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Report to: Outer South Community Committee
Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell

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For Decision

Outer South 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:

Children and Families: Councillor Wyn Kidger

Youth Services Locality Quarterly Update Outer South - October to December 2024

Introduction

3. **Appendix 1** - This report will focus on the work of the Outer South Youth Service Localities Team.

Environment: Cllr Karen Bruce

4. The Environmental Sub Group met on Thursday 5th December 2025. They agreed terms of reference and discussed issues in each of the wards in relation to parks and countryside, cleaner neighbourhoods, waste management and housing.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report

5. Statistics for Outer South Leeds from 18th November 2024 to 11th February 2025:

	Ardasley/ Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
S_FLYT	Was 18 up to 21	Was 17 up to 26	Was 38 down to 32	Was 25 up to 26
E_FLYT	Was 12 stayed at 12	Was 11 down to 6	Was 20 down to 8	Was 25 down to 6
S_LITR	Was 2 up to 3	Was 1 up to 7	Was 8 up to 10	Was 1 up to 3
S_ROAD	Was 12 up to 14	Was 10 up to 11	Was 10 up to 11	Was 5 stayed at 5
H_OVEG	Was 48 down to 5	Was 41 down to 8	Was 34 down to 14	Was 29 down to 8
E_WIG	Was 5 up to 6	Was 13 down to 9	Was 2 up to 3	Was 7 down to 2
S_SCBC	Was 198 down to 141	Was 184 down to 116	Was 215 down to 131	Was 203 down to 177

6. Description of above codes:

S_FLYT: Fly tipping that has been collected proactively or reported to us which doesn't contain evidence, and no further actions can be taken.

E_FLYT: Fly tipping found/reported which contains evidence and some further action is taken by Enforcement.

S_LITR: Reports to service about litter issues

S_ROAD: Reports to service about streets requiring sweeping.

H_OVEG: Reports to service of issues relating to overgrown vegetation affecting the Highway.

E_WIG: Reports to service about Waste in gardens.

S_SCBC: Scheduled Civic/ Bulky Collections (free waste collections from households)

- 7. The above figures have been taken over a 3-month period with the figures from the last quarters reports shown side by side, so it is easier to see any increase or decrease in demand for service in particular areas in each Ward.
- 8. There has been a decrease in the numbers of requests for free Bulky/Civic collections throughout the Outer South which is a disappointment as it would have been expected that there would have had an increase following the Christmas period.
- 9. With that being said, there hasn't been an increase in the number of fly tipping reports (either from crew or the Public)
- 10. Waste in garden reports have fluctuated, but I would put that down to people not utilising their outside spaces as much through the cooler periods so that may rise as the weather gets warmer.

11. De-leafing period was during the above time, and I am delighted that there hasn't been an increase in calls for service which I would hope was due to a proactive approach to this seasonal issue.
12. If there are any issues with regards anything in this report or any elected member wishes to ask anything with regards the area and the service, CNT provide please feel free to contact Lee Hayward directly.

Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team Update February 2025

13. Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) officers are working a mixture of remote, community work and office based. There has been a round of recruitment for a new case officer to join LASBT South.
14. Current open cases: 48 Cases across the wards
- Ardsley & Robin Hood = 12 (increase of 5)
 - Rothwell = 11 (increase of 1)
 - Morley North = 9 (decrease of 1)
 - Morley South = 16 (stayed the same)

Type	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Assault				
Noise	1	1	3	2
Hate (race)			1	
Threats/Violence	3	2	6	4
Litter				
Youth Nuisance				
Criminality	2		1	1
Rowdy	4	1	3	
Verbal	2	2		2
Nuisance				
Drug/Substance	1	2	1	
Domestic		1	1	2
Vandalism				

Ardsley & Robin Hood

15. A Housing Caution and Pre Closure Warning letter has been served due allowing young people to congregate within a property without their parents' consent or knowledge. NPT are working with West Yorkshire Police and Children's Social Care to resolve the issues.
16. A Housing Caution and ASBI Warning has been served on a tenant due to noise, rowdy behaviour and verbal abuse.
17. Section 80 noise abatement notice was served due to loud music.

18. Case was in court on 6/2/25 for full closure order in relation to breach of a partial closure order, involves a family that have caused a lot of issues for persons in locality it was defended and therefore adjourned for further hearing on the 14/2/25. Possession also to be looked at due to breaches of closure order.

19. ASBI warning served on a youth for shoplifting offences and ASB.

Morley North

20. The LASB team are currently preparing Possession proceedings due to a serious criminal matter.

21. A Partial Closure Order is currently in place on a property due to cuckooing of a vulnerable tenant.

Morley South

22. A Housing Caution has been served on a prolific shop lifter, they have been advised any further criminal behaviour they will be looking at Possession Proceedings and the team are liaising with the police link officer regarding a Criminal Behaviour Order.

23. A serious assault has taken place where a Council Tenant is the perpetrator, LASBT are currently working with all involved agencies to decide on appropriate action. Current tools being considered are Closure Orders, Injunctions and Possession Proceedings.

Rothwell

24. Notice of seeking possession served and possession to be sought due to serious criminal matters.

25. ASBI Warning served, and the team are now preparing a file for Injunction due to ongoing harassment.

Police Update

26. Ardsley and Robin Hood

	Nov Crime	Dec Crime	Dec 2023 Crime	Jan Crime	Jan 2024 Crime
Burglary	3	6	6	6	3
Robbery	0	2	1	2	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	1	4	0	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	6	0	8	8
Hate crime	2	1	1	5	1
Hate incident	0	1	3	1	1

27.ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
WESTERTON RD	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1
ROSEDFALE DR	
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
BATLEY RD LONGTHORPE LN	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	1
LEEDS RD	
YOUTH RELATED	1
WESTERTON RD	
Grand Total	6

28. **Ward Area - Ardsley and Robin Hood**

29. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe.

30. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1093 Osborne

31. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working to prevent and disrupt ASB and nuisance motorbike usage around the Northfields estate in Carlton This also overlaps into Rothwell with bikes crossing into the manor estate using the Rothwell Greenway. Asb related crime in and around Tingley

Updates from March Priorities

32. NPT have targeted several youths in Tingley who currently pending court action for the offences are they have been charged with, officers have also worked with Leeds anti-social behaviour team and youth offending who are working with these youths and others to attempt to prevent and deter this offending

33. The team continue to pay regular attention to the area to deter anti-social behaviour. Officers are targeting those they find to be involved and will work with their offroad bike team and Leeds anti-social behaviour team to target this behaviour.

34. Morley North

	Nov Crime	Dec Crime	Dec 2023 Crime	Jan Crime	Jan 2024 Crime
Burglary	1	5	7	10	1
Robbery	3	3	1	0	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	11	2	6	3	12
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	7	6	2	5
Hate crime	2	0	1	2	2
Hate incident	0	1	4	1	3
Theft from Shop	33	45	40	37	32

35. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	0
ALCOHOL RELATED	1
GELDARD RD	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
A58	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	0
YOUTH RELATED	5
TOWN ST TOWN ST ASQUITH AVE TOWN ST SPRINGBANK AVE	
Grand Total	7

36. Ward Area – Morley North

37. Lead Area Sergeant: PS 3147 Duncan

38. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3300 Sheldon

39. NPT are aware of reports via councillors of an increase in ASB, however have not received any calls, the team require assistance from the public to assist in letting us know when ASB is occurring so that the team can deal with it. Once identified officers will work closely with partners in Youth Service Provisions, to engage with young people, to direct them into available diversionary activities. In addition, officers will liaise with Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to review and act against those repeatedly involved in anti-social behaviour.

To promote Road Safety relating to the anti-social use of cars and motor bikes in the area.

40. This will be done by Conducting Road Safety Operations with partners at Operational Support and DVLA and VOSA using legislation to tackle Anti-social driving. With the use of the PSPO that is in place district wide across Leeds NPT will tackle the car meets that are a regular occurrence, working with Traffic Police and mobile camera units to deter and prevent ASB.

Update

41. NPT are paying particular attention to the use of HGV's in Gildersome and dealing with them appropriately, the team are also monitoring and developing intel to prevent car meets before they happen along the A650, however when they do happen utilising partners in Bradford and Traffic to assist in disruption. These are of course based on current operational demand.

To prevent and deter ASB in Morley North

42. NPT will conduct high visibility and covert patrols and use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation where appropriate to deter this behaviour, dispersal orders can be used if necessary. The team will continue to work with partners at Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the identified areas.

43. Regular patrols are conducted in the area, however if you do see any ongoing ASB/criminality please do contact the police via 999/101 or through a web report and they can deal with it positively.

44. Morley South

	Nov Crime	Dec Crime	Dec 2023 Crime	Jan Crime	Jan 2024 Crime
Burglary	2	6	10	3	3
Robbery	3	3	1	1	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	4	4	3	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	5	10	3	10
Hate crime	4	5	5	3	3
Hate incident	1	1	2	0	1
Theft from Shop	37	29	57	27	27

45. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	2
RYDAL DR WINDSOR CT	
ALCOHOL RELATED	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2
HASLETT DR TOPCLIFFE FOLD	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	0
YOUTH RELATED	6
BRUNTCLIFFE RD WINDSOR CT WINDSOR CT PEEL ST PARK MILL CT WINDSOR CT	
Grand Total	10

46. Ward Area - Morley South

47. Lead Area Sergeant - PS 83 Martin

48. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4335 Brown

To target and take appropriate action against known shoplifters in the Morley area.

49. NPT will gather evidence and arrest those involved in retail crime taking positive action wherever possible. When people are convicted, officers will ask the courts to serve them with Criminal Behaviour Orders where appropriate.

50. The team will engage with retailers to offer crime prevention advice.

To engage with nuisance youths, particularly targeting those engaged in Anti-Social Behaviour within the local parks.

51. NPT will conduct high visibility and covert patrols and where proportionate use Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation, such as dispersal orders if necessary. The team will continue to work in partnership with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to engage positively with those in the parks.

52. Rothwell

	Nov Crime	Dec Crime	Dec 2023 Crime	Jan Crime	Jan 2024 Crime
Burglary	10	2	9	5	10
Robbery	1	3	0	3	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	5	4	3	5
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	4	4	2	7
Hate crime	1	4	2	4	0
Hate incident	1	1	0	0	0

53. ASB

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED	1
INGRAM PDE	
ALCOHOL	1
WOOD LN	
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	1
WOOD LN	
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	5
LEADWELL LN WOOD LN ABRAHAM HILL COTSWOLD DR KNIGHTSCROFT AVE	
YOUTH RELATED	6
JAIL YARD PDE JAIL YARD PDE ARRAN WAY JAIL YARD PDE HAIGH RD	

COMMERCIAL ST	
Grand Total	14

54. Ward Area – Rothwell

55. Lead Area Sergeant: - PS 3486 Hinchcliffe

56. Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 4869 McLoughlin

57. To continue to disrupt ASB and engage with youths causing ASB in and around Commercial Street, Rothwell, the town centre. NPT will continue use ASB legislation where necessary to disrupt this behaviour and look to engage with partners to find a long-term solution.

58. NPT seek to target and reduce ASB around Tesco express and Beechwood shops.

59. Deter ASB on off road and other motor bikes along the Rothwell Greenway, links to issues on the Northfields estate on the Ardsley – Rothwell boarder.

Update Priorities

60. NPT encourage the public to report this behaviour when they see it via 101/online reports it is only the reporting of these matter that will allow us to map times dates and locations and best deploy what resources the team have to the right place and time or seek to obtain other resources from other departments.

61. The team have worked with partners in Leeds ASB team and housing and taken initial action against a number of youths and there has been a decrease in calls to town centre and local shops

62. NPT are working with stores and partners to identify the youths involved in asb in the town centre, some have already been given community resolutions and ASB warnings by ASB team. The team continuing this work.

63. NPT have arranged a community contact point once a month with the engagement van an officer's being present to speak to the public, take reports and gather information to help us best tackle the issues

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Cllr Karen Renshaw

Employment and Skills

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

64. The Employment and Skills team send an update twice a year and as they updated at the last meeting, the update will come to the next meeting.

Health and Wellbeing: Councillor Stewart Golton

65. The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group determined there is issue with transport needs in the Outer South. Therefore an Access Bus Service representative ahs been invite to this

meeting to explain how the service works for user in the Outer South and take questions on how the service could work better for service users in this area.

Adult Social Care: Councillor Karen Renshaw

66. This work has remained a part of the Health and Wellbeing Sub Group.

Community Centres Sub Group: Councillor Robert Gettings

67. The Community Centres sub group meet on Thursday 20th February where they discussed maintenance and issues relating to all the community centres in the 4 wards and received an update of the refurbishment at Morley Town Hall.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

68. The Outer South Community Committee Newsletter will be produced twice a year and the communities' team will circulate the newsletter to their contacts and on social media.

69. **Appendix 2**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity, for the Outer South Community Committee Facebook page

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs and Libraries Update November 2024 – January 2025

Ardsley & Tingley Library

Activities/Events

70. Santa Story & Rhyme time session, 4th December – Santa made his annual visit to Ardsley Library to meet the children, have his photo taken and hand out reading books to the youngsters. The session was attended by over 10 children and parents/carers/guardians.

71. Foster 4 Leeds pop up – 9th December - 10.30 to 12.30 - Foster Recruitment Session – from a not for profit organisation, committed to keeping children and young people in local care, near to their birth families, friends and schools.

72. East Ardsley Primary School, class visits – Librarian led sessions for school classes to visit and join their local library and grow the love of reading from an early age. Through this reporting period the following classes at East Ardsley Primary have already attended with a programme of classes to attend through till May 25.

- Wed 13th November - 2pm to 3pm - Class 8 (Year 4)
- Wed 20th November - 2pm to 3pm - Class 10 (Year 5)
- Wed 27th November - 2pm to 3pm - Class 9 (Year 5)
- Wednesday 15th Jan - 2pm to 3pm - Class 12
- Wednesday 12th Feb - 2pm to 3pm - Class 7

- Wednesday 19th Feb - 2pm to 3pm - Class 8

73. Kids Club - Monday 11th November & Monday 9th December - Build, craft, write, draw and code a story at the monthly Kids Club. Each session has a different activity inspired by books and stories. A free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 6+.

Regular activities ongoing

74. Social Zone library

75. Stay & Play session – Every Monday 10.30 to 12.30

76. Coffee afternoon – Every Monday 2 to 4

77. Lego Club - 4th Mon of each Month - 3.30 to 4.30. Most suited to children aged 5+
3.30-4.30pm - Build, craft, write, draw and code a story at the monthly Kids Club. Each session will have a different activity inspired by books and stories. Most suited to children aged 6+

Upcoming events/activities

78. New service starting mid Feb (exact date TBC) – Dementia Café on a Tues and Thurs provided by Adults and Health.

Morley Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events

79. Kids Club at Morley library –19th November & 17th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm - Build, craft, write, draw and code a story at the monthly Kids Club. Each session has a different activity inspired by books and stories. A free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 6+.

80. Foster 4 Leads Pop up – 11th November 2 – 4 – Foster Recruitment Session – from a not for profit organisation, committed to keeping children and young people in local care, near to their birth families, friends and schools.

81. St Frances school visits - librarian led sessions to engage school children from a young age to get a love of reading and join their local library for free. Attended on the following dates/times: -

- Monday 4th November - 9.45-10.45 (yr 6), 11.15-12.15 (yr5)
- Wednesday 6th November - 9.45-10.45 (yr 3), 11.15-12.15 (yr 4)
- Wednesday 13th November - 9.45-10.45 (yr 2)

82. Santa Story & Rhyme time session, 3rd December – Santa made his annual visit to Morley Hub and Library to meet the children, have his photo taken and hand out reading books to

the youngsters. The session was well attended with over 50 children and parents/carers/guardians attending.

83. Morley Code Club, started on 15th January, 3.30-4.30pm – fortnightly sessions of which there are 6 in total. For ages 8 to 12, young people will discover easy-to-follow projects which will help you to learn a variety of coding languages by making games, robots, animations, and websites in a supportive environment.

Regular activities ongoing

84. Lego Club: Build a love of books events – Free Library led event for the over 5's. Runs on the third Tuesday of each month, 3.30-4.30pm

85. Number Natter – 1pm – 4pm every Monday - one to one session to help customers brush up on maths skills, budgeting or any specific maths need you may have

86. Story & Rhyme Time sessions still taking place every Tuesday 10.30am to 11.30pm

87. Credit Union Drop in – Every Tuesday 10am – 4pm Customers can register to become a member, apply for savings and bill paying accounts, check their accounts, apply for loans.

88. Money Buddies drop in - Alternative Thursday morning 9 till 12. Money Buddies provide free and impartial advice to help customers save money on their bills, maximise their income, develop budgets, complete financial statements for creditors, negotiate with people they owe money to, help switch utility suppliers and apply for grants.

89. Morley Book Club – Every third Thursday of the month from 2pm

90. Chatty Café – Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Members of the public can pop in, meet other customers, and sit for a drink at the chat and natter table

91. Local Independent Party - Every 1st Friday of the month 11am – 12pm

92. Councillor Surgery – Every first Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12pm

93. Anti-Social Behaviour Drop in 1pm – 3pm every 3rd Thursday of the month. Drop in that allows members of the local community to speak to an Anti-Social Behaviour Case Officer about any issues or concerns in their neighbourhood.

Upcoming Activities/Events

94. Local Beavers Club visit - Wed 19th March, 5.30-6.45pm - Librarian led session to promote the love of reading from an early age and the opportunity for the group to join their local library.

95. Leeds City College – Essential Digital Skills session, starting 26th February, weekly session 10 till 12 each Wednesday to support customers around digital skills and how to

put them to practice with regards to using tablets, smart phones and PC's. Customer can learn how to surf the net, use social media, apply for jobs and beyond.

Gildersome Library

96. During the last quarter (Sept-Dec) the library offered a digi drop-in sessions every Monday (term time only) 2-3pm. Unfortunately, these were not well attended - only one person attended the first session and didn't come back and no one else attended the sessions.

Rothwell Community Hub & Library

Activities/Events

97. Lego Club – Rothwell Builds – 12th November 10th December – 3.30 to 4.30 – Library led event recommended for children aged 5 plus.
98. Dual Language Story & Rhyme time session, 13th November – As part of Leeds Language week, in a change from the regular story & rhyme time session, a dual language session was held in English and Portuguese in collaboration with Leeds University and the Instuio Cameos Centre for Portuguese language.
99. Santa Story & Rhyme time session, 11th December – Santa made his annual visit to Rothwell Hub and Library to meet the children, have his photo taken and hand out reading books to the youngsters. The session was well attended with over 40 children and parents/carers/guardians attending.
100. Foster 4 Leeds Pop up - 7th January – 2 to 4 – Foster Recruitment Session – from a not for profit organisation, committed to keeping children and young people in local care, near to their birth families, friends and schools.

Regular Activities ongoing

101. Spanish Classes
102. Social Zone library
103. LASBT & Police drop-in Surgery - 1st Wednesday of the month
104. Story & Rhyme Time - Every Wednesday at 10.30 – Fun, free drop-in sessions for under-fives, sharing stories and rhymes at libraries across Leeds. These relaxed and friendly sessions help children develop early speech and language skills and a love of books and reading.
105. Forward Leeds surgery – every Thursday 9 till 5

Upcoming events/activities

106. Wrongsemble Theatre group presents, 'Lost Property Library' – 7th February - 2 till 3 - a place where lost stories, memories, and objects come to be archived and kept safe. All

around you trunks and suitcases brim with exciting tales and adventures to discover. This interactive performance is part of Leeds Storytelling Festival 2025.

107. A pay-what-you-decide family-friendly event recommended for children aged 5+. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
108. Blanket Forts Club presents, Marshmallow Castles and supersonic parcels – 8th March - 10.30 to 11.30 - This is an interactive, in-character storytelling workshop, where Snow and Ice, two imaginative characters stuck indoors on a rainy day with their friends, argue over what to create. In the end, they decide to build a blanket fort spaceship and embark on an adventure to an undiscovered planet. As the story unfolds, participants work together to construct the blanket fort, which becomes their vessel to launch into space. Part of Leeds Storytelling Festival 2025.
109. All sites providing winter coats to customers via Zero Waste Leeds and all sites running 'Warm Spaces' provision, providing warm drinks and games for customers to come to sites to stay warm, safe and meet new people through the winter months.

Housing Leeds

Ardley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Housing Management Area Update February 2025

Ardley and Robin Hood and Rothwell Area Office

Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)

110. Housing is currently in the 3rd year of the ATCI cycle with all remaining tenants not visited in the last 2 years now requiring a visit. The team are working towards the target of 100% tenants either to be visited or be in the enforcement procedure by the end of March

Voids Levels (empty properties)

111. Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team have worked hard to reduce the number of ready to let properties and currently have 4 properties Ready to Let which applicants have been identified for and are awaiting viewings.

Income Collection

112. Rent collection figures at week 45 are:
Rothwell – 96.24%
113. Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, collection has increased by 0.32%.

ASB

114. Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). The team have strong links with local police officers to share information.

115. There are 9 open ASB cases across Rothwell area office which are managed locally by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.
116. 6 weekly partnership working meetings take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Environmental

117. Quarter 3 Estate walkabouts were completed at the end of 2024 and any issues identified were sent to the appropriate departments for action. If any tenants or members do want to have a walkabout in their area just contact their Housing Officer who would be happy to arrange.

Staffing Change

118. There have been several staffing changes recently including a new Housing Manager, Andy Easterby, a new Team Leader, Sam Oldfield as well as a new Housing Officer, Leanne Parker. Please contact Andy or the team should you wish to discuss anything or arrange a formal or informal chat about anything specific.

Morley Housing Management Area Update

Voids Levels (empty properties)

119. Similarly to Rothwell demand is high for the Morley area. The lettings team have worked hard to reduce the figures for ready to let properties and currently there is 1 which is ready to let this week. The team are working on pre-allocations and have been supporting the Beeston office with allocations and the training of new starters

Income Collection

120. Rent collection figures for week 46: 95.90% comparing figures from the same week last financial year, collection has increased 0.42%.
121. The team are working closely with its residents to maximise their income, particularly through the cost-of-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.
122. The team continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The income housing officer is working with the teams more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.
123. The team has also secured government funding via the Housing Support Fund to assist tenants in financial hardship and the Rothwell office has been awarded £8152.46 to spend before end of February. The Morley office have been awarded £7521.04.
124. The British Gas Energy Trust (BGET) emergency fuel voucher scheme has now been up and running since November 2024.

125. The team were initially awarded £300,000.00 towards essential support for its tenants with their gas and electricity supplies. This then rose to £400,000.00 and an additional £150,000.00 has been secured taking the total support up to £550,000.
126. To date the team have already allocated over £371,000 worth of voucher support to tenants which has reached over 2500 households citywide. This has only been made possible by the hard work of housing staff.
127. Tenants, if eligible can receive 3 x £49 emergency fuel vouchers which can be redeemed against either their gas or electricity supplies.
128. To be eligible they must meet the following criteria:
- Must be a Leeds City Council tenant
 - Must use a pre-payment or smart meter to top up their gas or electricity
 - Must be struggling with the costs of their fuel
 - Cannot be in arrears* with their current supplier
129. *Arrears defined as being no older than 91 days or have a current arrangement in place to repay. If tenants do have arrears on gas, they may still be able to receive help with electricity, and if they have arrears on electricity, they may still be able to get assistance with gas.
130. If you feel that you know someone who may qualify, please refer them to their local area housing office who will assess eligibility and refer for support

ASB

131. There are currently 17 cases open in the Morley area, the majority of which are under review for closure as the issues have been resolved. The Morley office has a monthly ASB surgery on the second Thursday of every month where a LASBT officer and a Housing officer attend and residents come in for advice. The team believe this has led to an artificial inflation of the current cases however officers expect these to level out as remedial work is put in place. Housing is pleased to be spreading the message of how to effectively report ASB concerns correctly and reducing cases going to LASBT that are a result of escalated behaviours.

Environmental

132. Quarter 3 walkabouts that were scheduled have been completed with the remaining walkabouts taking place throughout Feb & March for quarter 4. There have been several environmental projects put forward to the project team and the team have successfully had the garages on Glen mount demolished in the last month freeing up land that has been put up for sale for development creating revenue for Housing. The land has been cleared and fenced off. The team are continuing to identify other areas where they can look to do the same.

Staffing Changes

133. Morley has managed to successfully acquire two new housing officers and is now fully staffed for the first time in over 12 months. Emma Fascione was successfully promoted to Tenancy

Team Leader in November 2024 and Callum Walmsley was recruited as the new Housing officer in December and Khadejah Begum in February 2025.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

135. 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

136. 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

137. 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

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

Risk Management

139. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

142. 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.