



Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner East Community Committee- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill,

Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

- 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 Young People: Councillor Salma Arif

- 3. Following a conversation with the Children and Families Champion a meeting took place to discuss the plans for the next Children and Families Sub Group. It has been suggested that every other Children and Families sub group meeting be made an open meeting that includes and gives a voice to Children and Young People from across the Inner East.
- 4. Following on from the Inner East Youth Summit in December 2018, the Communities Voice and Influence Team have produced the following 'you said, we did' summarising what has been delivered in line with what young people asked.



Your local councillors have money to spend on young people in your area. They wanted to find out what activities young people would like so they invited young people to Ebor Garden Community Centre for the Have Your Say Youth Summit. 65 young people attended, sampled different activities and acted as representatives of their community, sharing their views on youth activities.







Environment and Community Safety: Councillor Denise Ragan

5. The Communities Team and Safer Leeds have been successful in a bid to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) as part of the Home Office Early Intervention Fund. The programme has a number of strands across Leeds and West Yorkshire focused on developing and sharing learning to mitigate the risks and provide support for young people at risk of serious crime and violence. The Leeds Approach includes three strands focused on Chapeltown, Harehills and the Cliftons and Nowells, to hold community conversations through local partners to inform the Leeds Reducing Youth Violence Strategy, to reflect emerging issues / gaps in workforce skills and knowledge from the local conversations in the children's and wider workforce development plan and leading on from the work to address Hate Crime and ASB in the Nowells to develop a children's and family hub on the site of Nowell Mount Children's Centre and test new delivery and support methods.

- 6. Five community partners were commissioned to engage with 60 people for a minimum of 300 conversations in Chapeltown and Harehills. Training sessions have been delivered to practitioners on areas such as: restorative practice, CSE, resilience building, child development, self-esteem, domestic violence, vicarious trauma, drug awareness and father inclusion with a focus on young fathers. The training has reached over 400 participants and a comprehensive training plan has been developed, which will be implemented in consultation with professionals, parents and carers. Work is underway to develop a multi-agency Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) full day training package with planning sessions held with a range of partners to develop the content.
- 7. Thinkfirst sessions have been delivered to young people in the target area, who have been identified as at risk through the Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) programme. Over £200,000 has been secured to enhance the space at Nowell Mount Children's Centre to create a children and family hub. There is now an opportunity to deliver targeted young people and family interventions. This will strengthen existing youth work and youth development activity and enable the development of youth social action, a CATCH 2. It will enable support to local families in vulnerable circumstances, in working 'with' families, by making services more accessible for vulnerable families. This enhanced space will provide the potential to support local learning opportunities and community-led activities.
- 8. Through discussion with the Environment and Community Safety Champion the Environment Sub Group has now become the Community Safety and Environment Sub Group Meeting. The Sub Group meeting took place on 26th September with members and council officers in attendance. Updates where given on local issues around waste, housing and parks and countryside. Discussions included adapting parks and green spaces for climate change, de-leafing, weed spraying, self-seeders, bonfire night planning and anti-social behaviour.
- 9. The next Community Safety and Environment Sub Group meeting is scheduled for 28th November with members and council officers and discussion will focus on the private rented sector, 'friends of' environmental groups as well as updates from Cleaner Neighbourhoods, Parks and Countryside, Waste Management, the Police and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour (LASBT)

10. Heather Ashby has been acting Team Supervisor at LASBT covering the Gipton & Harehills ward. From the 2nd December she will be returning to her substantive post in West and Patrick Bird will be returning as Team Supervisor.

Team Supervisors areas are:

- Kelly Stephenson Killingbeck & Seacroft, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
- Patrick Bird Gipton & Harehills (plus areas in Inner North East and Outer North East)

Case Officers are as follows:-

- Seacroft Louise Beeby, Melissa Pye, Katie Baxter
- Gipton Pete Spellman, Derek Simpson
- Harehills Heather McEwan-Hannant, Halle Majors
- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Rachel Jeffers plus 1.5 vacant posts, interviews being held 7th, 8th, 11th & 12th November.
- 11. LASBT currently have 126 active cases in Inner East which represents 70% of the total caseload for the whole East team (180 cases).
- 12. Following the LASBT working review the triage process is set to go live in December 2019. All posts have been recruited to and the training is being organised and the final scripts agreed. A briefing note will follow for all members to explain the finer workings and how their enquiries will be handled.
- 13. The Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process has been agreed and a final list of expected attendees is being drawn up and agreed. Invitees will be requested on a case by case basis depending on the requirements of the meeting. The Out of Hours Noise Service remains under review with the service design team. A further update will be provided on this in the next Update Report.

Current Anti-Social Behaviour hotspots:

14. Killingbeck & Seacroft

There have been problems with anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance. LASBT have been working with the Police and Tesco Security to look at various enforcement measures to ban the young people from the location. Several have already been banned and recent police patrols have increased the intelligence data so we now have a target list of 72 individuals who over recent weeks have been active at this location. Males and females, age range 10-17yrs, from within the ward and outside, an exact 50% split currently 36/36. Looking at a mixture of prohibition notices or youth injunctions combined with tenancy action against the parents, 47 of the nominals live in LCC owned accommodation, although some may not qualify for tenancy action under the 'locality rule' as they come from as far afield as Horsforth, Aberford, Collingham, Kippax, Halton, Osmondthorpe, Harehills, Roundhay and Pudsey.

There are ongoing issues at Kingsdale Court with youth nuisance, issues of fire setting, criminal damage, drugs misuse and drug dealing. However due to lack of direct reporting there is little or no first hand evidence to support any enforcement action such as premises closure orders or individual injunctions. A further meeting of partners was scheduled for the 8th November 2019 to discuss the way forward.

15. Gipton & Harehills

There have been issues across Harehills in relation to child safeguarding with regular reports of young children being out late at night unsupervised. A partnership meeting

and data supplied in relation to the Bayswaters and Elfords has lead us to pilot joint working between LASBT, the Gypsy Roma Traveller Team and the Early Help Teams. Key addresses in this area will be visited and conversations had with parents to advise and educate and ensure parents are linked in to local children's centres.

LASBT have been working with West Yorkshire Police to tackle organised crime around drug dealing and production in Harehills. To date, 18 Premise Closure Orders have been put in place following warrants executed by the Police. In all cases the houses were not inhabited and were used purely to produce, store and market drugs.

An intensive community engagement programme has been taking place in the Dorsets & Sandhursts area. LASBT are working with West Yorkshire Police and the Communities Team to deliver this programme.

16. Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

There have been concerns raised on the Ascots and in Cross Green with youth nuisance around the corner shop at and around numbers 40-52 Ascot Terrace. Victims, offenders and locations have been identified. Multi-agency group working to resolve matters has taken place with LASBT, Police, Children's Services, Youth Services, Employment & Skills and the Spear programme (an employment programme that helps young people facing disadvantage into work or education). An action plan has been created and work is ongoing.

At St.Hilda's and Copperfields there have been issues with youth nuisance around the corner shop and around numbers 40-52 Ascot Terrace. Victims, offenders and locations have been identified. As with the Ascots and Cross Green, multi-agency group working to resolve matters with partners listed previously has taken place and an action plan created and work ongoing.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Councillor Ron Grahame

- 17. European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) have funded a three year programme that will provide tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all unemployed Leeds residents. A team of over 20 Employment Advisors will deliver the programme providing one to one support for eligible residents. A total of 272 people from the Community Committee area are being supported by this programme, 10 of these are from the Cliftons & Nowells, 7 are from the Lincoln Green and 2 are from the Boggart Hill Priority Neighbourhoods. 28 people from the Community Committee area have been supported into work. For further information please visit:

 www.leedsemploymenthub.co.uk.
- 18. The new academic year for Adult Learning started in September 2019. Courses can develop new skills and build confidence and can lead to a qualification or help people back to work. There are more than 1,200 courses available at around 200 venues with places for over 6,000 adults aged 19 years and above. All courses are advertised on the

Leeds Adult Learning Course Finder which can be found at www.leedsadultlearning.co.uk.

19. A locality based NHS Employability Programme to connect residents from the priority neighbourhoods to jobs in the local hospital was delivered in partnership with the employer Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust (LTHT), Learning Partnerships and Blue Apple. 29 people have been given conditional offers for entry level jobs at the LTHT. 24% (7) are from Priority Neighbourhoods (6 - Lincoln Green, 1 - Clifton and the Nowells) 59% (17) are from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and 25% (7) from Gipton and Harehills, 76% are Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME).

In August three information sessions were delivered in Lincoln Green, Clifton and the Nowells and Beeston. 56 individuals attended these sessions, 48% (27) were from the Community Committee area, of whom 22% (6) were from Priority Neighbourhoods (PN). 70% (19) people from the Community Committee area were invited to attend the NHS 8 week programme that started week commencing 9th September.

- 20. Work is underway with Local Care Partnerships to deliver interventions which provide patient cohorts with pre-employment support. A pilot is being developed at Bellbrooke surgery, Harehills, with a view to addressing lack of self-confidence and low-level mental health issues as a route to stability and subsequently employment. It is a collaboration between Employment and Skills, third sector delivery partners, Active Leeds and local employment support specialists.
- 21. The Recovery College was launched in Leeds in September. One of over 85 recovery colleges in the UK and even more worldwide, it takes an educational approach to improving mental health and offers information based workshops and training courses that focus on living mentally and physically well. The first prospectus details a range of courses for people to learn about mental health, work out what keeps them well, and find ways to live better. Courses are open to all adults who live, work or study in the city including carers, family, friends and health and care staff too. Typically, courses are free to attend and provide useful information and tips to make a difference to a person's life, work or study. The uniqueness of the Recovery College is that the offer is completely co designed and delivered by people with lived experience of mental ill health.
- 22. Committee members are requested to consider a nomination to the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Leeds East Local Action Group. The CLLD programmes seek to identify and invest in localised support which helps new businesses or those people furthest from the labour market to progress their journey towards employment. Each programme is directed by a Local Action Group (LAG), which is a partnership group from the local Public, Private and Third Sectors, along with local residents.

Membership of the LAG is a significant investment in the local community. Members will be expected to:

- attend a two hour meeting every six weeks
- undertake training to enable them to implement the programme and make effective decisions
- vote on applications for funding.

Further information on the CLLD program can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/clld

23. Committee members are requested to consider the nomination of Councillor Ron Grahame to become a member of the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Leeds East Local Action Group, as the member champion for Employment, Skills & Welfare.

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillor David Jenkins and Councillor Asghar Khan

Public Health

- 24. A successful community dinner and chat was held on 24th October to gather more insight into the health needs of the community in the Cliftons and Nowells. Results from the questionnaires will soon be collated.
- 25.A New Women's Health and Wellbeing Empowerment group will be starting on Thursday 7th November 10-12 noon with a much needed crèche provided. The group will run each week with different subjects around holistic health and wellbeing, as well as physical activity and health awareness sessions. Please contact Henriette.Mahamane@leeds.gov.uk if you would like more info or to refer someone to the group.
- 26. The session was a training and awareness session on the subject of ABCD (asset based community development) and was well attended. If anyone would like a session delivered or more information please contact Joe Kemp on joek@touchstonesupport.org.uk. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd December at the ARK, Harehills. Cllr Khan will be chairing this meeting and discussions will be themed around alcohol.
- 27. A Health and Social Care Talent In Chapeltown and Harehills (HATCH) meeting took place on 19th November and focused on health and housing. The next meeting will take place on the 17th December 12:30pm 2pm and the focus will be children and families.
- 28. The first Best Start Zone meeting took place on a very productive meeting discussing a range of issues. The Best Start Zone aims to bring together practitioners to improve the lives of children and families living in poverty in Chapeltown and Harehills. The next meeting will take place on the 16th December from 12pm 4pm.

- 29. The Committee was previously requested to nominate member representatives to the Local Care Partnerships. This would involve helping to shape and influence local health and care services to address local needs in addition to achieving citywide priorities.
- 30. The meetings will take place at least once a quarter aim the appointed elected member(s) would continue to strengthen the relationship between the Community Committees and Local Care Panrterships as part of an ongoing broader conversation about health and wellbeing within each locality. Members will also provide vital local knowledge.
- 31. Committee members are requested to consider the nominations of Cllr Asghar Khan and Cllr Arif Hussain to become members of the Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill Local Care Partnership.
- 32. Committee members are requested to consider the nomination of Cllr David Jenkins to become a member of the Seacroft Local Care Partnership.

Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter

- 33. **Appendix 1,** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner East Community Committee Facebook page.
- 34. Since the last Community Committee, a number of targeted Facebook adverts have been used to promote Committee events and projects, using small amounts of Community Engagement funding. This has led to a general increase in traffic towards the page and an increase in the number of 'likes' and followers.

Priority Neighbourhoods

Boggart Hill

35. The derelict 'Gate' pub site has been an eyesore on the edge of the Boggart Hill Priority Neighbourhood for many years. Despite extensive enforcement activity and several tentative proposals for redevelopment by the leaseholders, the site has only deteriorated and continued to blight the area. Through Communities Team input, the site has been highlighted as a major issue and opportunity for the Priority Neighbourhood. This has led to approvals to negotiating buy-out of the lease and demolition utilising Housing Revenue Account funding to tackle this problem site. In April, the Neighbourhood Improvement Board met in Boggart Hill and considered The Gate as one of the big issues to tackle and agreed to consider a strategic response. Whilst the site offers some opportunity for new housing, potentially Council housing, acquisition and demolition of the site also offers the potential to consider a wider site redevelopment within the context of the Priority Neighbourhood.

A workshop took place in August with partners including land owners and agencies managing assets locally including LS14 Trust and Leeds Community Spaces and

Council services including Council Housing Growth, Housing Leeds, Regeneration, Planning, Highways, Park & Countryside and the Communities Team. The site was formally acquired by the Council on 15th October and demolition is being programmed hopefully before Christmas, but by April 2010 at the latest, subject to site surveys. A further Working Group will take place in November to further develop the scope of future redevelopment with the Diocese of Leeds, LS14 Trust, Leeds Community Spaces who now manage the adjacent Kentmere Community Centre, ward members and Council services fully committed to maximising the community benefit of this site in redevelopment plans.

- 36. Enforcement work continues to be undertaken by the Police and partners at Kingsdale Court to tackle challenging issues and poor living conditions on site. Longer term options are currently being considered, particularly as two of the blocks have significantly deteriorated and one has an 80% void rate.
- 37. Youth Inclusion Project now have a worker in the locality who is doing some detached outreach work on Wednesdays 4.30 6.30pm. Craig is working with young people predominantly aged 8-13 and has made contact with Sandeep from Youth Services and LS14 colleagues. He will be asking young people what kind of activities they are interested in and signposting to existing provision. This extra offer has been committed to until December and will then be reviewed.
- 38. Nurture @ Kentmere is a new project starting on 5th November at Kentmere Community Centre which has been funded for a year from Wellbeing. The aim of the project is to provide peer to peer support for parents and carers along with a 'stay and play' facility. The recognition has been that there has been a lack of trust and confidence in structured authority run groups and this group will operate to provide an alternative and hopefully in the future bridge some of this gap.
- 39. Streetwork Soccer are providing a 2 strand approach to working with young people in Boggart Hill. After discussion with Paz we have agreed to amend the provision with the first hour being spent of the MUGA and the second hour doing detached outreach on the 2 days they are being funded to provide. Currently these are Thursdays 6-8pm and Saturdays 2-4pm.

Cliftons and Nowells

- 40. Leeds City Council have recruited 2 casual play workers to support our work with children and young people. The Youth Service are set up to work with young people aged 11+ but local residents have been telling us there is gap in provision for younger children. The playworkers have established a session for children aged 6-13 on a Tuesday night at Nowell Mount. Thursdays have now been set aside for 11-18 year olds.
- 41. Funding has been secured from the Home Office to extend Nowell Mount Childrens Centre. Just over £200,000 has been secured for this project which will be used to create additional space at Nowell Mount to support our work with young people. The

- project will take inspiration from CATCH in Harehills and involve the local community, in particular young people, in the planning, delivery and management of the project.
- 42. Plans have been drawn up to make improvements to the green space at Nowell Mount. The scheme is based on feedback from the community gathered at the young people's day in the summer. The plans includes new play equipment and trees. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Councillors have agreed to allocate £30,000 funding to the project in principle to match the funding already secured from Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government and the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel. The total costs of the scheme is £61,000. Work is due to start on site early in the new year, pending Committee approval of the funding request.
- 43. Learning Partnerships have been commissioned to lead Asset Based Community Development in the Clifton and Nowells. The project is starting to yield results uncovering the hidden skills and talents in the community and supporting more citizen led social action. A new community group has been established by some local mums to support children and families in the Nowells. Friday Bingo is up and running at Nowell Mount Community Centre, an activity run entirely by local residents. A coffee morning has been established in the Clfftons, again run by local residents.
- 44. New migrants can face additional barriers when moving onto a neighbourhood. LCC Communities Team has accessed funding from the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government to employ 5 Community Connectors, one of these focusses on the Clifton and Nowells. The Community Connectors provide one to one support for anyone new to the UK to help them access the services and support they need.
- 45. Public Health are carrying out a Health Needs Assessment for the Clifton and Nowells. This involves collecting and analysing health data but also gathering feedback from the community and other local stakeholders via questionnaires. Public Health recently held a 'conversation dinner' with residents in the Nowells. This focus group style event proved very insightful gathering feedback on local health services, living conditions and gave a clear steer on how health could be improved locally. The Health Needs Assessment will form the basis for future integrated work in this neighbourhood over the coming months / years.

Lincoln Green

46. Just over £30,000 has been agreed in principle by elected members to make muchneeded improvements to Lindsey Gardens playground in Lincoln Green. The funding
which will come from Local Councillors, Central Government and the Inner East HAP will
be used to completely renew the safety surfaces, improve the fencing and involve the
local community in creating some art for this very well used play area. The project will
complete the improvements to this playground that were delivered last year. Work
should start on site early in the new year.

- 47. Active Leeds continue to support the community in Lincoln Green. They have brokered relationships with Yorkshire County Cricket and Leeds United Foundation to 'activate' the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Shakespeare Primary School to sustain the popular cricket sessions delivered on this site over the summer two local young people are currently doing a cricket coaching course to keep these session going. Although set within the school ground, the school are keen to see this facility used by the wider community out of school hours.
- 48. Active Leeds are also brokering discussions between the Football Foundation and Bridge Community Church to bid for funding to renovate their outdoor sports facilities. The large MUGA is in need of investment to bring the facility up to standard. Bridge Community Church want this site to become a well-used resource for the local community.
- 49. East Street Arts have instigated a process to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts. Over the next 12 months East Street Arts will be running engagement events in order to recruit a group of 30 local residents and stakeholders to develop the plan. A Neighbourhood Plan give residents a chance to positively influence future development within their neighbourhood.
- 50. Leeds City Council Highways department have been working with local stakeholders to improve transport links, walking and cycling routes through Lincoln Green. Two proposal have been developed, one along Becket Street designed to reduce congestion, improve bus reliability and make it safer for cyclists. A second scheme is currently being developed to create a nice walking and cycling route from St James Hospital into town through Lincoln Green. Once the necessary funding packages have been secured both schemes are scheduled to begin in 2020.
- 51. A new employment support programmes have been established in Lincoln Green. Spear Leeds based at Bridge Community Church offer intensive support to 16-24 year olds who are not in employment, education or training. The project works with a cohort of 15 people at a time offering 5 afternoons a week intensive group work and one to one coaching over 6 weeks to help participants get a job or into training once people move on they keep retain support for a year. The first cohort started in November, they will start a new cohort every 7 weeks.

Target Wards

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

52. Work has continued to enhance the local youth offer across the ward, working with ward members and partners to develop youth offers in key locations across the ward. Work has progressed with the Leeds United Foundation and funders to bring a 7-day youth mentoring offer to the ward in the form of the Premier League Kicks programme. Further work will continue to identify venues for the programme to be located at as well as the involvement of local schools. Wellbeing funding has also been successfully used to

commission after school sports clubs two nights a week in Richmond Hill and Cross Green.

53. The Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership (NIP) continues to bring together broader neighbourhood improvement themes in the ward. At its last meeting in September, following on from the previous meeting which focused on the city's mental health and wellbeing strategy the NIP ran a session on locally commissioned mental wellbeing services Live Well Leeds and Your Spaces. The key outcomes from the session were raising awareness of the two new services, establishing referral links with the partner network as well arranging new sessions at partner venues in the ward.

Using the priority neighbourhood approach, the target ward offer in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill is increasingly being shaped around support and interventions in specific geographies which have been identified either by issues being raised or LSOA deprivation data.

54. Anti-Social Behaviour continues to be one of the most commonly flagged concerns in the ward and the Communities Team have brought together a working group of partners to take a strategic approach to address this problem in hot spots in East End Park and Cross Green. In addition, the police have increased their presence in these areas and have organised several operations and 'Contact Point' sessions which has coincided with a reduction in ASB calls and nuisance motorcycle calls to the police.

The Communities Team have also been working to help connect a new Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) programme with young people in the ward. Spear Leeds is a new interactive course for people aged 16-25 who are not in employment, education or training. The 6 week intensive course will be delivered from Bridge Community Church. Officers from the Communities Team have linked up the programme coordinator with LASBT, Youth Services and Employment and Skills to target enrolment for the course on young people known to services.

55. Third sector organisation Leeds Community Spaces were recently commissioned to look to expand the community offer from Ebor Gardens community and to explore the potential of centre being run by a community organisation. Leeds Community Spaces have so far engaged with all the current centre users about proposals for the centre.

Gipton and Harehills

56. Communities Team colleagues have continued to support the development of a Town Team on Harehills Lane whereby business come together to lead improvements to the shopping areas on Harehills Lane. The first meeting took place in October 2019 and constructive discussions took place and initial plans were formed with a focus on promoting the positives of Harehills.

- 57. The Communities Team have continued to work with colleagues from the Communications Team to develop a communications campaign to help embed a common set of community standards to be piloted in Harehills. The campaign, which focusses on a number of key issues which came from feedback residents and local services, have been put into pictorial form and developed into a suite of materials.
- 58. Thanks to the help of the Council's 'Waste Doctors' the stickers have been stuck on black domestic waste bins in hotspots and key locations across Harehills as part of the pilot. The campaign aims to tackle a range of issues including: large groups congregating until late into the night, young children playing on the street until late at night, speeding cars, drinking alcohol on the streets and fly tipping.
- 59. A funded Facebook campaign has also been launched on the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page and has already sparked interest with local residents. The Communications Team and Communities Team have been collating feedback in order to measure the success of this pilot campaign and to include any suggested improvements into the final designs, if the campaign is successful.
- 60. Selective Licensing will come into force in Harehills on 6th January 2020 whereby landlords will be required to have applied for a Selective Licence for each of their properties in the designated areas. The online application forms for the licenses are live and landlords must have a licence in place before Selective Licensing comes into force. The Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership focussed on Selective Licensing at their October meeting and around how partners can work together to improve the lives of those living in over 4000 properties covered in Harehills. More information can be found on the following link: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/business/privately-rented-property/selective-licensing
- 61. Planning for the Bonfire Period in Harehills began in July this year and was coordinated by a partnership of local agencies, including West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and several services from Leeds City Council in conjunction with youth providers Leeds Street Team, CATCH and Junior Sports Hub. As part of this work a prevention plan was put in place, which involved various actions including awareness inputs, increased environmental enforcement, outreach, joint patrols and diversionary activities. As well as extra Police resource being obtained for this period, a number of local youth organisations were funded £4490 in total for provision for 11-17 year olds running from 31st October-5th November. The activities included film nights, sports tournaments, games nights, DJing and Bonfire Awareness.
- 62. An Intensive Engagement Project has been underway in the Sandhursts and Dorsets in north Harehills where West Yorkshire Police, the Communities Team and Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) are working with local residents, Hovingham Primary school and partners to bring local people together to lead positive change to their area.

A series of engagement activities have taken place and are due to take place over the coming weeks, including informal conversations at the weekly Hovingham Primary School coffee morning with parents, an 'aspirations' session with Y5 and Y6 pupils and a community clean up followed by lunch. During these activities, discussions will take place around what residents would like in their local area and what could make it better.

- 63. To complement the engagement work in the Sandhursts and Dorsets, two 'playstreets' sessions have taken place on the Hovinghams. Following consultation with local residents, the selected street was closed for two hours to enable a space for safe play to take place on the street, facilitated by play workers and colleagues from the Communities Team and Gypsy Roma Traveller Team. The sessions were a huge success with approximately 20 young people attending each session.
- 64. Gipton-based community organisations East Leeds Project, Space2 and the Old Fire Station and partners came together to deliver two days of exciting events as part of Leeds Light Night. The events were well attended and included free activities for all ages from 5-9pm on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October.
- 65. This year, there will be a Christmas tree in both Gipton and Harehills at key community locations; Banstead Park in Harehills and 'Fairway Hill' roundabout in Gipton. They will also include Christmas lights, all funded be local ward members. Two trees will also be planted for future festive celebrations and once fully grown, will be used for the annual Christmas lights.

Killingbeck and Seacroft

- 66. The Autumn half term fun day took place on 29th October at the Denis Healey Centre which provided lots of free and fun activities for families during the half term holiday including food, crafts, music and dance. As well as entertainment, there were also lots of stalls offering information about Christmas spending and budgeting as well as warning people about the dangers of loan sharks and offering alternative ways of spending wisely at Christmas. Around 150 people attending the event which was pulled together in partnership with LS14 Trust, the Community Hub and Communities Team with help from Seacroft Community on top volunteers and local Seacroft ward councillors.
- 67. Community Infrastructure Levy Funding has been approved for the Denis Healey Centre to bring this back to a pleasant community space for residents to be able to utilise and enjoy which will include re-decorating, repairs, a community café and community gym. This is following consultation with residents, different partners and ward members
- 68. Seacroft Community on Top have started their Saturday Tots group and Youth Club at the Denis Healey Centre. This provides a space for young people to attend on a weekend to engage in positive activity with around 90 young people in attendance in the first few weeks. Seacroft Community on Top also run the stay and play café on Monday and bingo on Wednesday which are both well attended by the community and provide a

- space for residents to get together. They also did a Halloween event which has received very positive feedback from the community and engaged around 100 community members. All supported by local ward members.
- 69. Work is progressing to make improvements to Seacroft Gardens with the first round of funding being spent on more fencing around the area to help tackle motorbikes on the gardens. This came out as the main issue from different forms of consultation with residents.

Updates from Key Services

Community Hubs

Compton Centre

- 70. Burmantofts Housing office has now closed for refurbishment and will open as a community hub once the work is complete. 4 Housing advisers from the letting team are now based at The Compton Centre along with Gipton Housing office.
- 71. Farah Najeeb from Combined Authority hosted a drop in session to run an engagement exercise on Compton Centre displaying plans of bus stop improvements as part of the Leeds Transport Hubs programme within Connecting Leeds. Exhibition of the plans are on display at the Compton Centre for the duration of the engagement period which will run 30/09/2019 to 07/10/2019.
- 72. Worlds mental Health day The Compton Centre held a Coffee morning which went really well Scope were invited and had a few interested parties hopefully with a view for 3 of them starting on programme at end of October. This is a success as their programme is so specific. Your Space had a stall with interactive crafts, rock painting and mind craft.
- 73. The cinema clubs this months showed The Croods for the under 11s with 24 attending and How to Train your Dragon for the over 11's with 12 attending
- 74. The Compton Centre hosted a ministerial visit on Thursday 19th September. Baroness Barran had requested to visit some projects where the Council had worked in partnership with 3rd sector organisations. Purpose of the visit was to see the community café which Near Neighbours part funded and which is managed by BHI (Black Health Initiative). The visit was a great success, the Baroness was given a tour of the hub and met local children who presented her with a book of their impressions of the hub and how the services/activities/events we have has improved their lives. She also met the café volunteers and Bridget (Manager) from BHI.
- 75. A 'Getting started with Caribbean Ancestry' event took place to show customers how they can started with tracing relatives 7 customers attended.

76. The Compton Centre hosted a visit to look at how cities include and represent diverse cultures and what happens when different cultures meet. Leeds EUROCITIES Culture Forum explores how the Council aims to ensure that the city's core policies and wider cultural provision represents and is accessible to everyone. The aim is to interrogate how relevant our cultural offer is in relation to the diverse social and cultural experiences of our communities and assesses the city's 'welcome' for those living, working or visiting Leeds.

Fifteen delegates visited The Compton Centre to look at the Hub model and how we work closely with the diverse community to break down barriers and create community cohesion. The delegates were extremely impressed with the Hub model and have taken ideas away with them. MAP, Pria and Henriette also hosted pathway 1 and talked around migrants work they do and partnership working.

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- 77. Leeds Housing Options have reinstated their surgeries on a Fridays due to popular demand and intervention from a local councillor.
- 78. This month's Cinema club showed 'UP' and was attended by 15 customers.
- 79. Foster Carers support group session started where new foster carers can meet other new foster carers and have conversation, share experiences and support.
- 80. The Seacroft Hub community Guide has now been published, the guide showcases all the services, events, activities and partnership working we have in the hub. The guide will be shared with partners in the Seacroft area.
- 81. The new Project Development Apprentice is now in post and working closely with the Project Development Worker to work closely with partners in the Seacroft area to set up events and activities.
- 82. Staff from Deacon House took part in a Christmas spending event at The Dennis Healey Centre in Seacroft. The event was very successful and was attended by the Killingbeck and Seacroft Councillors, Cllr Drinkwater, Cllr Dye and Cllr Jenkins. Local partners and volunteers supported the event by advertising, organising and with support running the event on the day. LS14 Trust led on the food, partners included Seacroft community on top (SCOT), Gamcare, LCC hub, Leeds credit union, North and west Leeds foodbank, West Yorkshire trading standards and money buddies. Staff engaged with 307 members of the community, it was mostly families who attended the event which was great to see.

Housing Leeds

83. The Inner East Housing Advisory Panel (IEHAP) meet every eight weeks and there are 10 members on the panel with no vacancies. There are also 4 friends of members who have a local connection to the area but cannot vote on any panel bids but can offer

valuable local information. These tenants review the delivery of local housing services and monitor local performance. The HAP is well represented by two ward members, Councillors Ronald Graham and Councillor Kamila Maqsood. The panel are also funded to be able to consider and support a range of environmental and community related projects.

- 84. The IEHAP in 2019-20 has supported 14 community and 10 environmental related projects since my last report in May 2019. Funded projects include a tool bank, play equipment, IT suite, gardening tools and seating.
- 85. The 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.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

87. 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

- 88. 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

89. 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

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

Risk Management

91. 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

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

Recommendations

- 93. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.
- 94. Committee members are requested to consider the nomination of Cllr Ron Grahame to become a member of the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Leeds East Local Action Group.
- 95. Committee members are requested to consider the nominations of Cllr Asghar Khan and Cllr Arif Hussain to become a member of the Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill Local Care Partnership.
- 96. Committee members are requested to consider the nomination of Cllr David Jenkins to become a member of the Seacroft Local Care Partnership.

Background documents¹

97. None.

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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.