

Leeds Community Committees Annual Report 2021/22



“Bringing people together to make a difference for local people and their communities”

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Welcome: Councillor Mary Harland

We are immensely proud of the work our 10 Community Committees continue to do for the residents of Leeds. This work has continued throughout the past year, despite the ongoing impact and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Committees have once again, responded proactively in response to COVID-19: listening to all our communities throughout the city and allocating resources and funding where it has been most needed during the pandemic, helping to protect the most vulnerable, helping to keep people safe from harm, assisting people with financial hardship and helping tackle social isolation and inequality. This work continues to be vitally important with a cost of living crisis affecting Leeds' most vulnerable residents.

The commitment to locality based working has been demonstrated once again over the course of the last 12 months in the broad range of projects that the Community Committees have funded, spending nearly £1.8 million in 2021/22, totalling just under 500 separate grants that were provided to local grass route organisations, voluntary groups and charities, to tackle the immediate and specific needs of our communities. Our Community Committees have also played an essential role in providing a responsive information service to all our diverse communities in the city, by being a key source of reliable and up to date information.

The Community Committees continue to work with many partners from different sectors to meet the needs of our communities and the challenge now as we look ahead to next year and the recovery phase of COVID-19, is how we continue to do this successfully despite the significant challenges that the pandemic has provided. Our work may need to be delivered differently but the Community Committees will continue to work hard to ensure that every voice is heard and that we are making a positive impact on all our local communities in Leeds.



Councillor Mary Harland

Executive Member for Communities



Spending Money Locally

Community Committees play an important role in understanding and addressing issues of concern to local people. One of the many ways they do this is by funding projects that address local priorities.

In 2021/22, as in 2020/21, this was once again even more apparent as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect Leeds. With it came some very specific and immediate needs for our communities; challenges that the Community Committees aimed to address by funding much needed projects that tackled the immediate effects of the pandemic in each of the 33 wards in the city.

At the start of each year, every committee is allocated a dedicated sum of money known as the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund. This money is provided for local projects and activities and can often be increased through match funding from other sources.



Inner East

Bags of Joy

The Inner East Community Committee approved £3,000 for the 500 Bags of Joy Project, which was managed by The Old Fire Station, Space2 and the East Leeds Project. The brown bags were all reusable and environmentally friendly and provided by Freedom 4 Girls, thus linking with the core Leeds City Council ambition of being carbon neutral by reducing our impact on the planet.

The contents of the bags included a craft activity produced by local designers Buttercrumble, which encouraged people to create their own environmentally friendly Christmas decoration. Also included in the bags were; a wicker star, crochet heart and leather key ring, which were all made at 3 different workshops held in the community. A selection box provided via Child Friendly Leeds completed the contents of the bags. A sticker and a postcard were also placed in the bags to help explain the story behind the gift and the organisations involved in its production.

The teams worked together with regular meetings to oversee the progress of the project throughout the time period, with bags put together by a team of 8 volunteers in November 2021 at The Church of The Epiphany, who then stored the completed bags until they were ready to be collected by the organisations distributing them. The bags were distributed at the start of December, in time for Christmas activities and food parcel deliveries, with some given specifically to vulnerable young people.

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Inner South

Champions Soccer Saturday

The Inner South Community Committee awarded nearly £2,400 to the Champions Community Sport and Health Community Interest Company for their Champions Soccer Saturday Project. The project operated in one of the most deprived and diverse areas of Leeds, offering free football sessions to families who did not have disposable income to join the more traditional sports clubs.

As many of the attendees were from very low income families who could not afford membership fees, the project worked closely with local schools to recruit new members. 50 sessions were carried out during the length of the project, with many of the families in attendance coming from a number of ethnic minority groups, from all 3 wards in the Inner South Community Committee area. During the course of the project attendees increased from 41 to 155, a 378% increase in total, with an average of 50 people attending each session that took place. Over the 50 sessions in total over 1588 people took part in the Saturday morning sports sessions.

The project also had some unexpected outcomes, as what started out as a free community football class grew in many other ways, forging alliances that are imperative to the growth of any community project. The project initially approached the local Foodbank to provide snacks for its members, as many children were arriving hungry to the sessions. Through making connections, the Foodbank donated 'goody' bags and still continues to donate selection boxes at Christmas and Easter Eggs at Easter, which are distributed amongst the most deprived and low income families.

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Inner West

Leeds Money Buddies

The Inner West Community Committee awarded £1,0875 to Burmantofts Community Projects for their Leeds Money Buddies Project. This funding was used to provide a Money Buddy service in the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards, some of the most disadvantaged communities in Leeds.

Money Buddies provide a handholding, empowerment, emergency debt advice and financial capability service to the public. This aims to stabilise service user's finances, maximise income, improve money skills and develop confidence with money, which ultimately improves health and well-being. As such the project connects with the core Leeds City Council Best City Ambition, Health & Wellbeing, where "Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for everyone, where those who are most likely to experience poverty improve their mental and physical health the fastest, people are living healthy lives for longer and are supported to thrive from early years to later life".

In total, 55 Money Buddy sessions took place in the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards in 2021/22, helping a total of 164 clients in the year to claim benefits, manage debts, make food bank referrals and access fuel vouchers. Over £82,000 was claimed in benefits and over £300,000 of debt was managed or 'written off'. This service enables families to pay for other essentials such as food and rent and can make a positive difference to family relationships.

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Inner North East

Interact Food Pantry

The Inner North East Community Committee awarded funding of £4,885 towards the Pantry Project, which is run by volunteers. The Pantry differs from conventional food banks as it is not a crisis food provision, instead being a community membership food club, run by and for its members. Residents are at the heart of all decision making about food provision at The Pantry.

Community residents pay to become a member and in return choose a minimum of 10 food items worth around 5 times what they pay. Residents pay £3.50 per week whilst they are members and can choose food items worth between £10 and £15, thus saving up to £600 a year.

Those who are vulnerable and in need of The Pantry's services the most, receive much needed food security and the support of a reliable and good quality food resource at minimal cost. The project also improves health outcomes, as it develops emotional wellbeing and social inclusion by acting as a community hub and bringing people together, particularly around the consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables and social eating and as such links in to Leeds City's Council Health & Wellbeing Best City Ambition to be "a healthy and caring city for everyone, where those who are most likely to experience poverty improve their mental and physical health the fastest, people are living healthy lives for longer and are supported to thrive from early years to later life".

The project also helps to increase skills, training and future employment prospects for members, by offering residents work experience opportunities. Volunteer roles include administration tasks, stock taking, using a till, customer service and food collection, all supported by the InterACT Team at the Meanwood Community Centre.

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Inner North West

Dress for Success

The Inner North West Community Committee awarded £500 towards the Dress for Success Project, linking in to one of the core Leeds City Council Best City Ambitions of Inclusive Growth. The project was a collaboration between the Community Committee and Leeds City Council Jobshop Team based at Merrion House.

For residents who were determined to access and sustain employment, a lack of money to buy new clothes for employment was a challenge that they faced when entering the labour market. The Jobshop Team understood that long term poverty and benefit dependency had left many people with little in terms of interview or work clothing. Even where a work uniform was provided by an employer, a barrier still remained as footwear, or other clothing was still needed.

The Jobshop Team received a small pot of funding to start the project, initially focusing on customers that they were already working closely with. The team approached retailers with a view to purchasing gift cards which the customers could then use to purchase their own unique items. It was the simplicity of this project that made it a success and “made the clients feel special”.

The strength of the relationships between the customers and the team ensured its success and the team are now hoping to replicate the project in other inner city wards in Leeds.

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Outer East

Youth Services

The Outer East Community Committee awarded over £14,958 to Leeds City Council to deliver Breeze Events across all 4 wards in the Outer East area. In 2020/21, Breeze In The Park introduced a bigger version of the more popular known Mini Breeze Event, bringing the inflatable and activity festival along, in recognition of the fact that young people and families were looking for something more active to do, particularly after the challenges of COVID-19.

The 4 venues the events were delivered at were: Manston Park, Glebelands Recreation Park, Kippax Common Playing Fields and Primrose Valley Park. They involved a real partnership and collaborative approach, supported by Stronger Families, Leeds Community Healthcare, Eco Friendly Garforth and Together for Peace, Humankinds, Health for All, Cross Gates and District Good Neighbours Scheme, Teen Connect and Safe Zone, Foster 4 Leeds, as well as the Communities Team who also carried out valuable consultation with young people on priorities for spend via the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund in 2022/23.

During the day there was activities for all age ranges in a number of zones, including the Arts Zone, Play Zone, Sports Zone and Music Zone, with the addition of some small funfair rides. The events reached their capacity, with 900 young people in attendance and were a great success, with lots of really positive feedback from young people and parents/carers alike.

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Outer South

Youth Service Environmental Work

Young people across the Outer South Community Committee area focused on their local environment in 2021/22, with a variety of youth groups engaged in making the environment safer, cleaner and greener for the local community. Groups were assisted by the committee who provided funding for local activities that linked into the core Leeds City Council ambitions of being carbon neutral; “reducing our impact on the planet and health & wellbeing; to be a healthy and caring city for everyone”.

The Outer South Youth Matters Group worked with young people to litter pick in local parks at Smithy Lane, Dartmouth Park, Lewisham Park & Hembrigg Park. The group also focused on reducing dog fouling, as they designed posters that were used in the parks. Young people also collected apples from the orchard in Robin Hood and distributed these to local foodbanks.

Tingley Transition Group worked with young people to grow their own food, including potatoes, peas, beetroot, lettuce and chilli's, as well as a plum tree, 2 apple trees and a pear tree. Once products were ready to be harvested the group members made them into meals for everyone.

St Gabriel's Youth Club worked in their community garden, weeding and cutting back hedges that made the outside of the building look better and Teen Green members learned how to look after fruit trees, as well as making new beds to plant in allotments and learning how to make compost heaps and creating organic fertiliser.

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Outer West

Raising Aspirations

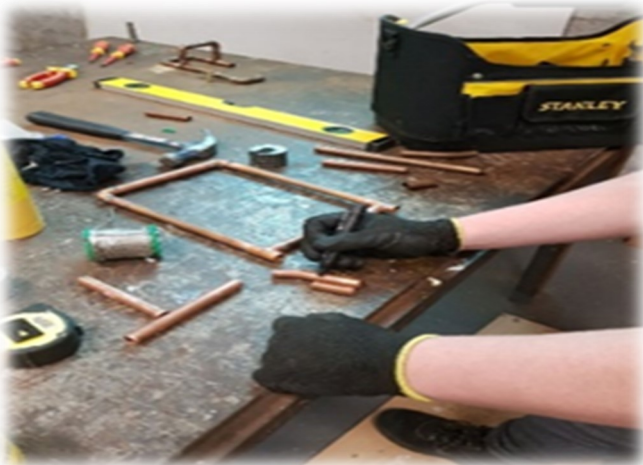
Throughout 2021-22, the Outer West Community Committee placed emphasis not only on making Outer West a vibrant place to live but also on encouraging local people to be the best they can be.

A wellbeing Grant project that epitomised this approach was the 'Rock up to do a Mock-up' sessions ran by Building Futures Together. Covering all wards in the Outer West, the initiative provided support for employability amongst young people, especially those at risk of being drawn into anti-social behaviour and those seeking employment after criminal justice. Within a live business setting, participants learned skills of the building industry through hands-on activities including plumbing, electrical work and joinery. These sessions proved highly popular with all sessions very well attended.

The project delivered inclusive growth by placing young people at the centre of skills-based learning, which in turn will benefit businesses in the local area. Following the success of the programme, one of the participants was taken on by the host organisation as an apprentice, because of new skills developed and attitude to development shown.

The Youth Activity Fund was also utilised in Outer West to focus on skills and learning, one example being the 'Beats on the Street' Project, delivered by The Music Box in Pudsey. With an aim of tackling anti-social behaviour, this project ran workshops on urban music and visual arts, to engage a younger audience. Participants learned how to Beat-Box, mix music, write lyrics, and produce graffiti art. Young people who attended the sessions highlighted the benefits of having a safe space to meet new friends and learn new skills.

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Outer North East

Environmental and Climate Change Projects

The Outer North East Community Committee awarded a total of £22,000 towards projects which had a positive impact on biodiversity, climate change and the health and wellbeing of their residents.

The Millennium Green Wellbeing, Thorner Pollinators and Information Board, Scholes Lodge Field Bulb and Wildflower Meadow and Wyke Ridge in Bloom Tools projects recognised the importance of being outdoors and surrounded by the natural environment. The projects in particular acknowledged the fact that 'green environments' reduce levels of depression, anxiety, isolation and loneliness, thus increasing emotional and physical wellbeing.

By improving communal areas through horticultural projects, the projects also helped to create a sense of pride and spirit by bringing communities together to work collectively. Several partners were also involved in making the projects a success, including Parish Councils, Elected Members and various services in Leeds City Council such as Parks & Countryside and the Communities Team.

Projects funded helped to increase levels of biodiversity through planting varieties of native and more sensitive climate changing shrubs and annual plants, to attract pollinators and other insects. Once flowers were in bloom, they helped also 'beautify' the area.

Wetherby Councillors also contributed £10,000 towards reducing the carbon footprint of Boston Spa Village Hall via its renovations project, ensuring that residents and groups benefitted from a village hall that was better insulated, more effectively heated and ventilated, with more efficient lighting.

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Outer North West

West Yorkshire Police Football Project

The Outer North West Community Committee approved £4,518 for the West Yorkshire Police Football Project. West Yorkshire Police worked in partnership with Guiseley Community Foundation to run 6 Level 1 Sports Leaders Courses at Guiseley Football Club.

The aim of the project was to address the lack of community cohesion felt by some young people, who had expressed feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, thus the project linked into the council's health and wellbeing strategy.

The 6 week programme consisted of both sports theory and practical work, delivered in 4 hour sessions every week. Each session focused on how to coach football and emphasised the leadership skills, as well as the team working and communication skills also needed. This resulted in a nationally recognised award of Level 1 Sports Leaders, which could be used towards future apprenticeship opportunities.

The project engaged with 38 young people (target was 36), guiding them towards higher levels of self-esteem, as well as teaching self-restraint, anger management and respect for the local community.

Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers acted as students for the young people to practice what they had learned, with staff also delivering more intensive 1:1 sessions, where literacy was a challenge. This served as a really useful engagement tool with some young people who were 'difficult to reach' and has formed some trusted relationships, with the project resulting in a clear improvement in anti social behaviour in the local community.

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Community Voice and Influence

Youth Summits

Youth Summits are an opportunity for young people aged 8-17 years living in Leeds to learn about local democracy and influence decision making by taking part in a consultation exercise that informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund budget spend for the following year.

Building on our commitment to engage and involve children and young people in decision making in their own communities, young people have once again been involved in choosing which activities should be supported by the Community Committees' Youth Activity Fund in 2022/23, albeit in a slightly different way as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As Youth Summits could not be delivered in their normal manner, Community Committees agreed that because of COVID-19, an online consultation survey on budget spend priorities would be coordinated across the city, as was also the case the previous year. Capturing this feedback would ensure that young people were still able to inform the Youth Activity Fund spend for each committee in 2022/23 and in this respect the survey would produce the same outcome as a physical Youth Summit.

Promotion of the survey was publicised far and wide across the Community Committee areas, with information being posted on the Community Committees Facebook pages, publicity being sent out to all school & cluster contacts, youth groups and any other organisations that are funded, or work with young people in the Community Committee areas, as well as being circulated to local Councillors and the committees mailing lists.

Although things were done differently once again, the online consultation survey was another success, with 1,064 responses from children and young people across the city. These responses will all feed in to each individual committee area for Elected Members to consider when making decisions on the Youth Activity Fund budget spend in 2022/23.



Community Voice and Influence

Youth Activity Consultation Survey

All the consultation that took place fed into an online survey, with responses providing a citywide picture for activities across Leeds. Children and young people told us that their top 5 funded activities in 2022/23 should be: 1) sports clubs (such as rugby and football); 2) cooking; 3) outdoor adventures/activities 4) arts & crafts 5) dance.

The feedback showed that the majority of young people wanted youth activities on offer in local venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres but were happy for activities to be delivered either inside or outside, 52%. 23.7% preferred activities to be arranged outside and the remainder, 17.8% preferred activities inside. Young people also wanted the majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the evenings and on the weekend.

Feedback from children and young people involved in Youth Summits has always been very positive, so a priority next year will be for the Community Committees to deliver physical events for children and young people, as we continue with the recovery phase of COVID-19.



Priority Neighbourhoods

The Council's approach to locality working through Community Committees and its emerging work in priority neighbourhoods is an essential component of the safer, stronger communities' programme in the city. This programme incorporates a strategic approach to migration, tackling poverty, inequality and disadvantage, community cohesion, engagement and development, prevent, counter extremism, work with the Third Sector and equality. The following stories provide some examples of how work in the priority neighbourhoods in the city have developed in 2021/22, which Elected Members and Community Committees have played an essential role in.

Engagement and community resilience building

The council's Prevent and Migration Team organised an advice and guidance session for 3rd sector partners in Seacroft; the aim of this session was to support partners in tackling the negative narrative around migration and better understand where we can work collaboratively to tackle far right extremism. This initial workshop was followed up by further sessions in Seacroft for local organisations and volunteers to learn how to be an 'upstander', delivered by 'Stand by Me', which looked at how to safely challenge discrimination and support victims of hate.

New Wortley Priority Neighbourhood developed a Community Voice work strand, which is looking at engaging different sections of the community. They have also appointed a Communities of Interest Worker and developed a weekly cultural café, bringing different sections of the local community together.

Language Hub activity

Grant funding targeted grassroots organisations and connected them to 3rd sector organisations, to develop local projects to bring new and settled communities together. A total of 37 activities were funded across the city, reaching over 960 participants from new and settled communities. The majority of projects took place in the Inner East and Inner South areas and in areas with high levels of migration. 6 projects took place in Priority Neighbourhoods (3 in Cliftons and Nowell's and 3 in Lincoln Green), with several more taking place in close proximity. 8 projects took place in the lowest 1% areas of deprivation on the indices of multiple deprivation data, with a further 11 in the lowest 10% areas of deprivation.



Priority Neighbourhoods

Improving access to services: Cultural Food Hub

In responding to the COVID-19 crisis, the council identified that there were residents in Leeds who needed help and support with emergency food, which better met their cultural needs. Hamara were initially identified to act as the Cultural Food Hub, in addition to being a Community Care Hub, providing culturally appropriate emergency food parcels for the city. Infinity/Give a Gift became the Cultural Food Hub for the East of the city, in recognition of the growing delivery footprint and the high density of the population in that area. The Cultural Food Hubs have aided residents who are less willing to contact the council helpline to access food, through direct referral to the Cultural Food Hubs, or through frontline services supporting communities with emergency food provision. The cultural food hubs have acted as catalysts in forging strengthened relationships with other third sector organisations and enabled greater community connections with residents from diverse communities and ethnicities during the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Polish Migrants Organise for Change: POMOC

The Communities Team, in partnership with other services led and delivered the Polish Migrants Organise for Change Service through a virtual weekly drop in to targeted eastern European communities. Referrals were received from local, statutory services and churches, to provide support to service users mainly from priority neighbourhoods, around welfare, housing, the European Settlement Scheme and further signposting.

Nowell Mount: Integrated Children, Youth and Community Hub

Both street based and indoor provision are being delivered that are inter-connected, with the Youth Association, CATCH and the Youth Service, supported by BARCA, working collaboratively to enable pathways between provision and the support that is available. There are also several sporting sessions delivered on a weekly basis by Leeds United Foundation and LS-TEN. Broader than this, Family Services, the Communities Team, Nowell's Community Group, Learning Partnerships, Leeds Community Spaces and Elected Members are working collaboratively to bring activities and provision into the centre aligned to local need. The aim is to ensure that the community, including young people, have a clear role in influencing and directly supporting activities from the centre and knowledge across a number of disciplines leading to an effective collective response.



Responding to the Pandemic

Reflections from 2021/22

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continued to cause a number of complications for activity providers that work with our local communities in Leeds. It has been a particular challenge for organisations to keep up to date with the changing Government advice and guidance regarding COVID-19.

Community Committees have been mindful of the seriousness and fluidity of the situation in Leeds and understood that they continued to play an essential role in the response and recovery to the pandemic in the city.

The Community Committee Team, on behalf of the Community Committees, spent a large proportion of their time liaising with organisations that despite all these challenges, still wanted to work with people; making sure that projects were able to demonstrate that they were ready to deliver their activities in accordance with Government guidance and legislation regarding COVID-19; making sure that organisations had the correct policies, procedures and risk assessments in place.

Community Committees, in partnership with organisations have continued to adapt to the challenges that the pandemic has presented them and the people they work with, often working very differently, for example by moving their activity provision to an online virtual platform.

Adapting responses and approaches for projects to meet the needs of individual communities has once again demonstrated the committee's and the organisations flexibility and willingness to be agile in an ever changing environment, as well as the desire to reach out and connect with all our communities in Leeds.



Stay Safe



Challenges and Next Steps

The council will continue its commitment to locality working. The allocation of local budgets in 2021/22 in both the Wellbeing Fund and the Youth Activity Fund continued to demonstrate this commitment to local decision making through the Community Committees.

Allocated funds continue to be worked out on the basis of a formula that takes in to consideration a mixture of population density and deprivation, which means every community benefits, however once again funding has been concentrated in the areas where tackling poverty and inequality is the biggest challenge.

Each Community Committee will continue to develop its own approach to engaging local people, often taking the important discussions on the key decisions for the Council, NHS and Police out to local areas, involving residents in ways which suit them, when it is safe to do so. We will build on the good work described in this report as we continue with the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Services now see Community Committees as a key way to communicate with residents, for example on big changes to the NHS, or on practical issues such as recycling, transport and Climate Change. We will continue to use the committees to connect effectively with residents and all our local communities in Leeds by developing new approaches to engagement.

Local solutions are needed in all parts of the city as we continue to move from the response in to the recovery phase of the pandemic in Leeds. Through the Community Committees we will help the council and its partners deliver safer and stronger communities.



Looking Forward

COVID-19 has had a massive impact on the city of Leeds and work has been taking place to understand and get a picture of the disproportionate, or differential impact on inequality that is happening due to the pandemic.

The emerging evidence highlights that the COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated social and economic inequalities and we need to further understand what these impacts are on our communities in Leeds. What it tells us so far mirrors national evidence and the local narrative that COVID-19 does have a disproportionate impact based on; where you live, your gender, your ethnicity and your job.

The community narrative reflects the diversity of the city and key themes are continuing to emerge; financial inclusion, digital inclusion, mental health & wellbeing, social isolation, communication/ language barriers and cultural issues, as well as a cost of living crisis which is being exacerbated by other factors. It is becoming increasingly clear that the impacts of the pandemic are greater for some of our most disadvantaged communities.

Considering how we can address and provide reassurance to the issues that are being uncovered will form a key strand of activity in the city's continued recovery arrangements but are likely to last far beyond any immediate transition to a 'new' normality.

In 2022/23 Community Committees will continue to play a key role in addressing some of these challenges in our local communities in Leeds and the programmes that they develop will form a key part of the recovery work that is being undertaken in each of the 33 wards throughout the city. This, alongside delegated budget spend for each committee will help to address a further widening of the inequalities gap that has been identified by COVID-19.

The momentum brought about by the pandemic will continue, ensuring that the local leadership provided through our elected members and Community Committees continues to be at the heart of developing local and city wide structures.

Amongst other things, the pandemic has also provided the committees with the opportunity to consider ways of working, as we come to terms with the new 'normality' of virtual meetings, alongside face to face meetings. In addition to this, it has given us the opportunity to reflect and refresh some of the work programmes that take place across the city through the Community Committees, such as priority setting, Youth Summits and the work of the Champions and we're looking forward to developing these programmes over the course of the next year.

In 2022 Her late Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. As such there will be many events and activities celebrating the jubilee across the city, in the months leading up to the extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. We're aware that Community Committees will play a key role in this promotion, as well as supporting local communities where there are plans to be made for the jubilee celebrations.



Leeds City Council's Community Committees

How do Community Committees work?

There are 10 Community Committees in Leeds made up of local councillors that are elected to represent an area, from each of the 33 wards in the city. They hold 4 meetings a year in public and are an important part of the council's decision-making process.

The meetings provide an opportunity for local people to discuss key issues of concern with elected members and help influence decisions on matters of local interest, such as environmental improvements, community safety, health and wellbeing, employment and Climate Change.

How can you get involved?

- Attend a meeting
- Contact your local Councillor
- Ask a question or take part in a discussion through our social media pages

Meetings are held at different locations across the city and generally start in the early evening and last a couple of hours. All meetings are open to the public and are usually themed around a particular topic.

Meetings are published on our website and can also be found on our social media pages (along with other local information and activities) and all decisions are recorded for public reference on the democracy website: <http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

Want to know more?

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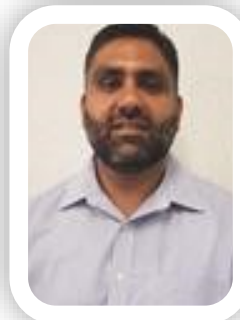
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