

Report of: Head of Stronger Communities

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee
Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and
Weetwood.

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For Information

Inner North West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

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

Main issues

Updates by theme:

3. Children and Families: - Champion Cllr J Pryor

The Youth Activity funding round has been successful for 2019/20.

A meeting has taken place with ward members to discuss the Youth Summit which will take place in January. Voice and & Influence team are looking into the confirmation of a venue.

Environment: Champion – Cllr A Garthwaite

4. The Inner North West Sub Group meeting was held on 15 October 19.
Student Changeover meeting took place on 16 September for services to plan ahead for the following year.

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

The below service request figures cover the period from 1st September to 8th November 2019.

Ward	Headingley & Hyde Park	Little London & Woodhouse	Weetwood
Total number of service requests	314	250	208
Enforcement service requests			
Commercial waste issues	0	7	1
Domestic waste issues	9	7	2
Fly tipping cases	12	20	5
Litter problems	3	3	8
Waste in gardens	15	6	2
Abandoned vehicles	1	4	1
Street cleansing service requests			
Fly tipping	130	79	60
Litter	3	3	8
Housing Void Gardens	1	3	4
Housing Communal Area Maintenance	0	2	3
Housing Vulnerable Gardens	0	0	1

Events – we had the UCI World Championship race on Sunday 29th September which crossed all three wards in INW. Student changeover period ran relatively smoothly, but we did see an increase in domestic waste during this period.

De-leaving - assistance from CEL for the de-leaving programme began on Monday 4th November. They will work alongside our road sweepers Monday to Friday clearing the main arterial routes and heavy leaf fall areas across West Leeds. We expect this work will last approximately four months and will be priority for the sweeping resource. Regular updates will be provided to Elected Members during this time.

Zone 16 – Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation – we received some really positive supporting statements from local resident groups and businesses in favour of the household waste terms of the PSPO. The public consultation period closed on Sunday 3rd November. The next progress update on this is expected at the end of January 2020.

We undertook close working with the Police in the run up to bonfire night, clearing streets and bin yards of flammable waste and large items which could be used as blockades. Primary focus was in the autumns and Kelsalls at the request of the Police.

We continue to provide litter picking equipment and support to local groups.

Employment, Skills and Welfare: Champion Cllr C Knight

5. Update to be provided in next Community Committee meeting.

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr N Walshaw

Inner North West Community Committee Update report – Health and Wellbeing November 2019

Better Together

This is a service commissioned by the council which concentrates on outreach to help local residents connect with groups and services which can help improve their overall health and wellbeing. The provider for this committee area is BARCA. They have been running two very successful groups in the area, one is a breakfast club and the other a Talk English club to help local people whose first language is not English develop their knowledge and conversation. They have recently held a ‘talkioke’ event at Little London Community Centre to help community members talk about issues in the area and help them to co-produce local residents groups.

Best Start

This group of local partners from, Burly, Little London and Hyde Park look at initiatives which help parents to help a child develop to reach its full potential. It has recently been concentrating on the mental and emotional health of local parents in terms of access to help and support, child accident prevention kits for vulnerable parents and events for the up and coming baby week.

Winter Friends-Stay Well This Winter

This campaign has just commenced to help the frail and vulnerable stay well and protected this winter within our wards. Below are six short films giving professional advice on topics such as staying well, social isolation and how to access Primary Care services.

Physical Activity for our Children and British Cycling

Go Ride for School is a fantastic free provision for Schools and also local organisations. Sessions available at an introductory level and a more advanced outside of school four hour periods. With the current high level of interest with cycling in Yorkshire this is an opportunity to get local children more interested in cycling and thus increase their levels of physical activity. The scheme has up to twenty bikes to loan children for the sessions if they don't have their own. Cycle maintenance, up keep and general safety sessions are also available.

(Please see separate document attached with this briefing)

Housing

Performance data relates to week 31 of the financial year 2019/20.

The data for the Little London & Woodhouse and Headingley & Hyde Park Wards is amalgamated as the performance reports are based on housing office boundaries and not Ward boundaries.

Number of Universal Credit Cases:-

Weetwood :-

150 Cases (this is the lowest caseload in the City)

Average Debt: there is no debt associated with universal credit cases in the Weetwood Ward, the average for the cases is £28.77 credit.

APA's: There are 56 accounts with a direct payment

Little London & Woodhouse and Headingley & Hyde Park:-

351 Cases (10th highest caseload in the City)

Average debt: £65.53 per case

APA's: There are 115 accounts with a direct payment

The number of cases across all Wards continue to increase, the average debt per case in the LL & W and the H & HP Wards continue to decline.

Rent Collection:-

Weetwood	96.33%
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LL&W and H&HP	96.81%
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Rent collection across all Wards is steadily increasing

Arrears:-

Weetwood	3.08% (£136,815)
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LL&W and H&HP	2.78% (£258,840)
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There is no target for rent arrears, however this figure should be as low as possible, the aim to deliver an improvement on the previous financial year, thus reducing rent arrears debt in the Wards.

Notices of Intention to Seek Possession served for rent arrears:-

Weetwood	= 57
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LL&W and H&HP	= 113
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The number of NISPs have increased across all three Wards since the last report.

There is no target set for Notices to be served.

% of completed Annual Home Visits:-

Weetwood = 77.82%
LL&W and H&HP = 68.97%

Target is 100% completion by the end of the financial year.

Lettings:- Number of properties let to date.

Weetwood = 27
LL&W and H&HP = 63

Walkabouts:-

Weetwood = 24 walkabouts have been completed to date
LL&W and H&HP = 67 walkabouts have been completed to date

Good News Stories:-

Weetwood – A Closure Order was gained for a property where ASB activity was ongoing.

New bin stores created in Beevers Court.

LL&W and H&HP - Barriers have been erected to the car park at Lovell Park Heights to enable the bin collection service to take place, cars were regularly blocking the entranceway which prevented the collection service, this led to a large accumulation of waste which presented a fire hazard.

Two new resident groups have been set up recently which the team will be supporting.

Community Engagement: Social Media

- 7 Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for Inner North West Community Committee Facebook page.
- 8** Future update reports will also include the Inner North West Community Committee Newsletter. The newsletter will be provided twice a year for the December and March Committee meetings.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

- 10** 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

- 11** 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

- 12** 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

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

Risk Management

- 14** 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

- 17** 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.