, 0 suspects have been identified. This offence was filed due to evidential difficulties. Suspects attended Lowtown and set fire to victims VW Golf, causing extensive damage.

130. **Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB Type	Count
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	3
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	1
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	2
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	6
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	3
YOUTH RELATED	25

131. Reports of adult nuisance were widespread across the ward. Both reports relating to neighbour nuisance were for the Wellstones (both were unrelated).
132. 3 reports relating to nuisance cars/vans were for the area of and around Pudsey Leisure Centre.
133. 1 report relating to nuisance motorcycles was for Tyersal Road, and another occurred nearby on Gibraltar Road. The other occurred on Kent Road.
134. 8 reports relating to youth ASB were for the Broadlands. 6 were for the area around Pudsey Park and Pudsey Bus Station. 2 were for the Crimbles, 1 was for Claremont Grove, and the other was for Clifton Court. 2 were for Rycroft Croft and others were widespread across the ward.

Employment and Skills

135. Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)
The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of November 2024, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 7,911. This is an increase of 188.1% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 192 claimants on the previous month.
136. The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		Oct 2024		Nov 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	93,609	18.0%	96,239	18.5%
Outer West	2,746	6.1%	7,719	17.2%	7,911	17.6%
Calverley & Farsley	565	3.9%	1,653	11.4%	1,692	11.7%
Farnley & Wortley	1,304	8.5%	3,572	23.3%	3,669	24.0%
Pudsey	877	5.8%	2,494	16.4%	2,550	16.8%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

137. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2024, in the Outer West Community Committee area is 4,664. This is an increase of 161.6% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 56 claimants on the previous month.
138. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in Leeds, the Outer West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		September 2024		October 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	58,141	11.2%	58,951	11.3%

Outer West	1,783	4.0%	4,608	10.2%	4,664	10.4%
Calverley & Farsley	343	2.4%	952	6.6%	963	6.7%
Farnley & Wortley	864	5.6%	2,189	14.3%	2,220	14.5%
Pudsey	576	3.8%	1,467	9.7%	1,481	9.7%

*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

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2024/2025 (Apr - Sep)	2023/2024 (Apr - Sep)	2024/2025 (Apr - Sep)	2023/2024 (Apr - Sep)	2024/2025 (Apr - Sep)	2023/2024 (Apr - Sep)
Leeds	6,281	6,883	1,209	1,790	1,931	1,928
Outer West	367	385	76	113	102	106
Calverley & Farsley	82	69	19	22	28	27
Farnley & Wortley	209	227	38	66	55	50
Pudsey	76	89	19	25	19	29

140. During April to September 2024:

141. 6,281 people accessed the Service, 367 of whom were residents from the Outer West.

142. Supported 1,209 people into work, 76 of whom were residents from the Outer West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in Entertainment & Recreation, Education, Professional Services, Business, Legal & Scientific, Digital, Health & Care.

143. Supported 1,931 people to improve their skills, 102 of whom were residents from the Outer West.

Leeds Employment Hub

144. 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.

145. All Jobshops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes City Centre Community Hub. There is a pop up Jobshop at Pudsey Community Hub, Mondays 9:00 - 17:00.

146. The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday - Friday, the schedule stops include:

- The Butterbowl public house Mondays 9:30 - 12:00pm
- Henconner Lane/Butt Lane roundabout Mondays 1:00 - 3:30pm
- The Hanover Arms public house Wednesdays 9:30 - 12:00pm
- Farnley Community Centre, Old Farnley Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:30pm

Community Learning

147. 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.
148. Between April – September 2024, 2,569 people started an Adult Learning course. There were 422 courses delivered at 54 venues, in addition, there were 12 courses delivered on-line. In the Outer West area, there were 6 courses delivered at 2 venues, and 116 people started a course.
149. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

Multiply

150. 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.
151. 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.
152. Souper Duper cooking on a budget sessions continue to be delivered at Leeds Kirkgate market, and a 'Men's Pie Club sessions took place in November and will be delivered again in February 2025 in collaboration with Zest at Leeds Cookery School.
153. Between April and September 2024, there have been 52 courses delivered at 24 community venues in Leeds, with 235 residents starting a course.

School and College Engagement

154. There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and colleges, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April and September 2024, there have been 44 School and College activities across the city supporting 3,388 young people, 392 parents and carers, and 141 teachers. Of these, 22 events have taken place within the west of the city engaging with 1,384 young people, 256 parents and carers, 81 teachers.

Community Engagement

155. Engagement 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.
156. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April and September 2024, there have been 83 Community Engagement events across the city supporting 7,221 people, of these 47 events have taken place within the west of the city engaging with 377 people.

Delivered events between July to December 2024

157. **West Leeds Care Recruitment** supported Springfield and Be Caring to recruit for the new Community Health & Wellbeing Service commissioned by Adults & Health. A new model of care for people living at home and to help them feel part of their community in West Leeds, also to help fill other roles across the city. Eight events were held throughout August in Armley, Bramley and Stanningley, and Pudsey wards. 129 people attended, 50 from the targeted wards.
158. **Pudsey Community Hub Jobs Fair** held on 5th November 2024, promoted the Employment and Skills support offer, Apprenticeship vacancies within Leeds and upcoming events.
159. **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers/We Care Academy** 33 Information / Assessment Sessions, with 242 people attending, of whom 89 started a Health & Care Employability Programme, 91 were supported to apply for Apprenticeships, 30 referred to improve skills in Maths and/or English to support to progress into a future employability programme. During this period 24 people started work. The sessions supported recruitment to Primary Care Navigator, Dental, Procurement, Cleaning, Science Manufacturing Technician and Trainee Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeships and social care roles.
160. **HMP Prison Wealstun**, E&S advisors provided support on 5th September 2024 to prisoners who were released through the Early Leavers Scheme to equip participants with knowledge about available employment resources including Leeds Employment Hub, Jobshops and other services accessed via Community Hubs.
161. **Home Bargains Recruitment Event** at City Centre Community Hub was held in August.
162. **Scape Recruitment Information** sessions were held 25th July and 1st August 2024 at the City Centre Community Hub aimed at filling various roles, including Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives, and Receptionists.
163. **Digital Clinic: Elevate Your Career with WILD**, took place on 18th September 2024 at the KPMG City Offices, about the digital opportunities in Leeds.
164. **Leeds Digital Careers Fair** held for its third successive year on 24th September 2024 at the Leeds First Direct Arena, attracting 56 organisations and 4,200 visitors. The event featured interactive sessions, insightful talks from industry leaders, and

opportunities to connect with some of the biggest digital and tech organisations in Leeds. The event is a vital platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future talent in the digital landscape.

165. **SEND Careers Fair** was held on 22nd November 2024 at Leeds City Museum. Promoted the E&S Business Support offer, Apprenticeships and upcoming events.
166. **Tech Careers Launchpad “Getting Hired in Tech”** held on 18th September 2024 at the AND Digital offices in the Leeds City Centre.
167. **Tech Careers Launchpad** held on 28th November 2024 with Northcoders. It was the fourth event in the "Progressing in Tech" series and included a presentation, panel session, and networking opportunities.
168. **Jobshop Recruitment Events** hosted 3 recruitment events and a Learning Provider event at City Centre Community Hub between October – December 2024.
169. **DWP Events** held at City Centre Community Hub aimed at older people improving their health and skills and finding employment, E&S attended to promote the enhanced support offer, Apprenticeships and events. Employers attending the Jobs Fairs included various Leeds City Council departments: Security, Cleaning, Leeds Building Services and Children’s Centre Services, plus some external care companies and training providers.
170. **Leeds Creative Skills Festival** returned for its third year on Monday 18th November 2024. Held at the Royal Armouries, the event showcased the vibrant creative and cultural scene in Leeds. The event offered a dynamic program with engaging daytime sessions specifically designed for schools and colleges, followed by an evening event open to the public. A total of 2,700 visitors attended, interacting with 47 exhibitors who showcased the exciting career opportunities available within the creative industries, both in Leeds and beyond.
171. **Discovering Apprenticeship Presentations** a series of informative sessions aimed at parents, carers, and young people to provide insights into Apprenticeships. The presentations took place week commencing 2nd December 2024 at the Rose Bowl, Leeds Beckett University, 500 people attended

Planned Events and Activities

172. **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers** assessments are planned in line with delivery of the pre-employment courses and pre-screening recruitment needs. Sessions are planned to recruit to Dental, Pharmacy and Clinical roles. Community Learning and Employability Support continue to provide wrap-around support.
173. **We Care Academy** Information and Assessment sessions will be delivered monthly at the City Centre Community Hub. These sessions include short pre-employment courses to support recruitment into the care sector. Sessions are planned for February and March 2025.

174. **Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair** planned for 12th February 2025, at Leeds First Direct Arena. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Apprenticeships and connect with providers and employers from various sectors. Exhibitors will provide Information Advice and Guidance, and details on live Apprenticeship vacancies.
175. **The BIG Social Care Event** planned for 26th February 2025 at the Bridge Community Church. Social Care employers will be invited to attend with E&S advisors providing support. Other services will be invited to offer additional support to attendees.
176. **Careers in Housing** a 5-week course commencing 3rd March 2025 offers an exciting opportunity for people looking to take their first step into an administration role within Leeds City Council's Housing Department. Information Sessions will be delivered leading up to the course start date.
177. **Jobshops, Community Hubs** will be holding Interview Skills Workshops provided by CAF Rail at The Reginald Centre, Dewsbury Road and Armley Community Hubs between January – March 2025. The aim of the sessions is to work with customers around mock interviews, attending interviews and giving advice and feedback to improve customers' confidence when attending job interviews.
178. **Launch of the new Tech Careers Launchpad** routes into Tech planned for March 2025. Aimed at exploring some of the routes into tech & digital roles in Leeds including key guest speakers sharing their skills, knowledge, experience and personal journey, information about Apprenticeships, tech academies and bootcamps.

Employer Engagement

179. Between April and September 2024 the Service has supported 236 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.
180. 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 6,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

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

Risk Management

6. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. 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.