

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.
3. To make nominations to the Outer West Community Committee Sub-Groups for 2022/23.

Main issues

Sub-Group Nominations

4. Members will be considering Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer West Community Committee Sub-Groups for 2022/23. The 2021/22 representatives are shown below:

Sub-Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
Environmental & Community Safety	3	Cllr Amanda Carter (C&F) - Chair Cllr David Blackburn (F&W) Cllr Simon Seary (Pudsey)	Cllr Amanda Carter

5. Members are invited to nominate representatives for the Outer West Community Committee Sub-Group, as outlined in the table.
6. Once representatives are appointed to the Environmental & Community Safety Sub-Group, the Localities Officer will circulate updated Terms of Reference to the group members, outlining responsibilities and proposed meeting schedule for the year, for approval.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team – Update from Sharron Almond (Area Manager)

Covid-19 Update

7. At the time of completing this report and since the last report in April 2022, West CNT have had 3 staff who self-isolated. Annual leave and some general sickness and long-term sickness absences have affected some of the service delivery, and we have covered where possible with staff from other areas on overtime.

General Staffing

8. We have had a new starter into Zone 15 for Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley, and Farnley & Wortley. I am using them across the whole of zone 15 where service needs, and I will deploy staff and resources into the area to effectively deliver the best services we can.
9. We still have a vacancy to fill for 3 days and the advert for this did go out externally and we had 5 potential interviewees, but all failed to attend on the day.
10. We did fill 1 of the Monday – Friday Environmental Operative with an external candidate and we welcomed Andrew Ashby to the team in April. We still have the 3 day and a full M-F operative to fill.
11. We are still very short staffed as we have an Enforcement officer off on long term sick and we are covering the absences as best as we can using other officers from other areas where we can, but we are now working to a huge work load for the whole of West Leeds with 3-4 officers and there will be some delays on responses, so I please ask if you could bear with us during this busy period.
12. Jonathan Kenyon is still helping us out with the Bawns with the ongoing issues with waste in gardens, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, contaminated bins, missed refuse collections etc. Jon has served enforcement letter on over 100 properties, and we are seeing some changes in behaviours, but there is still a lot of work to do and continue with to make a difference.
13. The new chargehand Sally- Anne Ridley has really settled in well and she has hit the ground running. She is very keen to help and make a difference to our zone which is a credit to her

hard work and determination. Russell Hirst our new assistant chargehand is now well on board with learning the new area and routes.

Street Cleansing

14. We have also completed some large cutting and ginnel jobs. De-leafing has been difficult at times due to staffing levels and breakdown of vehicles and plans to change and improve this for next year are in hand. It was my first de-leafing in the area, and I could see some changes to the maps were needed. The knowledge of the current team working within that area has been key.

15. I have inspected the area and visually noted streets and locations of importance; I have now arranged for the maps to be updated and I have added a lot of streets which were missing off the maps that needed to be swept. With the help and support of the Councillors and other local community groups letting me know of streets that needed to be swept we are in the final stages of completion.



Crimbles fly tipping



Fawcett Lane Fly tipping



Highfields Green
Willow tree cut back



Pudsey Leisure
Centre recycling

Enforcement

16. Enforcement Area officers are back to normal working hours and site visits, but we will still not be entering properties unless necessary. Our Enforcement Officers are working remotely and are at full capacity. We are hoping that we can get some temporary help to cover sickness and the heavy workloads that we are currently experiencing, and I have also had to take on a small case load to help them out as we are so busy.

17. We have had an increase of overgrown vegetation as it is that time of year and some localized fly-tipping which our officers are dealing with. It is hoped that now the bulky collections are now free again and this might help with seeing a reduction in the fly tipping.

18. We have started looking to plan in some road channel cleansing as we have the use of the Safety Light Vehicle for staff safety and protection while working on busy roads. We will be looking at the Owlcotes slip road and we will be planning the cleaning of the slip road in the next few weeks and then looking at the vegetation cut back later on in the year, when it starts dying back so we can get a better cut back.

19. If any members have any roads they want me to look at then please drop me an e-mail with the location, we will also be doing the Ring Road, Farnley near Matalan junction where the beck floods as this will also require the Safety Vehicle and staff to dig out the channels before sweeping.



Service information

- Stacey Rockcliffe leads the CNT Citywide: Stacey can be contacted on: stacey.rockcliffe@leeds.gov.uk tele: 07562 439 539
- Victoria Whalley is the West Area Manager: Victoria can be contacted on: victoria.whalley@leeds.gov.uk tele: 07891 279 600
- Sharron Almond is the Outer West Team Leader. Sharron has responsibility for street cleansing and enforcement. Sharron can be contacted on: sharron.almond@leeds.gov.uk tele: 07891 272746
- The Serious Environmental Crime Team (SECT) is managed by Chris Chamberlain who investigates and deals with fly tipping citywide. Sect@Leeds.gov.uk

Community work

20. We continue to support of the various Litter Free groups and their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by all the CNT team.

Gully Cleansing – Update from Eleanor Jordan (Highways Maintenance Area Officer (Drainage))

Number of Gullies City Wide – 148,748

Covid 19

21. Since my last update in January the Gully Cleansing Team has had most restrictions lifted. We continue to recommend any operative that tests positive for Covid-19 to remain at home, but this is no longer a legal requirement.

Staffing

22. Gully Cleansing currently has two vacancies, and one operative on a phased return to substantive duties following a lengthy period on light duties, as was medically recommended. This results in us currently having 85% of staff at work.

23. Since my last update we have recruited to the driver's position within the team, which immediately created an attendant vacancy. We interviewed for this attendant vacancy last week and unfortunately the successful candidate has since given back-word, so we need to readvertise.

24. The second attendant vacancy has only recently become available, with the existing employee using annual leave accrued to see out his notice period. This vacancy is currently in the Talent Pool to see if there are any appropriate candidates already working for the Authority. Assuming no suitable candidates are found the advert will go live for both posts, with a view to hold interviews held in June.

Cyclical Clean

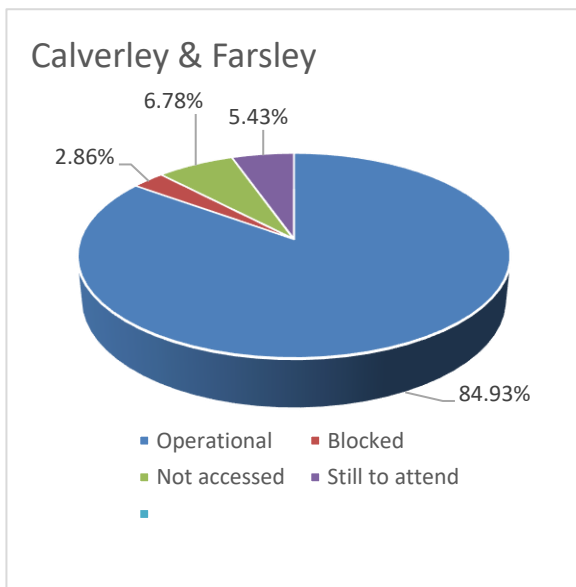
25. We managed to deliver the third cycle by the end of March, and then spent the following four weeks "mopping up", meaning we attempted to service those locations where access has previously been restricted by parked vehicles or roadworks. The new cycle (Cycle 4) commenced on 3rd May and we are already wrapping up those first two wards, of which Calverley & Farsley is one of. The figures for Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley depict how those wards ended the third cycle.

Ward Updates

Calverley & Farsley – 4,439 gullies

26. This ward is currently being serviced in Cycle 4.

Of the 2.86% (99 gullies) blocked:

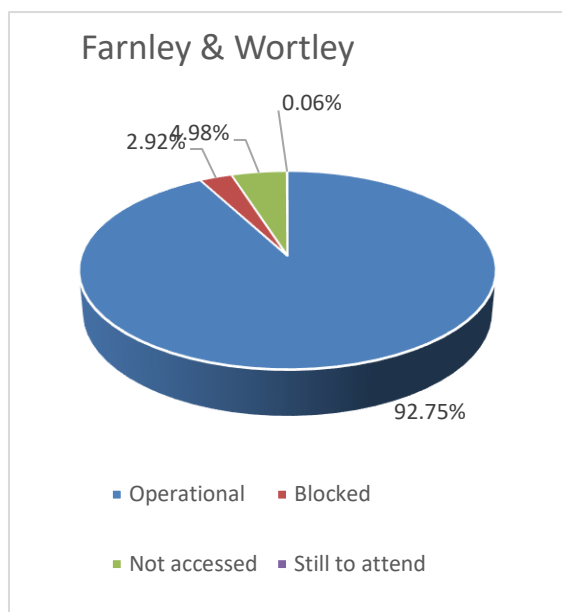


Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	8	1	9
Cover replacement	0	1	1
External problem report	5	0	5
Hedge cutting	1	0	1
Investigate	76	18	94
Jetting	0	7	7
Main line clean	1	0	1
Pot design change	4	0	4
Refer to client	1	0	1
Release lid	0	2	2
Root cutting	0	1	1

27. Whilst the number of blocked gullies seems quite high, this is because our contractor hasn't yet visited all of those that require an investigative jet as they have been on other works. This figure should recede once the contractor has attended.

Farnley & Wortley – 4,648 gullies

28. The figures shown below relate to status of gullies at the end of Cycle 3.

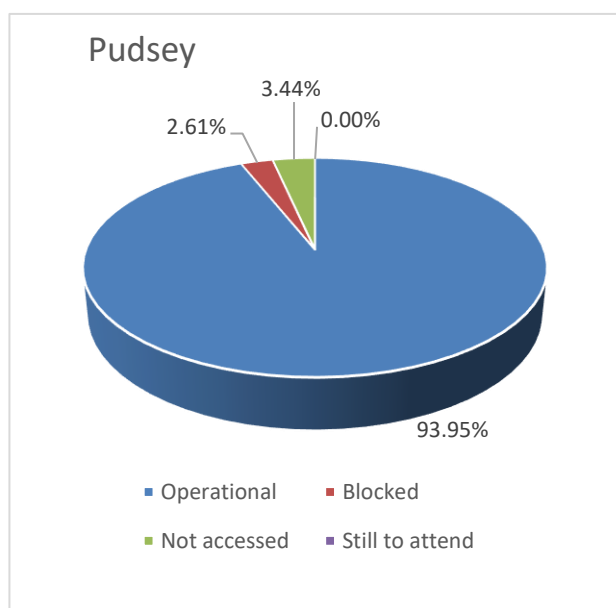


Of the 2.92% (130 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	8	1	9
Connection excavation	59	6	65
Cover replacement	0	2	2
External problem report	4	1	5
Investigate	4	23	27
Main line clean	0	3	3
Pot design change	3	2	5
Rectify unknown fault	13	0	13
Root cutting	1	0	1

Pudsey – 3,635

29. The figures shown below relate to status of gullies at the end of Cycle 3.



Of the 2.61% (95 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	4	1	5
Connection excavation	46	5	51
Cover replacement	0	1	1
Dig out	0	1	1
External problem report	10	1	11
Investigate	2	3	5
Main line clean	3	1	4
Pot design change	8	1	9
Rectify unknown fault	3	0	3
Refer to client	0	2	2
Root cutting	3	0	3

30. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Update from Jon Hindley (Public Health)

Covid-19 Update

31. As the pandemic slowly subsides and we return to some semblance of normality, coronavirus continues to impact our more vulnerable constituents in local wards with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Leeds City Council, Third Sector Organisations, Volunteers and Elected Members encouraging those who have not done so to take up the offer of a free Covid-19 vaccination.

Advice on where to get a Covid-19 vaccination in Leeds can be found here:

- <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics/>
How to stay safe in Leeds and advice on any support required can be found here.
- <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Living with Obesity: Children-Young People-Families (Adults)

32. As difficult as it has been to move onto other priority topics during the coronavirus epidemic Public Health Officers, Local Care Partnerships and Third Sector organisations are starting to plan an obesity strategy in local wards where there are deprived local neighbourhoods, such as Farnley & Wortley.

Context

33. This is a project lead by Leeds City Council Public Health Locality and Primary Care Team in the West, East and South of the city within the 10% most deprived electoral wards where it is felt appropriate.

34. Public Health Needs Assessments have identified obesity in local populations as a significant health issue of increasing severity across all deprived wards.

- 1 in 10 children in reception are obese which increases to
- 1 in 5 children in year 6 (10-11 years old)

35. We are combining forces and resources to replicate a shared work programme across the city with fellow Public Health Officers and Partners. We want to collaborate to benefit from synergy, economies of scale and joint funding to achieve our objectives.

Pandemic

36. We know through our work with the support hubs across the city it is our poorest citizens who have suffered the most in terms of health, poverty, and disadvantage due to the wider social determinants of health. They are most likely to be sedentary, have low levels of fitness, struggle with weight management and have had many of their problems amplified by the coronavirus pandemic. Covid-19 lockdowns have impacted on local resident's physical activity levels as many opportunities became unavailable. High consumption of

cheap and poor-quality food stuffs high in fat and sugar has increased. Motivation to live a healthy lifestyle has deteriorated through low mood and declining emotional health.

Partners

37. Colleagues are essential for this long-term plan to succeed. Public Health recognise how much quality work is currently being undertaken. Our first and most important question will be *“How can we help you recruit local people into your activities?”*

38. We will all be working with GPs, Weight Management Organisations, relevant Commissioned Services, Statutory organisations, Local Charities, Sports Clubs (Professional & Amateur) GPs, Local Care Partnerships, Public Health Departments, Schools, Universities, Councillors, and many more interested parties.

Pragmatism: How we work

39. We understand a ‘whole system approach’ is required. We will list the city-wide plans and their leads in case they are of use to practitioners in their weight management work in terms of referral, signposting, support, and advice.

40. However, we want to narrow our approach to primarily focus on filling gaps where we identify them in provision. We will revisit these at six monthly intervals. This may be for example free healthy living activities outside of school time such as locally based cooking sessions. We will look to secure funding for these.

41. We will specifically focus in a practical way on filling gaps in provision. A strong example of this is increasing the number of healthy eating and cooking sessions available to families such as HENRY (Healthy Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young) and other appropriate healthy living interventions such as Flourishing Families.

42. We want to examine the food environment and where local families shop and support them to access affordable healthy food on a weekly basis.

43. We have produced a ward directory for GPs, Social Prescribers and Clinical Weight Management services can refer into.

44. To obtain a copy of the weight management directory please see below. For more information, please contact Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

Training for those delivering Healthy Cooking and Physical Activity Sessions

45. If local providers wish to run the above to support local residents then there is guidance and training available.

46. Please find below the latest training webinar available for partners delivering food and or physical activity sessions. These sessions are an interim measure until we can get back to

full day face to face sessions. The sessions last for 90 mins and will be delivered via Teams. The webinar will cover:

- Refresher on the Making Every Contact Count approach
- Eating Well Key Messages
- Moving More Key Messages
- Food Hygiene Key Messages

47. By the end of the session participants should have an increase understanding of the principles of healthy eating, safe food practices and the importance of being physically active. For further details or to book a place please contact Charlotte Charlotte.Abbott2@leeds.gov.uk

Housing Advisory Panel – Update from Rukhsana Mahmood (Neighbourhood Officer – Tenant Engagement)

48. The aim of the HAP panel is:

- To use HAP funds to support a range of community and environmental projects in line with the Council and local priorities.
- To work closely with local housing and other council teams to help review and monitor the delivery of local services and help shape services that meet the local community's needs.

49. The OW HAP is part of a wider Tenant Engagement Framework and one of the ways Housing Leeds involve tenants. Within the Regulatory Framework the 'Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard' requires all social housing providers give tenants a 'wide range of opportunities to influence ' and be 'involved in the formulation of their landlord's housing related policies', and the making of decisions about how housing related services are delivered'.

50. OW HAP has continued to play an important role in supporting communities impacted by COVID and prioritising funding application that help community groups and community activity in response.

51. The OW HAP continues its approach of welcoming shorter applications for lower amounts of funding for this financial year.

Membership

52. The panel has 7 tenant members with 4 tenant vacancies at present. There are ward members representing each ward in the area, these are Councillor Trish Smith (Pudsey), Councillor Andrew Carter (Calverley & Farsley) and there is a vacancy for Farnley & Wortley.

HAP priorities

53. The current HAP priorities are outlined below:

- To enhance the environmental appearance of neighbourhoods including those that address littering, dog fouling and overgrown shrubs & trees
- To support projects that give tenants an overall better quality of life in terms of health & wellbeing including mental health & social isolation
- To support community cohesion projects and engagement projects that address social problems i.e. ASB, burglary, drugs, and domestic violence
- To support projects that assist tenants affected by Universal Credit and other welfare reforms, budgeting, numeracy & literacy skills, jobs, and skills projects

Meetings

54. The last HAP meeting was held face to face as requested by the panel.

Your Voice Leeds

55. A presentation on Your Voice Leeds was delivered at the last HAP meeting on how to access the HAP members webpage.

Outer West HAP funding spend for the year 2021-22

56. The total budget for 2021-22 was £46,929.20 which included a carryover of £9,582.11 from the previous year. The total budget spent at the end of the financial year was £46,766.76 with a balance of £162.44 remaining which was be carried over into next year's budget.

57. The Outer West HAP funded a total of 23 projects in the financial year 2021-22.

Outer West HAP funding spend for the year 2022-23

58. The budget for 2022-23 is £37,192.46 plus the underspend of £162.44 from the previous year therefor total HAP budget for 2022-23 is £37,354.90 which includes the underspend from the previous year of £162.44

59. Projects that were approved for this financial year 2022-23

- Green guardians' scheme – gardening project for vulnerable tenant
- Crimbles Court Retirement Life scheme TV & Bracket
- Crimbles Court Retirement Life Queens Platinum Celebration event

60. The Outer West HAP will continue to help support and raise awareness about future Community Committee activity, work with officers to explore joint funding opportunities to tackle joint priorities and help the Committee with community engagement.

Housing Team – Update from Sophie Roberts (Housing Manager – Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley)

61. The teams have scheduled their first walkabouts for the year. The first walkabouts are due to take place between May and June, ward members will receive invites for these walkabouts and feedback will be provided once the walkabouts have been completed.
62. In light of the walkabouts starting again the team has recently had training from our colleagues in Parks and Countryside. The training was about the grounds maintenance and the grass cutting contract. This gave the team a greater understanding of what is included in the contract and how to escalate any issues surrounding grounds maintenance. The team are also regularly receiving issues about preventing grass cutting taking place, for example parked cars etc. This allows them to resolve any issues to ensure grass continues to be cut.
63. In light of the new financial year the team has been asked to try and identify any projects which they feel may benefit the patches which they manage. Arrangements are going to be made for an officer from localities to discuss Community Committee and funding available, this will provide possibilities of larger scale projects that may be match funded via the Housing Advisory Panel.
64. The ground source heat pump work at Rycroft Tower blocks is well under way. The Housing Officer has been working closely with our colleagues from planned works to resolve any issues as they arise. The team are making good progress with the works and most residents have been happy with the works. The Housing Officer attends regular progress meetings.
65. The team are working well with the LASBT officer, they have excellent working relations often resulting in positive outcomes. A joint meeting is held every six weeks to discuss cases, this gives opportunity to problem solve cases. The Housing Manager attends six weekly tasking meetings with local neighbourhood policing team, the Housing Officers feed into the meetings if there any particular issues they want to be raised.
66. The annual tenancy check-in (formerly called the Annual Tenancy Visit) has just been relaunched. A tranche of priority visits has been identified, made up of under 19's, over 75's (tenants in retirement life schemes will be visited by retirement life staff) and particularly vulnerable tenants and these will be visited first. Once the priority visits are completed we will then be visiting in order of the last visit.

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

67. The Wortley Housing Team continue to work from home but are now remobilised meaning Housing Officers are out on the patches they manage on a weekly basis. Wortley / Pudsey Office has opened for staff to work from.
68. The ASB in the Heights East and West has calmed down and the Mobile Patrols have been withdrawn but can be requested if the ASB starts again, however, a Closure Order was

granted a period of 3 months. It will be placed on Police systems and officers will be briefed that this is now in place.

69. A request has been made and approved for the Mobile Patrols to be transferred to Gamble Hill Grange due to an increase in reported ASB/Nuisance issues.
70. 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.
71. Quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4 walkabouts were completed. For 2022/2023 Housing Officers will be undertaking 2 annual Walkabouts with the ability, if required, to undertake additional Walkabouts should Members want them. Green guardian scheme continues in the Bawns and Heights.
72. We are now making referrals to the Skill Mill, a social enterprise providing entry level training and employment for young people by giving them the opportunity to work as part of a team and build up their life and work skills.
73. The Mobile HUB visited the Office on the 20/04/2022 and several staff had a look around the bus and chatted with the officers working – flyers were provided, and these are to be given to tenants to make them aware of the services available. A flyer is on the Heights Drive office door promoting the service.
74. Block inspections/sweeps continue to take place with a monthly audit to identify any training needs.
75. Whincover Drive Garage Site - the garages are now all in VOID, fenced off and secure. Panel meeting scheduled for the approval of demolition, and it is booked for the 10th of May.
76. Jonathan Kenyon, Environmental Action Officer, has been working with Jonathan Wakefield, Housing Officer, to tackle the messy garden, waste, fly tipping issues. There is a new Housing Officer on the patch, and they have been shown around the area and briefed on these issues.
77. The knee-high fencing has been effected on Amberley Gardens to prevent vehicles parking on the area.
78. Farrow Bank garages – we are assessing demand after significant damage. If no demand, we can either publicise and if demand is forthcoming work with Margarita Orbeladze Project Officer to get them back into a letterable condition.
79. Staff continue to report fly tipping, graffiti removal and potholes, with several quick wins observed, i.e., green space behind the Heights Drive shops.

80. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East and The Heights West has been investigated with process submitted and start date expected March/April 2022. There is an issue with two SORN vehicles in the car park and we are trying to locate the owners.

81. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Service Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting the projects to HAP for consideration and we expect that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

CCTV – Update from Kelly Woods (Performance and Relationship Officer – Leedswatch)

Introduction

82. The Leedswatch service is currently undergoing a review which is looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room and effectiveness of its cameras.

83. The review is also to include a reporting strand which will serve to agree the way forward to provide information regarding CCTV to Councillors and Partners.

84. This update covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Outer West area committee area, for quarter 1 2022/2023.

85. At the current date, the Outer West Community fund a total of 11 cameras covering the Outer West area.

Information Sharing

86. The introduction of the GDPR 2018 regulations reviewed the area of information sharing and therefore restricted the detail of what can be provided. As a result, the content of this report may not have the detail of specific incidents previously reported but provides a summary of the types of incidents within the area.

Incidents captured by CCTV operators:

Qtr. 1 – Outer West Cameras incidents (1st March – 20th May 2022)					
	March	April	March	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation				Alarm Activation	
Animals	2		1	Animals	3
ASB		1	2	ASB	3
Health & Safety	1	1		Health & Safety	2
Police Operation	4	3	2	Police Operation	9
Public Order		2	1	Public Order	3
Road Traffic	1	1	1	Road Traffic	3
Total Per Month	8	8	7	Total sum of incidents	23

87. CCTV also contributes towards police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed “real time”. These incidents are not included in this report but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Outer West Area.

88. Following the recent announcement of the new Full Fibre Network provider being awarded to BT work will now commence to upgrade all CCTV cameras from analogue to digital. This will significantly improve the image quality and increased effectiveness of cameras in the ward.

Requests for new Cameras

89. The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them.

90. Following changes to data protection legislation the council needs to ensure that all its CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner’s recommendations to ensure there are no data breaches (this includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.).

91. A dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council. The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

Updates from Key Services:

Outer West Community Hubs – Update from Jason Newman (Community Hubs Manager)

92. The service now feels as if it has returned to normal following the pandemic and we are really pleased to be making such a difference to the lives of our customers.

93. Customers are now accessing all our hub services in person and we have a number of partners doing surgeries within the hubs including, kinship care, PCSO's and Money Buddies.

94. Customers have welcomed the recent work on Pudsey community hub which provided new display shelves as you enter and a replacement hub desk.

95. We are looking forward to hosting jubilee celebrations in each of our hubs with bunting workshops, community jigsaws and afternoon teas at each of the sites. Calverley and Farsley's afternoon tea will take place on Monday 30th May and Pudsey's on Wednesday 1st June.

96. The pop-up job shop each Monday at Pudsey community hub continues to go from strength to strength and has had success in helping people back into work.

97. We continue with our regular events with each hub hosting weekly story time and digital drop ins where our librarian team are on hand to provide advice and assistance on all things digital. We have also launched a monthly social group at Pudsey.

98. The service has also launched a 'times are hard' campaign using the money information centre website, letting customers know in what ways the hubs can help and advertising all the free activities that are on offer.

Community Centres

Swinnow Community Centre – Update from Yvonne Allman (Centre Manager)

99. Swinnow Community Centre has been very active over the last few months, and is currently offering the following programme of events:

- **Monday to Thursday** - Prince's Trust 9.30am / 3pm 16/25 years
- **Monday** – Karate 6.30/7.30 pm 6yrs/Adult
- **Tuesday** – Play Day 3pm to 5pm, Clubsize 6.30pm Adults
- **Wednesday** – Leeds City Council Youth Group / Cooking Group 3.30pm / 5.30pm 11/14 yrs. Irish Dancing, 13years to Adults, 6pm to 7pm
- **Thursday** – Play Day 3pm to 5pm, I.P.T.C Theatre Group 5pm/6pm kids 8/15yrs, 6.15pm/7.15pm Adults
- **Fridays** – Dinky Club 9am/10.30am 0/5yrs, Making a Difference 11.30am to 2pm adult job club (25year upwards), Freedom Friday Games night 6.30pm to 8.30pm 8/ 16yrs
- **Saturday** – Irish Dancing 2/4yrs 9.30am/ 10am, 4yrs upwards 10.15am/11am
- Saturday 4th June 12pm until 5pm Jubilee Celebration

Farnley Community Centre – Update from Peter Allison (Chair of Committee)

100. I am pleased to be able to provide an update on events at Farnley Community Centre since my last report at the beginning of the year.

101. Although it has only been five months, the centre has been a flurry of activity, with plans to enhance the offering and support only further to its community.

102. In what can only be described as a shocking sequence of events that unravelled in Ukraine, the committee responded to the crisis by accepting donations, including food, bedding, clothes, medical supplies etc., to be sent to Ukraine. The appeal was overwhelmingly supported by the immediate and surrounding communities, with several tonnes of aid donated. With support from our community, we were able to sort the aid ready for export.

103. A further appeal was launched to raise funds of £1,500.00 to cover costs of export as it was decided that Peter Allison, the Chair, would drive the aid directly to the Ukraine border in the north of Romania (Siret) to deliver it directly to the most deprived and needed areas of the refugee influx. £1,570.00 was raised, and 3.5 tonnes of essential aid was delivered directly to the needed area.

104. Consequently, because of this appeal, we were left with tons of clothing leftover that we could not get exported due to the difficulties in shipping at the time. As a result, we decided that we could utilise the leftover clothing to both support Ukraine and our community.
105. As such, we held a clothing sale at the centre. We sold carrier bags for £1 each, and they could take their pick of whatever they wanted. The outcome was the sale of £236 bags worth of clothing to help support those most in need in the community and the funds paid to the DEC Ukraine appeal.
106. On the 12th of April, we gratefully teamed up with Your Backyard to hold a family activity day. The day started with the centre hosting a breakfast club (9-11am), where we saw families attend for an opportunity to have a free meal during the school holidays. The activity day kicked off at 11am and was run through until 3pm. Although the weather wasn't on our side, it didn't detract from the fun that was had on the day with various sporting activities, including football, multi-sports, DAZL etc.
107. The age ranges of attendees were diverse, with those from 3 years old to 15 years old and parents alike taking part. It really was the pinnacle of a family fun day!
108. Saturday 16th of April, we hosted another free event celebrating Easter. This event had 150 children attend on the day to receive their free Easter egg following the Easter Trail. Activities included hook a duck, arts & crafts, pin the tail on the bunny, mini-disco, refreshments, cakes & buns etc. The feedback was positive, and it is planned that events such as this become a regular occurrence to bring activities to our communities.
109. A further family activity day has been scheduled for the start of the 6-week school holidays. We will look to see how we can further support families during the school holidays with activities and/or breakfast clubs etc.
110. Discussions are currently in place to establish a food bank from the Community Centre working alongside Leeds North & West Food Bank.
111. Funding applications are in place to try and raise £5000 to assist in setting up and obtaining a storage container to be able to operate & store the food.
112. We see this as an immediate priority to get established given the current cost of living crisis and austerity and deprivation within pockets of Farnley & Wortley.
113. Further discussions have been held with Housing about the hopes of running a community hub and housing repair services alongside the foodbank and Money Buddies on the yet to be confirmed and allocated day.
114. Superfast Broadband has now been ordered and is due to be imminently installed, which will then give visitors to the centre free Wi-Fi access.

115. Two new PCs have also been donated to the centre and will be accessible to the public to enable them access to the internet, the ability to write letters & emails etc. IT support will be offered by Peter Allison to those who may otherwise struggle with computer literacy to ensure that everyone has equal access.
116. An initial National Lottery application has been submitted for £250,000 to be able to re-develop and refurbish what is now becoming a well-used centre. Still, it requires investment to enable the centre to grow and be able to support its community and its offerings further.
117. An update to our previous statement in January regarding the Youth Service is that we are pleased that the two age ranges (Juniors 10-13 & Seniors 14+) are now being conducted. This split has been highly influential, giving both age ranges the opportunity to socialise with peers of similar ages, with more aptly appropriate activities for the group. The feedback from the youths has been positive, and attendance has remained consistently high across the Friday evening sessions.
118. Whilst the new committee has only been formed since early December 2021, massive progress has been made to bring the community centre back into its community, although further work is needed. The centre's turnaround is undoubtedly in its infancy, but future prospects look promising.

Community Engagement: Social Media

119. **Appendix 1 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with the latest information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page.
120. The report covers the last 4 months 1st Feb 2022 to 31st May 2022. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of 1,351.

YAF Online Consultation Results

121. The Youth Activity Fund online consultation survey ran from November 2021 and stayed open until the 31st March 2022, where all feedback from young people was collated and fed into the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Outer West Community Committee. The results will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend for 2022-23.
122. The Outer West Community Committee received 115 survey responses to the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey. This result sees an increase of 85% on the number of responses from last year 2020-21.

123. In summary, the consultation surveys submitted by young people in the Outer West Community Committee area suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2022/23:

- A. Youth activities on offer in indoor venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres, as well as activities delivered outdoors.
- B. Majority of provision taking place locally, rather than away from the area.
- C. Youth activities made available in the summer holidays, weekends, and after school.
- D. Ensure opportunities to make new friends, learn something new, and be active.
- E. Popular activities included:
 - Sports
 - Youth Clubs
 - Outdoor Adventures
 - Dance (Other activities mentioned: Music, Cooking, Coding, Mixed Activity Fun Days)

124. It is recommended that any projects funded by the Outer West Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on these key themes and activities in 2022/23.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

126. 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

127. 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

128. 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

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

Risk Management

130. 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

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

Recommendations

132. The Community Committee is asked to make a decision on representatives for the Outer West Community Committee Sub-Group, as outlined in the table in paragraph 4.

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

Background documents¹

134. 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.